

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Wednesday, 20th December 2011 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Jon Foster (Chairman)
Beth Evans
Hannah Booth
Gabz Booth
Matthew Procter
Eleanor Roberts
Alex Rushton
Emma Satchwell
Jack Schofield
Maddy Summerfield

Mrs. Linda Minshull (Congleton Town Council)

Councillor George Hayes
Councillor Larry Barker
Councillor Mrs Sally-Ann Holland

Councillors Neville Price and Glen Williams attended the Meeting as observers

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. E. Wardlaw, Ellen Wilkinson and Lesley Lewis who is away at University.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16th November 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **CONSTITUTION**

The sub-group reported back about progress they had made on changes to the constitution. A discussion took place regarding proposed changes, particularly age criteria. The sub-group will have further meetings, taking into consideration the views expressed, and report back to the next Youth Committee Meeting.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

The Chairman asked George to present the report (November 2011) on future membership plans. A discussion took place regarding the best way to ensure that the Youth Committee continues to thrive in the coming years as current members become too old for the Committee.

It was agreed that the age that members can join the Committee be reduced to eleven. This change will be incorporated in future drafts of the Constitution and discussed again for a final decision to be made. It was agreed to encourage a

younger demographic into the Committee in an informal way by a “buddy” system. It was also agreed that plans be instigated to bridge the gap between the age of the Junior Committee and the Youth Committee.

RESOLVED: For members to encourage people of a younger age to attend the Open Meeting scheduled for 20th December – Linda will produce an invitation and forward to members.

5. QUESTIONNAIRE

The Committee discussed the questionnaire and suggested minor amendments. The sub-group agreed to consider the suggestions and will submit a final draft to the next Youth Committee meeting.

6. YOUTH SERVICES

The sub-group reported on a meeting which had taken place with the Head’s of both High Schools and also discussions within the sub-group regarding the provision of Youth Services. It was agreed that the sub-group would produce a report on their findings to be presented to the next Youth Committee meeting. After the production of the report, it was agreed that the Youth Committee contact Cheshire East Council to request a meeting to discuss the provision and concerns regarding the delivery of Youth Services.

7. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT

It was reported that the following activity has taken place on the Youth Committee Bank Account and that the balance is £393.71 as at 16th November 2011.

Date	Ref	Description	In	Out	Balance
B/fd					£305.70
4.11.11		Float for Bonfire event		£30.00	£275.70
9.11.11		Cash from Bonfire event	£118.01		£393.71

8. QUESTION TIME EVENT

It was agreed to defer this event until the results of the questionnaire are available. It was anticipated that this could take place in March/April 2012.

9. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS

Plan of Action

The Chairman suggested that each year the Youth Committee should formulate a Plan of Action to document the priorities of the Committee for the forthcoming year. The Committee agreed and the following ideas were given and these will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

- Questionnaire
- Question Time Event
- Valentines Disco
- Membership Plans and Events
- Working with outside partners
- Chronicle column

Christmas Lights Switch-On

The Youth Committee stall at the Lights Switch-on was discussed and volunteers were agreed.

Jubilee Committee

The Chairman reported that the Jubilee Committee had asked if one member would like to be part of their Committee

RESOLVED - That Maddy Summerfield be the Youth Committee representative on the Jubilee Committee and Linda would forward the information to Brian and Margaret.

December Meeting

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for Tuesday 20th December in the day. Representatives from Youth Committee's in other towns could be invited. Linda will make the arrangements.

Town Council Meeting

Linda reminded the members that the next Town Council meeting is scheduled for 8th December and refreshments will be available after the meeting. It would be an opportunity for members to meet Town Councillors.

Town Carol Service

Linda reported that the Town Carol Service is scheduled for Thursday 15th December at St Peters Church – 7.30 p.m. – all members are encouraged to attend.

Town Mayor's Charity Event

Linda informed the members of the Charity event scheduled for Sunday 18th December. Posters were issued and members agreed to promote the event.

December Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 20th December at 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. This would be followed by an open meeting from 1.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. and invitations would be issued to other Youth Committee's and anyone members of the Committee feel would be interested in attending.

Chill Factor

Linda discussed the idea of a visit to the Chill Factor at Manchester and had obtained a price list. No decision was taken but the information would be retained for future consideration. A discussion took place regarding alternative social events, for example a Christmas meal or a bowling evening. Members agreed to discuss further on Facebook.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Alex informed the meeting that due to other commitments he would be unable to allocate as much of his time as previously to the Youth Committee but he wished to retain his membership and will attend events as regularly as he is able. The Committee thanked Alex for his work and keeping the Committee informed.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20th December 2011 – 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Open meeting 1.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.

January Meeting – Tuesday 17th January 2011 – 7 p.m.

Jon Foster (Chairman)