

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 18th November 2013 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Joseph Hearson (Chairman)
Catherine Hassell
Thomas Minshull
Jamie Bernardi
Matthew Jones
Tom Heyes
Arabella Holland

Councillor Sally Ann Holland
Councillor George Hayes
Linda Minshull

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jordan Goodwin and Councillors Larry Barker and Liz Wardlaw.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15th October 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **YOUTH COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Resignation

Linda reported that Beth Evans had resigned from the Committee. She thanked the Town Council and Youth Committee and said she had very much enjoyed being a member but wished to concentrate on her studies. A letter of thanks had been sent signed by the Mayor.

It was reported that it is several months since Kirby last attended a meeting. Prospective members Anna and Alice had not attended any subsequent meetings and it is assumed that they have decided not to join. Linda will contact Kirby, Anna and Alice for clarification. There will probably be 4 spaces available on the Committee.

A discussion took place regarding the recruitment of new members.

The Committee also discussed the Constitution in connection with membership and elections. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with Larry, Linda, Joe and Cathy to discuss the constitution and report back to the Committee.

4. **PAST AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Committee discussed future projects. These included –

To update the questionnaire and research opinions of young people in Congleton

From the research to update the report, with the possibility of presenting to Fiona Bruce M.P. in London.

Holding Questiontime/Husting style events in the future particularly prior to a Parliamentary Election.

5. **YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE**

Cathy agreed to lead a sub-group to progress this item, she will report progress at the next meeting.

6. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £673.92.

7. **TOWARDS A DRUGS FREE CONGLETON**

An update was given on the Parents Evening. The Drugs Intervention Day at both High Schools takes place on Wednesday 27th November. There will be a further meeting with Fiona on Friday 6th December at 3.30 p.m. to assess the success of the presentations and discuss future plans.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Tom Heyes

Tom gave a presentation of School Council Training he had attended on behalf of his school. Copies of the presentation were given to Joe and Cathy to feedback to their School Councils. It was agreed to aim to work towards the SMART targets, roles and sub-committees as recommended in the training.

Research Project – Young People's Views

Linda provided information she had received from a Lecturer at Newman University in Birmingham. It was agreed that Linda will meet with Mr. Gilsean prior to arranging for him to meet with the Committee.

Christmas Lights Switch On

Jackie MacArthur has asked if anyone is able to help at the Christmas Lights Switch On Event on Friday 22nd November and Joe, Cathy, Matthew, Jamie and Tom Heyes volunteered to help.

Town Council Meeting

The next Town Council meeting is Thursday 5th December at 7 p.m.
Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Town Carol Service

The Town Carol Service is on Thursday 19th December at 7.30 p.m. at St. Stephens Church – note this is different than in previous years when it is usually held at St. Peters.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Heyes reported that there is graffiti on the bus shelter at the Bus Station on Market Street.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th December 2013 – 7 p.m.

Joseph Hearson (Chairman)