

## **Congleton Town Council**

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Maddy Summerfield (Chairman)  
Jon Foster  
Beth Evans  
Mathew Procter  
Nathan Davies  
Catherine Hassall  
Eleanor Roberts  
Kirby Jennings  
Joseph Hearson

Councillors Larry Barker  
George Hayes  
Sally Holland

Mrs. Linda Minshull

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Hannah Booth and Gabriele Booth.

### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **3. YOUNG PERSON'S REPORT**

A discussion took place regarding the Young Person's Report. The main issues highlighted from the report are Drugs and Transport. The results of this report will structure the work of the Youth Committee for the next couple of years. A meeting will be arranged during the summer with Fiona Bruce M.P. and the police to discuss the issue of drug taking in Congleton.

It was agreed to form a sub-group to look at transport in more detail. The sub-group will consist of Maddy, Eleanor, Nathan, Beth, Cathy and Matt.

The Committee discussed the distribution of the report to a range of people and organisations and arranging a Question Time event in the Autumn.

4. **YOUTH FORUM**

Maddy and Jon reported that they had attended the Youth Forum Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June with Linda and George to present the Young Person's Report. The presentation was well received and Maddy and Jon will try to attend future meetings and also be involved in partner events.

5. **MEMBERSHIP**

The committee welcomed two new members, Kirby and Joseph. Members reported that there was also interest from other young people to join. It was agreed to look again at membership in September, to see if a recruitment campaign would be required.

6. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance stands at £640.21 as at 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

A discussion took place to clarify future use of the funds and fundraising. It was

RESOLVED : To continue to fundraise with the aim of distributing the money to Youth Organisations and Initiatives in Congleton.

It was agreed that a sub-group of Jon, Matt, Beth and Eleanor would need to discuss this item in more detail, discussions to include the possibility of Charitable Status.

7. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Jeanne Whitehurst Fellowship

It was agreed to continue with the Jeanne Whitehurst Fellowship Award for the forthcoming year. The initiative needs wider publicity and promotion of the scheme will include the Youth Forum.

Past Membership

It was agreed to arrange a celebration evening during the summer and to recognise the contribution of Jon and Emma with a gift. Jon informed the Committee that in May next year the Youth Committee had been formed for five years. It was agreed to organise an event to celebrate this next year and invite all former members.

Votes at 16

The National Campaign regarding Votes at 16 was discussed. It was

RESOLVED – That the Youth Committee do not agree with lowering the voting age to 16.

British Youth Council Annual Meeting

Jon informed the meeting that the British Youth Council Annual Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> September in Cardiff. Members agreed that it would be a good idea for some members to attend.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Youth Committee Meeting – Date to be agreed with the Chairman

Maddy Summerfield (Chairman)