

# Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Jon Foster (In the Chair)  
Jonathan Bond  
Emma Satchwell  
Matthew Proctor  
Eleanor Roberts

Town Councillor Mrs. Jeanne Whitehurst  
Mrs. Linda Minshull (Congleton Town Council)  
Brian Hogan (Town Clerk)  
Cat Haycock (Youth Worker)

## 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from George Hayes

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 3. **NEW MEMBERS**

Introductions were made and the new members welcomed to their first meeting of the Youth Committee.

## 4. **RESIGNATION OF YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Linda informed the Committee of the resignation of Alex Smith and read out a letter that she had sent. It was

**RESOLVED** – For the Chairman to write to Alex on behalf of the Committee Members thanking her for her work.

## 5. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** – That Jon Foster be elected as Chairman for the year.

## 6. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** – That Emma Satchwell be elected as Vice Chairman for the year.

## 7. **UPDATE BY THE TOWN CLERK**

Brian Hogan gave an update on his role as Town Clerk and the future plans of the Town Council.

**8. I.C.T. ISSUES**

This item was deferred again as Joseph Mearman was not at the meeting. Jonathan Bond agreed to contact Joe to discuss the current situation and report back to the next meeting.

**9. CONGLETON'S GOT TALENT**

The Committee discussed this event and the problems with the organisation. It was

RESOLVED: That the event would be cancelled. Jeanne Whitehurst would contact the Theatre to cancel the booking.

A discussion took place regarding replacing the event with a Show rather than a competition. Jeanne agreed to contact members to arrange an informal working group to progress this item.

**10. VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

A visit to the European Parliament is being considered, from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The majority of the cost of the trip would be covered by grant funding but to access the funding from Europe it is necessary to have at least 22 participants. In order to secure a place Linda asked for a deposit of £50 to be paid by 25<sup>th</sup> January. When replies were received a decision would be taken whether there were sufficient numbers for the event to take place.

**11. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Questionnaire

A discussion took place regarding the recent press coverage of members comments and it was agreed that a questionnaire would be produced to gather the views of young people. A working group would progress this item and report back to the Committee. Jonathan and Jon agreed to contact members of the committee to agree a time to meet.

Congleton Chronicle

Linda informed the meeting that a reporter from the Chronicle has asked if members of the Committee would like to do an interview regarding young people's views. It was agreed that Linda would arrange this and contact Jon and Jonathan.

Non-alcoholic Pub

Jeanne agreed to arrange a visit to a possible venue for this project and would contact members directly.

### Town Mayor's Ball

Linda informed the Committee that invitations for the Town Mayor's Ball on 19<sup>th</sup> March had been sent out and encouraged members to attend.

### Sandbach Youth Committee

Jeanne gave an update on a meeting she had been to at Sandbach Town Council. Sandbach Youth Committee are keen to work with us on joint events. Linda agreed to contact the Sandbach Town Clerk to progress this item.

### Congleton Museum

Jeanne informed the meeting of an event taking place at the Museum on 13<sup>th</sup> February between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. She invited Youth Committee members to attend to meet members of the Ex-Services Association.

### U.K. Youth Parliament

Linda informed the meeting that she had made contact with a representative from Connexions in order to progress some joint working. It was agreed to invite them to our next Youth Committee Meeting. Linda informed the meeting that an invitation had been extended to members to attend the U.K. Youth Parliament Election Day on 26<sup>th</sup> February at Middlewich Town Hall.

### Political Question Time

With the General Election due in the next few months Linda asked if members would like an event organised with Prospective Parliamentary Candidates. It was

RESOLVED: That Linda invite the Candidates to an event. Youth Committee Members would promote the event in their schools.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

Jon Foster - Chairman

