

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd June 2010 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor George Hayes (In the Chair)
Hannah Booth
Lesley Lewis
Kyle Tiley
Emma Satchwell
George Hayes
Matthew Procter
Eleanor Roberts
Alexander Rushton
Jack Schofield (Town Mayor's Cadet)

Mrs. Linda Minshull (Congleton Town Council)
Mrs. Jeanne Whitehurst (Town Councillor)
Cat Haycock

The Town Mayor of Biddulph, Councillor Rodger Deane and Mrs. Kate Thacker, Chief Executive of Biddulph Town Council also attended the meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed our guests from Biddulph.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jonathan Bond, Jon Foster and Joseph Mearman.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 20th April 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **U.K. YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

Linda gave an update on the Youth Unite Event held at Sandbach on 2nd June which she attended with several Youth Committee Members.

Sarah Gaskell has provided a report on the consultations of the views of young people in Cheshire East. Lesley reported on the data in the report which relates to Congleton. The main issues were

- Poor image of young people in the press
- High transport costs for young people
- The requirement for improved sports facilities for young people

It was

RESOLVED –

(a) To work with the local press to improve the image of young people. Eleanor and Lesley agreed to arrange a meeting with Chris Young, reporter with the Congleton Chronicle.

(b) To contact Sarah Gaskell, Connexions regarding working together to lobby for lower transport costs in the local area for young people.

4. VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Jeanne and Linda updated the meeting on progress to date and the need to get commitment from members on whether they are able to attend a visit scheduled for 20th to 22nd September 2010. Deposits have been received from seven members. Jeanne agreed to contact Youth Members to arrange an informal meeting and feedback to Linda.

5. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS

Member Attendance

Linda updated the meeting that contact had been made with Joe Mearman. He still wished to be involved in Youth Committee activities but unfortunately could not attend this meeting.

Mayor's Cadet Scheme

Linda welcomed Hannah Booth to her first Youth Committee meeting and also Jack Schofield, the Town Mayor's Cadet.

My Space

Jeanne gave information on progress to date regarding finding a suitable property to develop into a venue for young people. Two town centre properties which are currently available were discussed. George gave members detailed information on the layout of one of the properties. It was agreed that Jeanne would contact members with a date to view one of the properties. It was

RESOLVED – to form a working group to progress this item. The group will consist of Jeanne, Lesley, Emma, Eleanor, Kyle, Matthew, Jon, George, Alex and Cat.

Town Council Constitution

Linda informed the meeting on information provided to her to clarify the arrangements for the Youth Committee at Town Council Meetings.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Jeanne gave information regarding Visyon and the Fairtrade Group. Both of these organisations were keen to have youth representation, if any members are interested they should contact Jeanne.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is to be arranged.

George Hayes (In the Chair)