

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 23rd July 2013 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Matthew Procter (Vice Chairman)
Thomas Minshull
Joseph Hearson
Nathan Davies
Councillor George Hayes
Jon Foster
Linda Minshull
Erica Adkins - Youth Co-ordinator Poynton Town Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Hannah Booth, Beth Evans, Matthew Jones, and Councillors Larry Barker, Liz Wardlaw and Sally Holland.

Linda welcomed Erica to the meeting and Erica gave information on her role with Poynton Town Council.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17th June 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL – ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2013

Jon Foster gave a presentation on the British Youth Council and his election campaign to be a member of the Board of Trustees.

RESOLVED – That Jon Foster be the chosen candidate of the Congleton Town Council Youth Committee.

It was agreed that Linda would contact the British Youth Council for information on the voting process and attendance at the Annual Council Meeting in London on 31st August 2013.

4. YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE

Nathan gave a progress update on the website. The site should be available by the end of August for the input of information to take place. It is hoped that the launch of the site will be in September. Members will arrange an informal meeting to discuss this item in more detail.

5. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £673.92.

A discussion took place on fundraising. It had been necessary to cancel the Coffee Morning at the Library scheduled for 20th July due to lack of support from members. There is another Coffee Morning booked for 26th October and Linda stated that this event will be discussed at the September meeting and if there is not enough support from members she will cancel the booking then rather than leaving it too near to the date.

6. **DRUGS EDUCATION**

Nathan gave an overview of this project to date for Erica. He then updated the Committee on progress he had made with the schools for the Education Day. The next meeting with Fiona Bruce M.P. is scheduled for 27th September at 3.30 p.m. at Riverside.

It was agreed that we invite the new Youth Ambassador for the Police and Crime Commissioner to the meeting and also to a future meeting of the Youth Committee.

7. **MEMBERSHIP**

A long discussion took place on membership and the recruitment of new members. Linda expressed concerns on members attendance. It is anticipated that several members will be leaving for University and Linda requested that members confirm to her if they are intending to resign from the Committee. It is expected that there may be four or five available places for new members.

It was agreed that a recruitment campaign would take place in both High Schools in September. Linda will work with Committee members on presentations in the schools.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Raft Race

Linda provided information on the Raft Race which will take place at Astbury Mere on 23rd August. Further information can be obtained from Lesley Dixon at Plus Dane.

Brussels

Matthew and George are obtaining information on visiting the European Parliament as an unofficial trip and will let members know the details when available.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 9th September 2013 at 7 p.m.

Matthew Procter (Vice Chairman)