

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Tuesday 9th October 2012 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Maddy Summerfield (Chairman)

Beth Evans
Nathan Davies
Catherine Hassall
Jordan Goodwin
Eleanor Roberts
Ellen Wilkinson
Matthew Procter

Matthew Jones
Tom Heyes
Thomas Minshull

Councillors Sally Holland
George Hayes
Liz Wardlaw

Mrs. Linda Minshull

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Hannah Booth, Gabrielle Booth, Kirby Jennings, Joseph Hearson and Councillor Larry Barker.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4th September 2012 and Question Time on 13th September 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. QUESTION TIME

It was reported that the following correspondence had been received following the Question Time event on 13th September.

- Ann Webb – Eaton Bank Academy – dated 14th September 2012
- Fiona Bruce M.P. – letters dated 21st September and 25th September 2012

It was agreed that there would be an informal meeting of the Strategy Committee which would discuss transport issues and report back the next meeting.

George agreed to forward a copy of a British Youth Council Transport Report to Linda to distribute to members.

A discussion took place regarding issues raised in Question Time including education and employment and social issues and these will be discussed further at the informal meeting.

4. **MEETING WITH M.P.**

An update on the meeting with Fiona Bruce M.P. was given to members who were not able to attend.

Linda agreed to contact Edward to discuss progress made in connection with meeting the Head Teachers of Congleton High and Eaton Bank.

Linda provided information from Russell Thomas regarding the next ARC meeting at the Fire Station on Tuesday 6th November at 7 p.m. It was agreed that Nathan, Matt, Ellen and Gabz would attend.

5. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance stands at £622.22 as at 9th October 2012.

6. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON CHARITY STALL**

A discussion took place regarding arrangements for the Stall at the Christmas Lights Switch On. Linda will complete the booking form. Ideas included a Grid Map Game, Duck and Ladder Game.

It was agreed to use the same ideas for a stall at the Bonfire evening.

7. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Linda provided information on the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday on 11th November 2012. It was agreed that Maddy would lay the wreath on behalf of the Youth Committee. Members were all encouraged to attend and participate in the Parade and Service at St. Peter's Church which would be followed by refreshments in the Town Hall.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Membership

The Youth Committee are pleased that there are new members wishing to join the Committee and a welcome was given to Tom, Thomas and Matthew. Although no formal places are available at present there are a number of members who are currently in Year 13 and likely to leave for University shortly. It was agreed to offer informal membership prior to formal membership when places become available.

The Mayor gave information on the Mad Hatters Tea Party scheduled for Sunday 28th October and asked for volunteers to help.

Nathan reminded everyone about the Christmas Quiz on December 21st at St. Mary's Club. He requested help with the promotion of the Quiz

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to have an informal strategy meeting on 16th October from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Costa. Members were encouraged to attend if possible.

Matthew informed the meeting that he had made provisional bookings at the Library for Coffee Mornings on 20th July and 26th October 2013.

A discussion took place regarding political parties. Linda informed the meeting of information in the Constitution which states that the Youth Committee is non-party political. Members of the Committee may hold allegiance or membership of a political party but shall not express political views when acting in the capacity of Youth Councillor or representing the Town Council.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Youth Committee Meeting – Wednesday 21st November at 7 p.m.

Maddy Summerfield (Chairman)