

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 9th December 2013 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Joseph Hearson (Chairman)
Catherine Hassell
Thomas Minshull
Jamie Bernardi
Matthew Jones
Jordan Goodwin
Arabella Holland

Councillor Sally Ann Holland
Councillor George Hayes
Linda Minshull

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Kirby Jennings and Councillor Liz Wardlaw.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18th November 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **YOUTH COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Linda updated the meeting of information she had received from Kirby who apologises for her lack of attendance recently. Kirby has been attending National Citizen Service meetings which have often clashed with our meetings. This work has now finished and she will be able to attend the Youth Committee. Members agreed for Linda to contact Kirby to inform her that her membership will continue but to stress that attendance is important.

The Committee deferred the item to discuss the Constitution as it had not been possible to arrange a meeting with Larry. It was agreed that Linda would contact Larry to discuss a suitable date for a meeting with Joe and Cathy and report back to the Committee.

4. **TOWARDS A DRUGS FREE CONGLETON**

An update was given on the Drugs Intervention Day which took place at both High Schools on 27th November and the feedback meeting with Fiona on 6th December. It was agreed to target Year 8 pupils in subsequent years.

Fiona Bruce M.P. had suggested looking at the British Youth Council award scheme with a view to nominating the Committee for their work on the project. Linda has contacted the British Youth Council and is awaiting further information on the category of awards.

5. **PAST AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Committee discussed future projects. These included –

To update the questionnaire and research opinions of young people in Congleton

From the research to update the report, with the possibility of presenting to Fiona Bruce M.P. in London.

Holding Questiontime/Husting style events in the future particularly prior to a Parliamentary Election.

6. **YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE**

Cathy reported that she had met with Nathan and updated the Committee on the development of the site. Nathan has offered to continue to maintain the site and Cathy will contact him with a view to helping members with the input of information.

Linda updated on the interest from the Youth Forum and suggestions for help from the different organisations.

7. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £673.92.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Research Project – Young People's Views

Linda provided information she had received from a Lecturer at Newman University in Birmingham and that a meeting is arranged with Mr. Gilsenan on Thursday 12th December.

Christmas Lights Switch On

Linda passed on thanks to members who had helped at the Christmas Lights Switch On Event on Friday 22nd November.

Town Carol Service

The Town Carol Service is on Thursday 19th December at 7.30 p.m. at St. Stephens Church – note this is different than in previous years when it is usually held at St. Peters.

British Youth Councillor Shadowing Award Scheme

Linda provided information on the Councillor Shadowing Scheme and it was

RESOLVED: To request that the Town Council support any Youth Committee member who wishes to take part in the scheme.

Sally suggested that Youth Committee members attend some Town Council Committee meetings to learn more about the work of the Council.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Jeanne Whitehurst Award was discussed and members agreed to promote the initiative in the schools. Linda agreed to forward the information to the Youth Forum members.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th January 2014 – 7 p.m.

Joseph Hearson (Chairman)