

## Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Joseph Hearson (Chairman)  
Thomas Minshull  
Jamie Bernardi  
Matthew Jones  
Arabella Holland  
Tom Heyes

Councillor Sally Holland

Linda Minshull

Also in attendance were Councillors Denis Murphy and Glen Williams and past member Nathan Davies.

Prior to the meeting commencing there was a workshop by Mike Gilsean. He outlined the scope of his research and discussed methods of data collection. Further workshop dates were arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jordan Goodwin, Catherine Hassell, Kirby Jennings and Councillors Larry Barker, George Hayes and Liz Wardlaw.

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 3. **YOUTH COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP**

A discussion took place regarding changes to the constitution previously agreed. Linda confirmed that the Constitution would be presented to the Town Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

There were further discussions regarding encouraging new members and also participation of young people in the democratic process. It was agreed to put on a Youth Committee agenda an item regarding a hustling event with the aim of encouraging participation by young people.

4. **QUESTIONNAIRE**

It was reported that to date there had been 458 responses from the survey, almost all from pupils of Congleton High. It was agreed that Glen would discuss with George the poor response from Eaton Bank and speak to the school about encouraging the pupils to complete the survey.

5. **YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE**

Nathan gave an update of the site which is now ready to use. He presented a written report of his ideas for the site launch and promotion and there was a discussion on ideas. It was agreed that he would contact Joe via Facebook to set up a sub-committee to work on the details.

6. **JEANNE WHITEHURST AWARD**

Three nominations have been received to date. A meeting was arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> April to consider nominations received up to 28<sup>th</sup> April and announce the winner.

7. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £673.92.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Jamie mentioned a connection he has with the Cheshire East Youth Service.

Joe reported on a Police meeting he attended with Denis.

Glen gave information on the It's a Knockout Event to be held in the summer – further details will be provided as soon as available.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Workshops with Mike Gilsenan on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April.

It was agreed that there would be no Youth Committee meeting in May due to exams.

Joseph Hearson (Chairman)

