

Congleton Town Council

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

PRESENT Youth Councillor Matthew Procter (Vice Chairman)
Thomas Minshull
Joseph Hearson
Nathan Davies
Matthew Jones

Jamie Bernardi
Anna Spencer
Alice Carter
Arrabella Holland

Councillor George Hayes
Councillor Sally Ann Holland
Jon Foster
Linda Minshull

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Beth Evans, Kirby Jennings, Cathy Hassall, Tom Heyes and Councillors Larry Barker and Liz Wardlaw.

Introductions were made and people attending their first meeting were welcomed.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23rd July 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

It was reported that Jon Foster has been elected as a member of the Board of Trustees of the British Youth Council. Members of the Youth Committee wished to formally congratulate Jon on his election success and it was agreed that the Town Mayor would send a letter on behalf of the Youth Committee.

Matthew and Cathy attended the Annual Council Meeting of the British Youth Council and Matthew gave a verbal update on the event. It was agreed to use Jon as our link with the BYC and aim to attend future events and training.

4. **YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE**

Nathan gave a project update and informed the meeting that the website is complete and ready to be launched. He will provide members with training on the use of the site. Members agreed to collect and input data and advertise the site.

5. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £673.92.

6. **DRUGS EDUCATION**

The next meeting with Fiona Bruce M.P. is scheduled for 27th September at 3.30 p.m. at Riverside.

Nathan gave an update on his work in preparation for the Drugs Education Day at the High Schools. It was suggested to incorporate a feedback form from the students on the day.

7. **MEMBERSHIP**

It was agreed to make membership a standing item on each agenda. It was noted that several members are leaving the Committee to go to University. There are other members who had not attended the Committee for several months.

As agreed as the meeting on 5th February 2013 Thomas Minshull and Matthew Jones were offered and accepted two of the formal available places on the Committee. Linda will forward the appropriate forms to them for completion.

Several potential new members attended the meeting and it was agreed that formal places will be offered to people in attendance in order of oldest first as agreed at the February meeting. Linda agreed to contact members who had not attended the Committee for several months to inform them of details in the constitution regarding attendance and that due to demand on places their formal membership would cease. They would be welcome to attend future meetings and functions in an informal capacity.

Recruitment meetings have been arranged at Congleton High School on 25th September and Eaton Bank High School on 27th September. Although the formal places are filled it was agreed to encourage participation in an informal/advisory capacity prior to formal membership as noted in the constitution. This procedure enables Youth Committee membership to continue seamlessly as members leave. It was agreed to review the Constitution to ensure it reflects the current requirements in respect of membership.

8. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS

It was noted that there had been problems with anti-social behavior and drinking at the new St. John's Playing fields in Buglawton.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matthew and Nathan were formally thanked for their work on the Youth Committee and it was agreed that the Town Mayor would send a letter of thanks. Other members leaving the Committee would be formally thanked for their work.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7 p.m.

Matthew Procter (Vice Chairman)