



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Chief Officer: David McGifford

20th June 2018

Dear Youth Councillor

Youth Committee – Monday 25th June 2018

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Youth Committee, to be held in the Spencer Suite of the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton on **Monday 25th June 2018 at 5.30 p.m.**

Yours sincerely

Linda Minshull
Civic Administration Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April and 1st May 2018 as a correct record. (Copy enclosed).

3. Membership

To Co-Opt Tyler Cartwright onto the Committee and consider any other Co-Options.

4. Youth Committee Projects

To discuss and agree actions for Youth Committee projects in particular a possible Band Night at the Town Hall and Cinema Evening at Daneside Theatre.

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5. Youth Committee Bank Account

To confirm the activity on the Bank Account.

6. Youth Committee Members Items

Any items that Youth Committee members wish to raise.

7. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting

To: Members of Congleton Town Council Youth Committee and Councillors.

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Thursday 9th April 2018 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Michael Howell – Joint Chairman
Arabella Holland
Laetitia Eichinger
Diyana Nikolova

Thomas Minshull

Tyler Cartwright
Clara Jackson

Councillor Sally Holland
Councillor Andrea Armitt
Councillor Charles Booth
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Elizabeth Wardlaw
Councillor Glen Williams
Amie Gillett – Congleton Neighbourhood Policing Team
Linda Minshull

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Matthew Jones and Councillor Larry Barker.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 19th February 2018 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Linda updated that she, Charles and Dave had now had meetings with Congleton High and Eaton Bank

Two prospective new members were at the meeting, Tyler and Clara, who both attend Congleton High. Eaton Bank had e-mailed to say probably two people would attend but no one was at the meeting.

4. M.A.D. FOR CONGLETON

Charles informed the meeting that he had postponed the event due to problems with attendance. A discussion took place regarding the initiative and members agreed that it would be good to try to arrange another date. Charles will check diary dates with a view to the event being during the school summer holidays.

5. **PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH HIGH SCHOOLS**

A discussion took place regarding arranging a joint meeting with representatives from the School Councils of both High Schools. It was agreed that a preferred date would be early May to allow for subsequent actions and any activities to be arranged prior to the school holidays.

Members discussed inviting school staff responsible for the School Councils, behavior and also the Head Teachers.

There was a discussion about agenda items and it was agreed to include –

Concerns about safety and anti social behavior

Activities – what do young people want in the Town

It was agreed to invite Fiona Bruce M.P. to subsequent meetings or events, but not to the initial meeting.

Town Councillors stated that it was not the responsibility of the Youth Committee to deliver the actions or activities but to gather the information from young people in the Town and to feedback to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: To arrange the meeting for late afternoon – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with representatives from both schools and to offer a light buffet.

6. **YOUTH CINEMA PROJECT**

Michael confirmed that he had contacted Reels on Wheels but had not had a response. Linda will contact them and will also research the availability of alternative venues.

7. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £548.92.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Town Council Meeting

Linda reminded members that the next Town Council Meeting is on Thursday 12th April at 7 p.m. and encouraged members to attend.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 25th June 2018 – 6 p.m.

Michael Howell (Joint Chairman)

Congleton Town Council

Notes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Michael Howell – Joint Chairman
Arabella Holland
Laetitia Eichinger
Diyana Nikolova
Chloe Anderson
Jamie Goff
Eleanor Cliffe
Catherine Bostock
Tyler Cartwright
Clara Jackson
Harry Johnson
Sue Morris – Staff – Congleton High
Liz Griffen – Staff – Eaton Bank
Councillor Sally Holland
Councillor Charles Booth
Councillor David Brown
Amie Gillett – Congleton Neighbourhood Policing Team
Linda Minshull

This meeting has been arranged by the Youth Committee to bring together representatives from Congleton High and Eaton Bank to discuss issues which affect young people in Congleton. The discussions were based around the following questions.

1. What are the main problems you see in Congleton?
2. Where are the problem areas in the town?
3. What do you want to change in the town?
4. What new things would you like to see in Congleton that young people would like?

Areas discussed – Market, Park, Park Wood and McDonalds. These are where young people congregate. There can be a perception that there is anti social behavior and some people may feel unsafe.

There is nowhere to sit and linger with your friends

Could we provide a place to go?

How can we reduce the number of young people who congregate together?

There is a problem with drugs. What ways could we use to reduce the use of drugs?

Many young people had the feeling that there is nowhere to go.

There was a discussion regarding providing –

Cinema evening at Daneside Theatre

Band night at the Town Hall

It was agreed that these would be a popular event. It would be necessary for young people to promote the event and encourage people to attend. There could be a choice of film – could we organise a vote?

There was a discussion on cost of events and transport. Also dress code – if there is a dress code for events this could put some people off attending.

Other items discussed included – the skate park, CCTV, non alcoholic pub

Agreed Actions –

To investigate providing the following

Cinema evening at Daneside Cinema

Band evening at the Town Hall

Charles to organise his MAD for Congleton event in the summer holidays

Michael Howell (Joint Chairman)