

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 16 June 2014

Present: Councillors G Campbell, M C Connolly, K Hussain, D Jones, J Lewis, O'Brien and N Parnell

Also in attendance: Tom Sharman
Hayley Taylor
Emily Kay
Cara Pearson
Bradley Weatherby
Leon Hollinrake (Rochdale MYP)
Noah Aldous (Cheshire West MYP)
Lizzie Cooke
India Taylor
Paul Edwards
Anna Louise Howarth (in the Chair)
Liam Salwa
Tonderai Utsiweguta

Public Attendance: No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Frith and S Southworth, Zach Ford Williams, Molly Healy, Angel Muramaa, Abi Kennedy

YC.1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting and asked that everybody introduce themselves.

YC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (COUNCILLORS)

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

YC.3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 3 April 2014 be approved as a correct record

YC.4 WALKING RAINBOW

Emily Kay reported on an event taking place in Bury on 13th July to celebrate equality and diversity. A march will leave Bury Town hall at 1pm with people encouraged to wear bright dress.

YC.5 YOUTH MARKET

Heather Walton reported that the Youth Market would be held on 28th June within the Lancashire Fusiliers Museum with the opportunity for young people to sell their own products. It was reported that there would be a stall representing the Youth Cabinet and volunteers should contact Heather in the first instance. It had been agreed that flyers would be produced to publicise the event.

YC.6 ELECTRONIC QUESTIONNAIRE

Lesley Davidson attended the meeting and informed the Youth Cabinet that funding had been obtained to draft 2 electronic questionnaires to be completed by pupils in ICT. The views of Youth Cabinet members were sought on the draft questionnaire and the following suggestions were made:

- Avoid questions being too wordy
- A prefer not to say option should be included on each question
- Expand question to specify use of particular social media sites
- Causes of stress question should be rated on a 1-10 scale

YC.7 CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE

Heather reported that the event would take place on 27 June with lots of decision makers and young people to be in attendance.

It was further reported that there would be a primary event for year 6 pupils held on 8th July with any volunteers to contact Heather.

YC.8 THE BIG DEBATE

SHOULD GIRLS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 NEED PARENTAL CONSENT TO HAVE A PREGNANCY TERMINATION

All of the young people present were asked to decide whether they felt girls under the age of 16 should require parental consent to have a pregnancy termination.

A debate then took place with a vote at the end and the majority agreed that parental consent should not be a requirement.

It was agreed

That a debate take place at the next meeting on the issue of "should cannabis be legalised?"

YC.9 YOUTHFORIA

Emily Kay fed back on training and youth events and reported on the ongoing mental health campaign. The next meeting will be held on 13th July in Bury.

YC.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members of the youth Cabinet placed on record their thanks and appreciation to Cara Pearson who was attending Youth cabinet for the last time.

Leon Hollinrake, Rochdale MYP, informed the Youth Cabinet of a campaign aimed at encouraging young people between 18-25 to register to vote and enquired whether Bury would be interested in running its own campaign.

**Anna Louise Howarth
Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 7.00 pm)