

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 11 December 2014

Present: Emily Kay and Hayley Taylor (in the Chair)

Councillors G Campbell, K Hussain, J Lewis, O'Brien,
N Parnell and S Southworth

Also in attendance: Nathan Boroda
Jennie Clegg-Gibson
Lizzie Cooke
Georgia Davies – Smith
Paul Edwards
Molly Healy
Daniel Hulme
Shivani Joshi
Nicole Parry
Harriet Potts
Bradley Weatherby

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor D Jones, Anna Louise Howarth

YC.1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the minutes of last meeting of the Youth Cabinet held on 23 October 2014 be approved as a correct record.

YC.2 THE BURY DIRECTORY

Katie Wood attended the meeting to explain about the new Bury Directory. The directory is a website that has been developed to bring together information relating to all Council services as well as that of partner organisations, charities and the private sector.

The website is described as the one stop information point for advice, support, activities, services and more.

- The directory is split into two sections, Children and Families and Adults.
- It brings together a number of smaller directories so that as much information as possible is available in the one place.
- There is an option to look up services within different categories such as leisure, health, employment and education including Council services, NHS services and those provided by the voluntary sector. The system also has an option to receive links to transport

information and provide directions to the services within the directory.

- Services can be rated anonymously and feedback given relating to the services. This facility was described as being similar to a trip advisor type review.
- Users can save favourites which are then quickly accessible without having to carry out another search.
- It is possible to forward a link from the website via e-mails and text messaging.
- The language can be changed to make the information accessible.
- The website is accessible on mobile phones and tablets as well as PCs

Those present were asked for their feedback and to promote the directory to their friends.

It was agreed:

That Katie be thanked for her presentation.

YC.3 YOUTH CABINET CAMPAIGNS

It was explained that the Youth Cabinet had identified two campaigns to promote:-

- Pastoral Support
- Work Experience

All those present split into groups and discussed the following issues:-

- How to campaign
- How to promote the issues

A number of suggestions were submitted and the Youth Cabinet members were asked to take the ideas away and carry them forward within their school or college.

It was agreed:

That the Youth Cabinet Members would continue to promote the campaigns.

YC.4 YOUTH PARTICIPATION STRATEGY

Heather Walton presented the Youth Cabinet with the updated Youth Participation Strategy.

All those present were asked to review the updated strategy and comment on the layout and the contents.

Comments were collected and would be fed into the strategy.

It was agreed that:

All schools would be asked to support the strategy and if possible to promote it with the whole school in a way they felt appropriate.

YC.5 THE BIG DEBATE -CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

All of the young people present were asked to decide whether they felt that capital punishment should be reinstated into the British Justice System.

A debate took place with a vote at the end and the majority agreed that capital punishment should not be reinstated.

It was agreed:

That the debate at the next meeting of the Youth Cabinet would be:

Should euthanasia be made legal in Britain?

YC.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was reported as:-

Monday 2 February 2015 at 5.00pm in the Council Chamber at Bury Town Hall.

**Emily Kay
Hayley Taylor
Joint Chair**

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