

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 21 June 2016

Present: Councillors R.Cathcart, G Keeley, J Kelly, O Kersh, E O'Brien and J Walker

Also in attendance: Emily Branney
Matthew Gass
Molly Healy (Chair)
Daniel Hulme
Numair Khalid
Thomas Maloney
Owen McGratten
Clarissa Potts
Harriet Potts
Bilal Qureshi

Apologies for Absence:Councillor D Jones

YC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

YC.3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

YC.4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

YC.5 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Heather explained the role of Chair of the Youth Cabinet and asked the young people present to have a think about whether they would like to take on the role.

4 young people expressed an interest in taking on the role.

Following a brief presentation from each candidate those present voted.

It was agreed:

That Clarissa Potts be confirmed as Chair to the Cabinet and that Harriet Potts be confirmed as Vice Chair.

YC.6 CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE

It was reported that the next Circles of Influence would be taking place on 29 June.

Circles of Influence is a conference which young people attend to talk with decision makers.

It was explained that the Youth Cabinet members attend the event to run activities throughout the day which should highlight how young people feel about life in Bury.

Last year the event had focussed on five themes;

Young people facing additional barriers

Places to go

Education

Health

Culture

Those present were asked to look at the themes set out and review the 6 questions that had been set for each of them.

Feedback was given on the wording of some of the questions, how some were set out and where more explanation was required.

It was agreed:

That the information be noted.

YC.7 COMMISSIONING GUIDELINES

Heather referred to the Commissioning Guidelines that has been discussed at the last meeting of the Youth Cabinet.

The comments made at the last meeting had been incorporated into the guidelines and the final document was presented to the Youth Cabinet.

It was agreed:

That the Commissioning Guidelines be approved.

YC.8 THE BIG YOUTH DEBATE

The debate topic was:

As there is a minimum age at which a UK resident can vote, should there be a maximum age?

Those present debated the topic and put forward alternative options.

It was agreed at the end of the debate that there should be no maximum age at which a UK resident can vote.

YC.9 YOUTH CABINET: WHAT NEXT

Those present were asked to discuss possible topics that could be debated at future Youth Cabinet meetings.

The following suggestions were made:

- Sugar Tax
- Funding of children's charities
- Drugs awareness
- Politics lessons in school – curriculum for life
- Elected House of Lords
- Potential ban on Donald Trump entering the country if elected as American President.

YC.10 YOUTH ISSUES UPDATE

- It was reported that Adele had given birth to a baby boy.
- It was explained that there was some detached work being out in parks in Radcliffe.
- A member of the Youth Cabinet asked if the Council could help with maintenance required at the Radcliffe Skate Park.

Councillor Jamie Walker stated that he would follow up the issues relating to Radcliffe.

- It was asked whether transport could be discussed at a future meeting.
- Heather explained that the MYP elections would be taking place next February. There were two areas that potential candidates should think about. Local issues and working with the Youth Cabinet and National issues working with Youth Parliament.

Anybody interested in standing for the election would need to attend at least 2 Youth Cabinet meetings before the election.

- It was reported that the Walking Rainbow was being held on Sunday 10 July from 12.30pm. The annual event had been established to celebrate diversity in the borough and to say 'no' to bullying, homophobia, sexism, racism, ableism and ageism. The walk would be setting off from the Town Hall, march through the town centre and end up at Kay Gardens where there would be activities and stalls.

YC.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Cabinet will be held on Monday 18 July at 5pm in the Council Chamber.

Molly Healy
Chair

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