

Minutes of: **YOUTH CABINET**

Date of Meeting: 26 September 2019

Present: Councillors P Cropper and M Powell

Also in attendance: Emilie Yau Anderson
Rhiannon Ashton (in the Chair)
Barkley Butterworth
Elle-Sue Calderbank
Sadie Crowshaw
Dziugas Guobis
Phoebe McCoy
Georgia Murphy
Harriet Potts
Raghad Sallama
Rouan Sallama
Alexia Waring

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor R.Cathcart, Councillor J Daly and Councillor G Keeley

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

VISIT TO THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR

The Mayor invited the Youth Cabinet for a tour of The Mayor's Parlour.

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

It was agreed:

That the Mayor, Councillor Trevor Holt and the Mayoress, Mrs Evelyn Holt be thanked for their kind hospitality.

YC.4 BURY STRATEGY

Lynne Risdale Deputy Chief Executive of Bury Council and Chris Woodhouse gave a brief presentation to the Youth Cabinet on the Bury Strategy.

It was explained that a consultation was in the process of being carried out asking what the perfect Bury would look like in 2030 and what changes those present would make to get their perfect Bury.

It was reported that residents, visitors and groups as well as businesses and the Council's partners were being asked to take part in the consultation. The consultation was available on line, through the council website, on social media as well as paper copies in public buildings, health centres, the markets and libraries.

All of the feedback would be brought together to input into a plan.

Lynne and Chris expressed an interest in seeking feedback and suggestions from the Youth Cabinet in the delivery paths for getting the message across the borough.

The Cabinet broke off into small groups and fed back to Lynne and Chris with their ideas.

The groups raised the following.

The perfect Bury would be:

- Greener
- No destruction of greenbelt
- More activities for young people
- Better, more accessible transport
- More funding for community groups
- Feel safer in the town centres
- Less litter – particularly in Prestwich
- Fewer/no homeless people
- More eco friendly
- Less congestion
- No street gangs
- No knife crime
- Better education in Bury schools

It was agreed:

That the collective Youth Cabinet would push the completion and return of the postcards within their own families, friends, schools/colleges and communities.

YC.5 LOCAL PILOT

Lucy Fitzsimon – Sports Development officer, gave a short presentation on the Bury Local Pilot that is being rolled out in Radcliffe to 'Get people Moving'. On completion of the Radcliffe Pilot, it is the intention to roll this out across the borough.

Lucy asked the cabinet to complete a questionnaire which she would take away with her and asked for any volunteers to become involved in this.

It was agreed:

Any Youth Cabinet member wishing to get involved contact Heather or Adele to pass details to Lucy.

YC.6 POSH UPDATE

Harriet Potts, the POSH (Pioneers Of Sustainable Hope) North West representative, gave a short talk on how she was invited by Scottish Power to attend an Awards Evening in Glasgow as she had been nominated for an award. Harriet did not win but enjoyed the opportunity and met with other nominees.

Harriet explained that POSH were looking to change people's attitude to fashion and 'fast fashion' by encouraging clothes swapping parties and events where young people could swap the clothes they no longer wore for their friends' unwanted clothes. It was explained that 2 primary schools would be the pilot and this would then be rolled out to other schools. It was hoped that by removing the stigma associated with second hand, fewer clothes would be bought and fewer thrown away.

It was agreed:

That Harriet be thanked for her update

YC.7 MAKE YOUR MARK

Adele advised the Cabinet that the National Ballot for Make your Mark is currently taking place and gave an explanation on how to complete it (copies of the ballot papers were circulated).

Adele advised the Cabinet to vote for issues that affect them.

Each young person has 3 votes; one UK issue, one devolved issue and one local issue.

The Youth Parliament will come together on the 8th November 2019 to debate and decide the most important issues to campaign on. The result of the ballot will prioritise the issues for the debate.

Adele reported that she will be going into Holy Cross College on their Open Day on Saturday 5 October to promote Make your Mark any Youth Cabinet members wishing to help should leave their name with her.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted

YC.8 THE BIG DEBATE

The Youth Cabinet split into teams to debate the following:

Should the voting age be reduced to 16 years old?

The debate was held and a vote taken, and

It was agreed:

That the voting age should be reduced to 16 years old.

Rhiannon Ashton
Chair

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