

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 2 February 2022

Present: Councillor (in the Chair)
Councillors P Cropper, S Butler and J Rydeheard

Also in attendance: Areeba, Barkley Courtney, Daniel, Ellie, Georgia, Luke, Olly and Owen

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor M Hayes, Councillor T Tariq, Councillor C Morris and Councillor C Tegolo

Adam, Daisy, Eleni, Ellie, Emma, Maddie, Jasmine, Lilly, Phoebe and Ruth

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 Last Meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

ECO UPDATE

Areeba reported that the group were looking at how bus stops across the borough could be made into green bus stops by having living gardens installed on the top of them to grow wildflowers and grasses.

Councillor Cropper stated that this would also bring bees to areas where the green bus stops were.

Fundraising events were being planned and those present were asked for other ideas in relation to raising funds.

It was explained that there were grants available for eco projects that could be explored. TfGM would also been approached and it was hoped that the high schools across the borough would get involved by sponsoring or adopting a bus stop outside their schools.

It was reported that Councillors received a discretionary grant of £1000 that they could use for for community projects or to help people or organisations in the borough. The group could contact the Councillors to see if they would be willing to donate to the project.

Jenny Mills explained that there were grants that could be applied for by constituted groups. If the Youth Cabinet or that Eco group were to become established then they could apply for the grants.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted.

UKYP ELECTIONS

It was reported that the Youth Parliament elections would be taking place on Thursday 10 February and all high schools and colleges in Bury had been invited to take part.

There were five candidates to choose from.

The count for the vote would be taking place on Friday 11 February in the Council Chamber at Bury Town Hall and everyone was welcome to help. The results would be announced on the 11th at 5pm by the Chief Executive.

It was agreed:

That those taking part in the election be wished luck.

REGIONAL ACTIVITY

It was explained that the Make Your Mark Campaign would be taking place in February and would be completely online.

Make Your Mark gives all young people aged 11 – 18 in the UK the chance to have a say on the biggest issues facing young people.

All those present were encouraged to take part before the closing date of 28 February 22 by logging on to the following link <https://www.byc.org.uk/uk/uk-youth-parliament/make-your-mark>

The results of the vote will confirm the campaigns for the coming year both nationally and locally.

The topics were reported as:

- Covid 19 Recovery
- Education and Learning
- Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Jobs, Money, Homes and Opportunities
- Our Rights and Democracy
- Poverty

A video setting out more information of each topic was also available online if those voting were still unsure of which topic they wanted to vote for.

Adele reported that the link would also be shared to the WhatsApp group.

It was agreed:

That the information provided be noted.

ONE LOCAL CHANGE

Jen Mills explained that the Youth Service was looking to become a service that all young people could access rather than one that targeted groups with specific needs.

To enable the service to do this a universal offer would be provided that could be accessed by anybody that wanted to and this would be done by establishing youth clubs within each town of the borough.

The first club was due to open in Radcliffe on Friday 4 February and this would be used to see what worked and what didn't and ask for feedback from those attending.

Member of the Youth Cabinet were asked for their ideas and comments in relation to this provision and also how to ensure that the local communities around the youth clubs were positive about the scheme.

Jen reported that she would feedback at the next meeting.

Members of the Youth Cabinet were asked if there were any issues or concerns that they would like to raise.

It was explained that the interchange was not a nice place to visit as it was dark and cold and felt very unwelcoming, especially when it was dark.

It was explained that a new interchange would be built which would be more user friendly. The Youth Cabinet asked if youth groups could be involved in the consultation process for the new build to make sure that they had some input into the project.

- Councillor Butler suggested that young people should have an input on all consultations.

Daniel reported that Baron Road in Bury which led to St Gabriels High School was in a really bad condition with a large number of potholes. Daniel explained that it was dangerous to walk down and even worse to ride a bike down it.

Daniel asked if anything could be done to get the road repaired.

It was suggested that the road was probably unadopted and the owners would need to be asked to make the repairs.

THE BIG DEBATE: UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE FREE

Youth Cabinet Members took part in the debate.

A vote was held, and it was agreed by a majority vote that University fees should remain.

It was agreed:

That the next big debate would be:

Smoking should be outlawed in the UK.

COUNCILLOR

Chair

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