



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: **Youth Council**
Present: Young Cabinet Member for Environment
Abi Tang (AT) Chair
Young Cabinet Member for Anti-Bullying
William Beattie (WB)
Young Cabinet Member for Ready for Life
Abigail Akinyemi (AAK)
Young Cabinet Member for Health &
Wellbeing Hannah McKeran -Clarke (HMC)
Beth Hargreaves (BH)
Daniel Swabey (DS)
Suzie McKenzie (SMc)
Hannah McKenzie (HMc)
Max Godfrey (MGo)
Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Adam Tang (Ata)
Connor Burn (CB)
Sam Rathbone (SR)
Tom Reid (TR)
Ruby Nelson (RN)

In Attendance

Support Staff
Julia Bradwell (JB) Anne Grimes (AG)
Kirstin Steveley (KS) consultation (part of
meeting)

Location Council Chambers 0.01

Minutes of Last Meetings: Agreed

Matters arising: None

Date: **Monday 10th February 2020**

CC: Apologies

Young Mayor Amelie Ferris
(YMAF)
Member of UKYP Oscar Daniel
(MYPOD)
Deputy Young Mayor Kody
Walker (KoW)
Young Cabinet Member for
Health & Wellbeing Hannah
McKeran -Clarke (HMC)
Dylan Liakris Sparkes (DLS)
Bakhita Joseph (BJ)
Harley Doyle Davies (HDD)
Karly Walker (KW)
Poppy Chaplin (PC)
Lily Hanson (LH)
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)
Ela Nicholson (EN)
Shahd Ahmed (SA)
Emily Doughty (ED)

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Young Carers Centre Update, TR informed members that the young carers are working on creating a podcast. The Young Carers Centre meetings have been held on a Monday evening the same time as Youth Council meetings. AG will contact staff at Young Carers Centre to find out the dates of forthcoming podcast meetings.

LGBTQ+ Month / Blog for February, its LGBTQ+ month and North Tyneside Council are running a blog on the council website. Members were asked to contribute some pieces of writing for the blog. The pieces should be sent ASAP so that they can be included. WB has sent in two pieces for this blog and the blog on the YPYF website.

SEND Forum Update/ Safe Places CB reported that the forum is working on the event in March and are making a video tomorrow which will help promote the Big Event which will take place on the 4th March. The event is the first SEND Event to bring young people and managers together to discuss topics such as the Local Offer. The SEND Youth Forum have spoken on film about the work they have been involved in and their hopes for the future. This has been filmed by the Communications team and will be shown at the event and placed on the Local Offer to promote the group.

There is a project called Safer Places in North Tyneside which is a scheme for vulnerable adults, students who are taking part in 'Individual Travel Training' find this really useful and have asked for us to look into campaigning to promote this to younger adults.

Young Mayor Elections, the online voting for the next Young Mayor finished on 31st January. The top four candidates are Poppy Chaplin from Wellfield Middle School, Cady Herdman from Marden High, Youth Councillors Max Godfrey and Suzie McKenzie from St Thomas More Academy. Congratulations to them for getting this far. The next stage of voting will take place in schools and colleges from Monday 9th March until noon on Wednesday 11th March. Young People eligible to vote aged 11 to 18 years who live in North Tyneside but go to school or college outside of the borough can vote at the libraries within the Customer First Centres.

Young Cabinet Positions, the proposal is to have the same young cabinet positions, that we currently have but also add one new position of Equality and Diversity. This Cabinet Member will lead the working group who will work on developing the Equality and Diversity conference and introducing other initiatives. Young Cabinet Members questioned whether the Young Adviser to the Young Cabinet was needed. Youth Council Members agreed that the adviser position should be put on hold until the next Young Cabinet selection process has been completed. Then decide if an adviser is needed due to the age and experience of the new Young Cabinet then a Youth Councillor can be offered the position.

We will know on 13th March who the next Young Mayor is, shortly after that applications will open for the Young Cabinet positions. This process must be completed quite quickly because we have a North East Regional Residential to Hawkhurst Outdoors Centre at Kielder from 3rd to 5th April.

Working Groups. Young Cabinet members updated the meeting about what is currently happening in the group Environment, **Ready for Life,** AAK thanked everyone for their kind donations for the New to the UK Project. The items will be delivered when some of the group members visit on 19th February, details will be confirmed at the 12th February meeting.

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AT informed members that the Environment Group are very busy working on a variety of projects there is a planned community tree planting project, more information about this at the March meeting. AT has been at a Head Teachers Briefing where she Asked them for the name of the link teacher for their school. The next Environment Group meeting is on Tuesday 11th February.

DS informed members that Young People's Health and Wellbeing group are continuing to work on the peer mentoring project for Young People's mental health. The next meeting is the first Thursday on March 5th.

WB informed members that Anti Bullying group are updating the YPYF website with blogs and they are creating a new competition for students which is called Expressive Anti Bullying. This competition is to create an entry which expresses anti bullying through art, film, game etc. the next Anti Bullying meeting is on March 3rd.

Knife Crime Ambassador will be meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss the role. Community Safety members are visiting the Knife Angel and taking part in a workshop about the consequences of carrying a knife and the effects it can have on families, friends & the local communities.

World Ocean Day, OD and AT on behalf of the Environment group met with Dr Jane Delaney from Dove Laboratories based in Cullercoats, who told them about World Ocean Day. It's held internationally on Monday 8th June with a variety of events and activities. In North Tyneside they are planning to hold a big event on Longsands beach and an activity on Cullercoats beach on Sunday 7th June. They asked for AT, OD and Youth Councillors to get involved. There can be competitions with schools, displays on the day and other things. AT asked members to suggest ideas that could possibly be included on Sunday 7th June. AT is meeting with staff from Dove Laboratories at 11th February Environment meeting and she will pass on the suggestions.

Issues that Youth Councillors want to report, None

Adult Council meeting 20th February 2020 5:45-8pm, Members were reminded that at the last meeting it was mentioned by Clare from finance that the 20th February adult Full Council meeting will be discussing the budget for the coming year, this is expected to be a lively and interesting meeting. Members who want to attend should be at council offices for 5:45 the meeting starts 6pm prompt. We can leave at 8pm at a suitable space in the agenda.

Any Other Business, AT informed members that she will be attending the Climate Strike on Friday 14th February at Newcastle City Centre.

Debate Topic: Members debated a lighthearted topic, "TikTok should be banned," this was a lively debate where the majority disagreed and felt passionately that social media should not be banned.

Date of next meeting 3rd March 2020 5:30-7:30 Meet at Council Offices room 0.02