



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: Youth Council

Present: Young Mayor Amelie Ferris Chair (YMAF)
Deputy Young Mayor Kody Walker (KoW)
Member of UKYP Oscar Daniel (MYPOD)
Young Cabinet Member for Environment
Abi Tang (AT)
Young Cabinet Member for Anti-Bullying
William Beattie (WB)
Young Cabinet Member for Health &
Wellbeing Hannah Clarke - McKeran (HCM)
Beth Hargreaves (BH)
Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Daniel Swabey (DS)
Adam Tang (ATa)
Tom Reid (TR)
Connor Burn (CB)
Lily Hanson (LH)

In Attendance

Support Staff
Julia Bradwell (JB) Anne Grimes (AG)
Elizabeth Parker (EP)

Location Council Chambers 4.01`

Minutes of Last Meetings: Agreed

Matters arising: None

Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) visitors: Youth Councillors participated in a short activity. Sue and Tina were thanked for giving a presentation about the work of Show Racism the Red Card It's hoped that SRtRC will be able to work with Youth Council at the Equality and Diversity conference on January 15th. Everyone was asked to take part in Wear Red Day on 18th October and donate £1 to SRtRC.

Click on the link to see the video on the youtube channel <https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/QC-tCqKW8n0r9FZHT1y?domain=youtube.com>

Date: Monday 15th July 2019

CC: Apologies

Young Cabinet Member for
Ready for Life Abigail Akinyemi
(AAk)
Young Cabinet Member
Community Safety
Abbie Armstrong(AA)
Adviser to Young Cabinet
Aaron Speirs (AS)
Freya Miller Buglass (FMB)
Ela Nicholson (EN)
Dylan Liakris Sparkes (DLS)
Max Godfrey (MGo)
Poppy Arnold (PA)
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)
Suzie McKenzie (SMc)
Karley Walker (KaW)
Emily Doughty (ED)
Libby Doughty (LD)
Clara Faraday – Smith (CFS)
Bakhita Joseph (BJ)

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Young Carers Centre KoW gave the update that activities over the summer break have been organised. Anna Fox & Steph have moved on to other work now.

Working groups update:

AT informed members that the Environment group will meet 20th August from 1pm until 2:30pm, staff from the council's environment team will be attending. She and Young Mayor & Member of UK Youth Parliament had met with Cabinet Member for Environment Councillor Johnson and NTC Head of Service Phil Scott to discuss the environment and their concerns. They agreed that they would work together on educating young people and adult residents about how we can all help to improve the environment.

Some of the group and others who are interested in making a video were invited to a meeting with the Environment Agency staff to begin creating the flood resilience video on Monday 22nd July for 3:30pm until 5pm.

WB informed members that the Anti Bullying group will meet on 21st August from 1:30 until 3pm they have launched the Creative Writing and Poetry Competition, there are two categories for young people school years 7-9 and 10 to 13. Youth Councillors were asked to help promote this in their schools and colleges. The competition closes on 30th September. There will be a celebration event on 13th November for winners of the competition and raising awareness of the Anti Bullying Standards along with the re-launch of the YPYF website.

Equality & Diversity Conference steering group: the Anti Bullying Group have agreed that there should be a separate steering group for the Equality & Diversity Conference that will take place on 15th January 2020. Organising the conference will be the only focus of this group and chaired by YM AF. There is already a core group of seven people who want to participate but if anyone feels that they can bring something extra to the steering group let AG know and your name will be added to the list. The first planning meeting is on Wednesday 4th September from 5:30-7pm at Council Offices.

HCM informed members that the Young People's Health and Wellbeing group: will next meet on 18th July from 5pm until 7pm. There are further meetings arranged over the summer break on the following dates: Thursdays, 12noon until 4pm on 1st, 15th, and 29th August. They will work on creating a training programme for peer mentors, the members will take part in the training themselves.

DS informed members that the Ready for Life group will next meet on 25th July if group members are available. If this meeting doesn't go ahead another meeting will be arranged to suit people's availability. The group have sent the completed Political Education pack out to teachers in High Schools and Colleges, they can use the activities within the pack to teach young people the importance of democracy and how they can have a say in local decision making.

Community Safety Group's next meeting to be confirmed. The group will be creating a poster about the young people's event at Langdale Centre on 27th September during SAFE week.

Summer Activities

Fundraising for St Johns Ambulance the bag pack is on Tuesday 13th August, at Morrisons, Hillheads Rd, Whitley Bay 10am until 4pm. Youth Councillors have been invited to take part in a 2 hour session. It was suggested also to have a sweet sale at council offices, visit the St Johns Ambulance day centre in Shiremoor to find out what they do.

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Meet up and do a litter pick and social activity. Youth Councillors were asked to Sign up if they are available at any time over the summer. Participation team will not arrange activities if Youth Councillors are not available.

Member of UK Youth Parliament update

OD informed members that he is going to Leeds for the UKYP Annual conference in August, he & other MYPs will be debating the big issues and deciding what the MYPs think should go on to the Make Your Mark Ballots. Youth Councillors were asked are there any issues that they would like OD to debate on their behalf?

From September until October all other young people Aged 11 to 18 years will get a chance to have their say over what they think is the most important issue, there will be a list of ten topics and all young people will get to choose one issue.

Youth Councillors were asked to help in their schools and colleges to make sure as many people as possible get a chance to take part in this year's Make Your Mark.

Once the information is returned we can see what the most important issues are for the young people of the borough. These results also go to BYC in London where they add all of the returned results from across the whole country; this lets us know the issues nationally. The top issues go forward to be debated by Members of Youth Parliament in November at Westminster. MYPOD will be there to represent young people from North Tyneside and hopefully will get chosen to speak on one of the topics in the House of Commons.

Soundfest 2019 update and evaluation: Soundfest 2019 took place for the first time at the Plaza outside the Spanish City Dome on Saturday 6th July? Youth Councillors were asked their views. It was generally thought to have been a good day in a great location. The views will be collated with the evaluations from the young people in the audience and shared with planners for Soundfest 2020

Transport Forum 20/06 Update: DMc informed members that the last meeting was held at Nexus House in Newcastle, they had a tour of the building and a presentation from a decision maker from Nexus. Everyone received a goody bag. The meeting progressed with ideas for the website. It was agreed that some group members would meet over the summer at Newcastle University Lab to begin creating the website.

Adult Council Meeting on 25th July from 6pm: Youth Councillors were invited to attend in Chambers at Council Offices. People observing should arrive by 5:45pm to ensure they get a seat.

Issues that Youth Councillors want to report: none

Any Other Business: None

Debate "Should politicians be sent to jail for lying?" there was a passionate debate about politicians behaviour. The majority agreed that politicians who lie should be punished although not be imprisoned.

Date of next meeting 2nd September 2019 5:30-7:30
Meet at Council Offices room 0.02