



North Tyneside Council

# Minutes

**Meeting: Youth Council**

**Date Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Present:** Chair Young Mayor Cameron Quinn (YMCQ)  
Member of UK Youth  
Parliament Sharon Zeng (MYPSZ)  
Hannah McKenzie (HMc)  
Flynn Smith (FS)  
Poppy Chaplin (PC)  
Hajar Al Sabbahy (HAS)  
Rachel Chan (RC)  
Sarah Foggon (SF)  
Lewis Kemp (LK)  
Alice Lorimer (AL)  
Darren Renforth (DR)  
Beth Hargreaves (BH)  
Linus Leung (LL)  
Abigail Akinyemi (AA)  
Poppy Mckeran (PMc)  
Theo Benneworth (TB)  
Cain Nesbitt (CN)  
Kai Steadman (KS)  
Cameron Higgins (CH)  
Evie McGlyn  
Eloise Ferry (EF)  
Connor Burn (CB)  
John Zeng (JZ)  
Ella Snee (ES)  
Finn Richardson (FR)  
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)  
Daniel Swabey (DS)  
Levi Samwinga (LS)  
Suzie McKenzie (SMc)  
Malcolm Jackson (MJ)

**CC: Apologies**  
Daniel McTiernan (DMc)  
Hannah Clarke-McKeran (HCMc)  
Scout Riches (SR)  
Luendo Samwinga (LuS)  
Andrew Espiritu (AE)  
Thomas Whitehead (TW)  
Sam Oswald (SW)  
Max Godfrey (MG)  
Angel Muchiso (AM)  
Chloe Kirk (CK)  
Joe McMullan (JMc)  
Elliot Shaw (Esh)

**In Attendance.**

**Support Staff,** Marie Stern-Peltz (MSP)  
Ashleigh Harrison (AH) Anne Grimes (AG)

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**Minutes of Last Meetings**, agreed as a true record.

**Matters arising:** None

## **Social Media Design Session**

Social Media Design Session – MS-P invited members to take part in a new project to design/ create a session for adults on how best to support young people to be safe using their social media.

## **Updates – Committees and SEND Youth Forum**

**Ready for Life** – Talked about plans for the rest of the year not centred around MYP pledge. Looked over the Ready 4 Life Game to make amendments for improvements.

**Environment** – Planning an event for schoolteacher leads to be held at council offices on June 27<sup>th</sup> to inform and support them in creating an allotment or small garden. Working on promoting and supporting the vape recycling bins. Supporting schools with cooking competition.

**EW&MH** have been reviewing the existing resources for young people and have identified that a resource to support teachers could be developed.

**Equality and Diversity** – a call was put out for new members to attend this committee, plans to work with SEND Youth Forum on fundraising and developing a plan in response to what the barriers are for young people participating in activities in North Tyneside.

**Community Safety Committee** – the group have had meetings with public health and community safety officers and plan to visit Shiremoor Outdoor Playground to talk to teenagers about why they visit the centre, what is the attraction?

## **Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament update.**

YM CQ has been working with Environment committee in their work, unveiled the recycling plastic bottle bin outside of Spanish city, in Whitley Bay.

Attended various meetings with North Tyneside Council Officers and partners to develop the Young Mayor's Activity Fund that youth groups can access. Developing the allotment and small garden project.

MYP SZ has been working on developing lesson plans related to being Ready for Life with a focus on finance. Working with the Ready for Life Committee in modifying the ready for Life Game

## **Fundraising plans.**

Two bag packing sessions have been arranged for Youth Councillors in July, to raise money for Pathways 4 All, they are both Sundays. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July at Morrisons, Hillheads Rd, Whitley Bay. Members were asked to choose 1 session only, either 11 until 1pm where you

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should arrive for 10:45 or 1pm until 3pm arriving 12:45. Lots of help needed. Contact AG if you want to take part.

### **Any Other Business.**

Youth Board on Tour 2023, the opportunity to take part in the event was offered to members, they can attend on 31<sup>st</sup> May during the summer half term break.

**Debates:** Several topics were debated by members, should university fees be free? Should we test on animals? Which topic is better, Geography or History?

**Date of next meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 5:30-7:30pm**