



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: **Youth Council**

Present: Young Mayor Amelie Ferris Chair (YMAF)
Deputy Young Mayor Kody Walker (KoW)
Current Young Cabinet Member for Ready for Life Abigail Akinyemi (AAk)
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)
Young Cabinet Member Community Safety
Abbie Armstrong(AA)
Max Godfrey (MGo)
Poppy Arnold (PA)
Caitlin McKinlay (CMc)
Beth Hargreaves (BH)
Karley Walker (KaW)
Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Daniel Swabey (DS)
Adam Tang (ATa)
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)
Suzie MCKenzie (SM)
Tom Reid (TR)
Connor Burn (CB)
Bakhita Joseph (BJ)
In Attendance
Support Staff
Julia Bradwell (JB) Anne Grimes (AG)
Elizabeth Parker (EP)

Date: **Monday 17th June 2019**

CC: **Apologies**

Adviser to Young Cabinet
Aaron Speirs (AS)
Member of UKYP Oscar Daniel (OD)
Lucy Law (LL)
Lily Hanson (LH)
Freya Miller Buglass (FMB)
Ela Nicholson (EN)
Dylan Liakris Sparkes (DLS)

Location Council Chambers 0.02

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Minutes of Last Meetings: Agreed

Matters arising: None

Young Carers Centre KaW gave update that a family trip to Beamish Museum has been organised. The Young Carers are learning Basic First Aid.

Equality & Diversity Training opportunity, some Youth Councillors completed the pilot for the Equality & Diversity Training, this was held during the half term break and lots of people couldn't attend, the feedback has been taken on board and the session will be increased by another 30 minutes. The proposed second round of training will take place on 3rd July from 5pm until 7:30pm at council offices. Everyone who didn't attend the last round of training is expected to attend the 3rd July date.

Working groups & Updates

AT informed members that the Environment Group will meet on Tuesday 9th July from 5:30pm until 7pm. The group are going to make a film with other local authorities. A story board will be created. Members who are interested in creating the film gave their names and these will be passed on to the Environment Agency.

AT has sent a letter to the Elected Mayor on behalf of the environment group outlining concerns about climate change, a response to the letter was received back.

AAk informed members that the next Ready for Life group meeting is 19th June from 5:30 -7pm the group have been looking at the results of the questionnaire which asked about the first aid sessions that are delivered in schools, results show that young people who attend Guides, Scouts and Explorers have received first aid training. The group will decide next steps.

HCM informed members that the next Young People's Health and Wellbeing group will be on 20th June. The group will continue the work on A-Z of mental health, look at how stereotyping affects mental health. They will be creating an instagram page and looking at relationship education.

AA Informed members that the Community Safety group will meet on 4th July from 5:30 until 7pm. The group are creating a knife crime lesson plan. There is a Knife crime summit on 11th July for adults who are working with young people. There will be a Youth Safe conference in September which will be for young people.

WB informed members that the Anti Bullying working group will meet on Wednesday 10th July from 5:30 until 7pm. The group have launched the Creative Writing and Poetry Competition for school years 7 to 13. They have been working on the amendments needed for the YPYF website. The group are developing the competition awards celebration to be held during anti bullying week and also an Equality and Diversity conference.

Member of UK Youth Parliament update: On Saturday 22nd June there is a British Youth Council (BYC) convention to be held at St James Park it starts at 10am and finishes at 4:30pm. Youth Councillors who are interested should go on the link that was sent out last week and register. OD will give an update at the next meeting

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Soundfest 2019 update, the Young Mayor's Music Festival is going ahead on Saturday 6th July from 11:30 until 5pm outside of the Spanish Dome in Whitley Bay, Channy Thompson is headlining and there are 10 acts competing to win the prize of performing on the big stage at the Mouth of the Tyne Festival at the Priory the following week. This year it's free but we are asking for sponsorship from businesses and donations of prizes from Youth Councillors. Letters are available to take to a shop or café, restaurant, hairdressers, barbers or shop that Youth Councillors use and ask for their support with this. The donated prizes will be used for the raffle. Youth Councillors were asked to use social media to get the message out, either share the messages that have been posted or retweet the NTC and Music Hub are posting. We want to get the message out as wide as possible to get a good crowd along.

There will be rides and vegan vegetarian pizza from Earth and Fire. People can also access The Spanish Dome and nearby shops for other types of food.

Transport Forum 20/06 6pm -8pm ALL WELCOME at North Shields Customer First Centre, Northumberland Square, North Shields, NE30 1QU

Fundraising plans, bag pack at Morrisons, Hillheads Rd, Whitley Bay is organised for 13th August. Youth Councillors were asked to volunteer to help with the bag packing. Other ideas for fundraising were suggested and a sweet sale at council offices may also take place. All money raised is for St Johns Ambulance.

Issues that Youth Councillors want to report, PA informed members that Marden High School are working with North Tyneside Council to improve their recycling. Each class now has a purple plastic bag for paper, plastic and tin cans. Youth Councillors would like this to be rolled out to all schools as an example of good practice.

Any Other Business, None

Debate topic: 14 years and older should be able to apply for minimum wage jobs.

Youth Councillors debated the topic and voted unanimously in favour of 14 years and older being able to apply for minimum wage jobs.

Date of next meeting 15th July 2019 5:30-7:30
Meet at Council Offices room 4.01