



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: Youth Council

Date Monday 17th April 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)
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)
Katie Dodds (KD)
Evie McGlyn
Eloise Ferry (EF)
Connor Burn (CB)
John Zeng (JZ)
Joe McMullan (JMc)
Elliot Shaw (Esh)
Ella Snee (ES)
Finn Richardson (FR)
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)

CC: **Apologies**
Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Hannah Clarke-McKeran (HCMc)
Daniel Swabey (DS)
Scout Riches (SR)
Luendo Samwinga (LuS)
Levi Samwinga (LS)
Suzie McKenzie (SMc)
Andrew Espiritu (AE)
Hajar Al Sabbahy (HAS)
Thomas Whitehead (TW)
Sam Oswald (SW)
Max Godfrey (MG)
Angel Muchiso (AM)
Chloe Kirk (CK)

In Attendance.

Visitors from Engagement

Team: Ashley Bell & Heather Thrussell

Support Staff, Elizabeth Parker (EP), Ashleigh Harrison (AH)
Anne Grimes (AG)

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Minutes of Last Meetings, agreed as a true record.

Matters arising: None

North Tyneside Together Event and Engagement Opportunities

Ashley Bell & Heather Thrussell

Talked to members about the launch of a new refreshed engagement group. This will be called Our North Tyneside Voice, members were shown a poster and asked for their views about whether this would appeal to younger people aged 16 plus. Members gave their views and the Engagement team staff will use the information to amend the poster. Members heard that North Tyneside Together celebration event will be held in Northumberland square, North Shields, on Saturday 2nd September 11am – 4pm, they were asked who would like to help on the day. Youth Councillors agreed to hold a stall with examples of the issues they've worked and what they have developed and achieved.

Updates – Committees and

SEND Youth Forum– Health professionals attended the last SEND Youth Forum to talk about annual health checks and what happens at the GPs. Members reviewed a postcard used for annual health checks Feedback from members showed that GPs vary in how they carry out the checks and the group are exploring the idea of a mystery shop to the GPs services to see where they need to improve or do things differently.

Youth Council Committee flyers showing the various options of involvement were shown to members along with the meeting dates and times. People who hadn't already signed up to a committee were asked to do so.

Poppy Chair/ Sam Secretary for Equality & Diversity (E&D) – focus on accessible places, looking forward to new members bringing fresh ideas to the group at the first meeting they will agree the key areas that they aim to achieve.

Flynn Chair/ Finn secretary for Environment focus on supporting YM pledge for developing allotments and small gardens, as part of Eco School Award, Swap Shop. Supporting the behavioural Change message from NTC – Action on Climate Change.

Cameron Chair / Connor Secretary for Community Safety, three key areas to focus on. The next meeting is on 20th April

Sharon Chair of Ready for Life focus on lesson plans for financial education and fine tuning the Ready for Life game to be rolled out to schools.

Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health (EW&MH) chair and secretary still needed, this can be agreed at the next meeting on Monday 24th April, and the members will also agree the focus of the committee.

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Swap Shop – Flynn reported at the last Swap Shop there was no items swapped, and no interest from the public. It was very quiet in the library at that time. Members agreed that they should hold the swap shops only when there are attractions that will increase the footfall.

Agreed a swap shop should be held on 2nd September to coincide with the North Tyneside Together celebration event, time in North Shields Library to be confirmed. December 9th when the Christmas Fayre is on, both held in Northumberland Square, North Shields.

Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament update.

YMCQ- we have received positive feedback from the Youth Conference, lots of information was gathered from the participants and this will inform the committees work. Attended meetings with elected Mayor Dame Norma Redfearn DBE, Director for Environment Sam Dand –and Sustainable Team members, Shiremoor Adventure Playground. Planned meetings with Colin MacDonald for Community Safety, Vicky from VODA to talk about allotments project and North Tyneside Council’s Chief Exec Paul Hanson.

MYPsz – schools that participated in the Young People’s Conference are interested in the Ready for Life game, its being refined and will be available for schools to use soon. Attended online meetings with other MYPs from the North East region.

Fundraising Charity to be agreed, in memory of youth councillor Daniel Taylor members agreed that they would raise money for a local charity that is connected to his pledge to have more accessible activities and places. Local charities were identified, and background info was presented to members. Everyone used a paper vote to choose one of the charities that they would like to be taken forward to raise funds for over this year. The Charity that received the most votes is Pathways 4 All

Debate Topics

Members debated the dangers of smoking tobacco and the increasing habit of vaping.

Date of Next Meeting 15th May 5:30–7:30pm