



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: Youth Council

Present: Chair: Young Mayor Poppy Arnold (YMPA)
Deputy Young Mayor Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Young Cabinet Member for Anti-Bullying Adam Tang (ATa)
Young Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing Niamh Hughes (NH)
Member of UKYP Abbie Armstrong(AA)
Abigail Akinyemi (AAk)
Tom Reid (TR)
Harley Doyle- Davies (HDD)
Daniel Swabey (DS)
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)
Ela Nicholson (EN)
Aaron Speirs (AS)

In Attendance

Julia Bradwell (JB) Anne Grimes (AG)
Sean Peacock PHD Student (SP)
Josie Robinson (JR) Jo Wooley (JW)

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CC: Apologies

Jenni Palmley (JP)
Hannah Clarke McKeran HCK,
Lucy Law (LL)
Freya Miller Buglass, (FMB)
Emily Doughty (ED)
Libby Doughty (LD)
Young Cabinet Member Young People's Activities Amy Bell (AB)
Young Cabinet Member for Ready for Life Rachel Quinn (RQ)
Adviser to Young Cabinet Bethan Corner (BC)
Young Cabinet Member for Environment Oscar Daniel (OD)
Beth Hargreaves (BH)
Lily Hanson (LH)
William Beattie (WB)
Abi Tang (AT)
Karley Walker (KaW)
Kody Walker (KoW)
Caitlin Mackinlay (CM)
Megan Gibson (MG)
Ayaan Chowdhury (AyC)
Max Godfrey (MGo)

Location Council Chambers 4.01

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Welcome, YMPA welcomed everyone to the youth council meeting and visitors JR and JW from VODA visiting to talk about Period Poverty & Red Box Project. Underwear is also required along with sanitary products. Youth Councillors may want to run an event. There is already an event on 8th March at Tynemouth Metro Station organised by North Tyneside Women's Voices that NH is attending perhaps more Youth Councillors could help NH. Also Red Box stall could be at Soundfest. Youth Councillors agreed to take the project forward

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Matters arising None

Young Carers Update, HDD reported that on 31st January the Young Carers Centre held an awareness Raising evening at The Exchange in North Shields. YMPA said it was a very interesting & entertaining evening.

HDD also reported that there is a new Activities Worker at The Carers Centre.

Soundfest update. YMPA and DMc met with Julie Dorr from the Music Hub to discuss Soundfest 2019. The Music Hub is taking over the coordination of this year Soundfest but Young Mayor & some Youth Councillors are going to be on the organizing committee and the Young Mayor's budget will be paying for some of the items being provided. There was a list of things discussed and the Youth Councillors contributed their ideas. These will be shared with The Music Hub and the Committee very soon.

Fundraising/bag pack A big thank you to YMPA, AAK, BH, HCK,, AC, EC, FMB, IMB, PM, OD, , CPT, BC, LD, SMC & LH for giving up their time on Sunday 10th February to help with the bag pack for The Bay Food Bank. The shoppers and staff in the store said everyone was fantastic. We helped raise awareness with shoppers of the need to buy a little extra while out shopping.

We helped raise a huge £608.71 along with 77 bags full of groceries on the day.

The groceries were collected the same day by The Bay Food Bank and the money will be added to the funds raised previously and a cheque for over £2000 will be presented at the March Youth Council Meeting. The Bay Food Bank has received a total of 179 full bags of groceries over the three bags packs.

Because we are coming to the end of this Young Mayor term, at the March 18th meeting after we have handed over the cheque, we will be looking at which charity we should fundraise for 2019 -2020. The charity should be locally based or have a strong connection to North Tyneside and local people should benefit. Can everyone who wants to nominate a charity come with supporting information so that they can put a case forward for the charity and ask Youth Councillors to support their particular charity.

Youth Election update:

Young Mayor preliminary online voting closed on Friday 8th February. The top four candidates who received the most votes are:

Poppy Arnold – Marden High

Amelie Ferris – Whitley Bay High School

Suzie McKenzie – St Thomas More RC Academy

Harshvardhan Singh – Valley Gardens Middle School

We didn't hold a preliminary online vote for Member of UK Youth Parliament election because there was low number of nominations and there was no need to reduce the number of candidates They are: Oscar Daniel -Marden High, Hannah Clarke-McKeran – Marden High

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May Parker – Taylor – Valley Gardens Middle School

All of the candidates will continue to campaign for votes from young people in the borough. Only young people aged 11 to 18 school years 7 to 13 can vote if they live or study in North Tyneside, are eligible and they must meet the criteria to participate.

The final stage of the election with paper ballots will take place on Monday 4th March until noon on Wednesday 6th March in Middle schools, High schools and Colleges then the ballot boxes will be collected in for the final count. Announcement of results will take place on Friday 8th March

Working Groups Update, ATa updated that the Anti Bullying competition entries have been collated into a booklet which will be sent to the Chair of School Governors and Elected Members.

NH updated that she has been working with MH2K and Phoenix Detached Youth Project on helping to develop a leaflet about mental health support. She had a meeting with public health looking at a survey about growing up in North Tyneside which is going out into schools soon.

AA updated that the political education pack which has been created by the Ready for Life group is almost complete the final amendments are being made and this should go out to schools very soon.

AC reported that the Environment group have a few ideas for the Big Spring Clean up in March; a letter was sent to schools inviting them to take part in a competition style clean up outside of their schools. The school who has most students participating and also who gather the most litter will win an award. The group have asked for photographic evidence of the spring clean up. Also there will be a beach clean up on Saturday 23rd March from 12 until 2pm meet at 12 noon at The View when the clean up will take place on Longsands. The Childrens Councillors are keen to help and the Youth Councillors were invited to help too.

At the March meeting we will be exploring the priorities of Youth Council and then will create working groups based on the campaigns for 2019-20.

Priorities meeting feedback, the whole Young Cabinet met with Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn and her Cabinet Members to discuss what the Youth Council priorities are: they were told about what we are working on in the working groups and the various campaigns. They all responded positively to what they heard. It was agreed that we would meet every three months to see how we can work more closely together.

Transport meeting update, DMc attended the last meeting held in Sunderland of the Young People's Transport Forum and he reported that a survey had been carried out. The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th February at Council Offices in North Tyneside from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

SP added that at the young people's transport next meeting it's hoped that an agreed decision will be made on the next steps for the group.

Town Centre/ Retail Sub Committee update, YMPA, OD, DMc, and ED met with the sub committee of elected members who are looking at the future of the town centre and retail offer. The young people fed back about what Youth Councillors have said in the survey and they will include the views in the final report.

Any Other Business, None

Debate topic: Does valentine day cause people to focus on their loved ones only at that time of year!

Date of next meeting 18th March 2019 5:30-7:30 Meet at Council Offices room 0.01