



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: Youth Council

Present:

Chair: Young Mayor Amelie Ferris
Member of UKYP Oscar Daniel (OD)
Current Deputy Young Mayor Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Current Young Cabinet Member for Anti-Bullying Adam Tang (ATa)
Current Young Cabinet Member Young People's Activities Amy Bell (AB)
Current Young Cabinet Member for Ready for Life Rachel Quinn (RQ)
Current Adviser to Young Cabinet Bethan Corner (BC)
Poppy Arnold (PA)
Abbie Armstrong(AA)
Abigail Akinyemi (AAk)
Beth Hargreaves (BH)
Lily Hanson (LH)
Suzie MCKenzie (SM)
William Beattie (WB)
Abi Tang (AT)
Karley Walker (KaW)
Kody Walker (KoW)
Caitlin Mackinlay (CM)
Megan Gibson (MG)
Tom Reid (TR)
Daniel Swabey (DS)
Jenni Palmley (JP)
Hannah Clarke - McKeran (HCM)
Ela Nicholson (EN)
Aaron Speirs (AS)
Max Godfrey (MGo)
Harsh Singh (HS)

Date: Monday 18th March 2019

CC: Apologies

Alexander Cosgrave (AC)
Emily Doughty (ED)
Libby Doughty (LD)
Angus Henry (AH)

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May Parker-Taylor (MPT)

In Attendance

Chair of Council Councillor Mulvenna

Jackie & Lynn The Bay Foodbank

Alice Hewson (Young Carers)

Elizabeth Parker (PAE)

Kevin Harrison (Comms team)

Support Staff

Julia Bradwell (JB) Anne Grimes (AG)

Location Council Chambers 4.02

Welcome & Presentation

The new elected Young Mayor Amelie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jackie from The Bay Food Bank attended the meeting to receive a cheque for £4,000 for the charity. Youth Councillors raised a fantastic £2,295.37 and the Chair of the Council, Councillor Mulvenna has contributed a further £1,704.63. Councillor Mulvenna was thanked for the contribution. Young Mayor is pleased to know that Youth Councillors are committed to raising funds for others.

BC presented the cheque because she has been involved with the fundraising across the year, and every one of the Morrison bag packs.

There were further presentations made by Chair of Council Councillor Mulvenna to some of the long term Youth Councillors and Young Cabinet Members who have been with us for many years and will be moving on to University soon. AB has been with Youth Council for 5 years and BC for 7 years

The contribution that RQ has made with Youth Council although a much shorter time she has shown a lot of commitment and motivation to her Young Cabinet position.

Certificates were presented to previous elected Young Mayors PA, OD and AA they have each made a huge difference to North Tyneside in their roles. We hope they will all stay with Youth Council for as long as BC did. Congratulations to them all.

Minutes of Last Meetings Agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising None

Young Carers Update: KoW informed members that Young Carers Centre have been informed that they can have £1000 to brighten up their meeting area. They've been given two ipads, a lap top and a computer to keep important information recorded for youth forum which young carers run. Youth forum is being supported by a new worker Alice Hewson. In addition they have been allocated a new activities coordinator – Laurie Doyle-Davies.

Agree Charity to support for 2019-20: Youth Councillors nominated their preferred charities and everyone made a first and second choice vote: RNLI- Tynemouth received 3 votes, Barnardos The

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Base received 5 votes, North Tyneside Young Carers Centre received 5 votes and St John Ambulance (Local branch) received 15 votes.

Working group updates: OD - Environment & Transport Meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday 19th March starting at 5:30pm until 7pm at Council Offices.

They we will have a visit from the Environment Agency worker to talk about the Flood Ambassador work that AT and OD have been attending.

Planning how they are going to achieve the aim to make North Tyneside a cleaner place to live. Continue to campaign against single use plastics.

There is a beach clean up planned with the Childrens Council and as many Youth Councillors as Possible, to meet on Saturday 30th March at 11:45 at the View for a 12 noon start until 2pm finish, consent forms available for those wanting to take part, contact AG.

RQ - The Ready for Life group have been meeting to create a political education pack, this is just about complete and ready to go to print. There will be a copy of the booklet sent to all schools in the borough with a covering letter to encourage teachers to use it in their lessons. The group had been meeting on Wednesdays because that suited the members. We have arranged the next meeting for Wednesday 24th April from 5:30pm but the group members may want to change the meeting date to another evening or could stick with Wednesdays, this will be agreed at the next Ready for Life meeting. The new group members will be focusing on the campaign for More First Aiders in the community.

ATa -The Anti bullying group have been working on the creative writing and poetry competition for high schools. After the presentation of awards to participants the best of the entries have been included into a booklet and a copy has been sent to Chair of Governors, Head Teachers and all of the winners too.

Moving forward we expect the group to be working with YMAF on her pledge to “Help support further education on diversity, by providing easily available information, to help common misconceptions, specifically surrounding feminism. Through colleges and schools she hopes to open discussions on issues such as sexism, homophobia and racism.

At the Young Cabinet meeting it was agreed that these issues are often used by bullies and that it would be better to focus on this in the anti bullying group.

The next meeting date will be arranged soon.

BC - Young People’s Health and Wellbeing reported on behalf of NH they have been working with Phoenix Detached Youth project and Launchpad to develop a mental health support leaflet. This has been going well and they are half way through completion. NH attended an International Women’s Day Event at Tynemouth Station on 8th March, this event raised awareness of period poverty and the Red Box Project. On Thursday 28th March the Young People’s Health and Wellbeing group will hopefully make some progress with our Social Media Campaign – Mind your Head, the ABC’s of Mental Health.

The new group will also be focusing on Period Poverty project with the Red Box.

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Soundfest update: The previous meeting couldn't go ahead the meeting has now been rearranged for Wednesday 20th March at Council Offices

Priorities for 2019-20: The Youth Council priorities are based on what we have already made a commitment to achieve. For example Young Mayor's pledge to support further education on diversity, by providing easily available information, to help common misconceptions, specifically surrounding feminism. Through colleges and schools to hold open discussions on issues such as sexism, homophobia and racism.

MYP OD pledge Improving the environment to make North Tyneside a cleaner place to live. BC explained about the rest of the priorities and where it was thought the priorities could be achieved in the various working groups?

Youth Councillors were invited to comment about the priorities. Fundraising for the chosen charity St Johns Ambulance will not be the responsibility of a group but all Youth Councillors be expected to contribute to raising as much money as possible

Young Cabinet Positions: Application forms were available for Youth Councillors to apply for the various positions. The positions are, Deputy Young Mayor will need to be available to cover any duties that YMAF is not available to do herself; they should be able to support my pledge to the best of their ability too. Young Cabinet Member for Anti Bullying will work with me on my pledge about discrimination, racism, homophobia and sexism, Young Cabinet Member for Community Safety must be available to attend the Safer North Tyneside board meetings, possibly giving presentations and lead on the Reducing Knife Crime campaign, Health and Wellbeing lead will work closely with MH2K on the mental health recommendations and the Period Poverty campaign. Environment and Transport will work with OD and lead on helping to further reduce the use of single use plastic and making North Tyneside a cleaner place. Attendance at Tyne & Wear Youth Transport group meetings is also important to this role. Young Cabinet Member for Ready for Life will lead on the First Aiders in the community campaign, working alongside already established groups and projects.

There is a place for an advisor to the Young Cabinet and to qualify for this position you must have at least three years experience and the knowledge to be able to assist in a variety of roles. Youth Councillors have from Monday 18th until Friday 29th March to complete and return the forms. YMAF will meet with OD and BC to look at the nominations and they expect to have a decision made before 8th April when the next Young Cabinet meeting will take place. The Participations team staff has asked that before applying you think long and hard whether you have the time to commit to leading on a project on top of what you already do. The application form will be sent out by email.

Code of commitment and conduct sign up, copies of the code of conduct and commitment were available for youth councillors to read and sign if they haven't already signed the document.

Sign up for permission for use of images: anyone 13 years old or older can sign the form themselves otherwise a parent needs to sign.

Commitment to Working groups: As a Youth Councillor there is an expectation for each person to represent other young people by working in a group that interests them. They were asked to choose from, Young People's Health and Wellbeing, Community Safety, Anti Bullying, Environment or Ready for Life. The meetings will be arranged around the availability of the members but will usually be monthly.

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Tyne & Wear Young people's Transport meeting update: AB explained about the last meeting held at North Tyneside, a survey has been undertaken by young people in the Tyne & Wear area and a draft report was looked at, the final report will be available soon. The next meeting is in South Tyneside on Thursday 25th April. See AG if interested in attending.

Any Other Business: The adult council will meet on Thursday of this week 21st March for a 6pm start here in the chambers at council offices, if anyone who hasn't already visited the meeting to observe and would like to come along see AG.

YMAF, DMc & ATa confirmed they would be attending

Debate topic: "You should use private health care if you can afford it." Was debated by members with very interesting points made.

Date of next meeting 15th April 2019 1pm -3pm Meet at Council Offices room 0.02