

**Meeting: Youth Council**

**Date Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Present:** Chair Young Mayor Coby Black (YMCB)  
Member of UK Youth  
Parliament John Zeng (MYPJZ)  
Cameron Quinn (CQ)  
Sharon Zeng (SZ)  
Connor Burn (CB)  
Will Sutcliffe (WS)  
Sam Burns (SB)  
Poppy Chaplin (PC)  
Freyja Snowdon-Fidler (FSF)  
Malcolm Jackson (MJ)  
Alice Lorimer (AL)  
William Foggon (WF)  
Molly Stainthorp (MS)  
Jess Chaplin (JC)  
Ella Snee (ES)  
Theo Benneworth (TB)

**CC: Apologies**  
Hannah McKenzie (HMc)  
Finn Richardson (FR)  
Poppy McKeran (PMc)  
Hajar Al Sabbahy (HAS)  
Freyja Smith (FS)  
Josh Rivett (JR)  
Kai Blundell (KB)  
Cain Nesbitt (CN)

**In Attendance.**

**Support Staff,**

Kerry Willshire, (KW)  
Elizabeth Parker (EP)

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

**Matters arising:** None.

**Icebreakers getting to know each other.**

Members participated in an activity to get to know each other.

**Public Health – Reviewing school resources.**

Young people engaged and reviewed several Public Health resources that have been developed with the aim of being available to schools to borrow and use in their science and PHSE lessons.

**Involving schools in projects for YM and MYP pledges**

Discussed the aim of purpose of Youth Council moving forward. An invite is going to be sent out to schools asking them to get involved in creating a resource that can be used as a tool for either John or Coby's pledge.

**YM Coby pledge:** Raising awareness of the dangers of vaping, smoking, drinking alcohol and illegal drugs. Working together as a community to improve people's health.

**MYP John pledge:** To help children learn how to spend smarter by better financial education.

**Community litter pick.**

Coby opened a discussion about other views and opinion on how he would like to organise and deliver community litter picks following an increase of litter in areas that have

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significant amounts of litter and often used by young people and families. Everyone was in support of this and would like to engage and attend.

- Suggested dates and times were after the exam period and at the end of the summer holidays.
- Suggested areas to hold a litter pick were – Berry Park, Wallsend Dene, and Whitley Bay community garden.

### **Any Other Business:**

Cameron Quinn announced his decision to step down from Youth Council.

A reminder of how to get in touch from now until the next meeting please get in touch via email to [toni.mcmullan@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:toni.mcmullan@northtyneside.gov.uk) or [youngmayor@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:youngmayor@northtyneside.gov.uk)

**Date of next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 5:30–7:30**