



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: Youth Council

Date Monday 5th September 2022

Present: Chair Young Mayor Max Godfrey (YMMG)
Hannah McKenzie (HMc)
Flynn Smith (FS)
Cameron Quinn (CQ)
Suzie McKenzie (YMSMc)
Lily Hanson (LH)
Poppy McKeran (PMc)
Poppy Chaplin (PC)
Abigail Akinyemi (AAk)
Scout Riches (SR)
Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Daniel Taylor (DT)
Lewis Kemp (LK)
Rachel Chan (RC)
Hajar Al Sabbahy (HAS)
Sharon Zeng (SZ)
Beth Hargreaves (BH)
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)
Alannah Daly (AD)
Daniel Swabey (DS)
Angel Muchiso
Levi Samwinga
Sarah Foggon (SF)

CC: **Apologies**
Member of UK Youth
Parliament) Hannah Clarke
McKeran (HCM)
Gwen Lewis – Hedley (GLH)
Linus Leung (LL)
Connor Burns (CB)
Claude McCloskey
Julia Dixon (JD)

In Attendance

Support Staff, Anne Grimes (AG) Elizabeth
Parker (EP) Ashleigh Harrison (AH)
Abi Tang (AT) Oscar Daniel (OD) Part of
meeting

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Minutes of Last Meetings Agreed as a true record

Matters arising: None

Presentation to long serving members: we have two youth councillors who have dedicated many years of service, Oscar Daniel and Abi Tang were presented with their awards.

Young Mayor Update:

Schools are beginning to sign up for the Eco Award. Five schools have completed the award now and will be receiving the Green Flag Award soon.

YMMG has been judging the Spirit of North Tyneside nominations which was interesting, and the winners will be announced soon.

Member of UK Youth Parliament Update – YMMG reported

MYP MCMc has been active at the British Youth Council Annual Conference in Hull at the start of the summer break.

She has also been invited to join the Young People's Advisory Board for Education. This advisory board will research the topic, can call adults to give evidence to the board and at the end there will be a report written which will go to Government and a reply is expected.

She has carried out two focus groups recently which have been looking at the details involved in young people's emotional wellbeing. Other MYPs have been carrying out focus groups in their areas and the data has been sent to British Youth Council. The information will be used as evidence to inform Government and will be included in a report which will be available for anyone to read.

She has been invited to give a talk at the Rethinking Education conference in London on 17th September, but this has been affected by the planned Rail Strike so may have to be online participation.

Committees, Chairs updates

Equality & Diversity SR- reported that the members are creating films about the Bystander affect and will be filming at the next meeting.

Emotional Wellbeing, AD- reported that members are looking at follow up with resources that will help students keep good emotional wellbeing.

Ready for Life, members are researching what should be included to improve the PHSE lessons and are gathering resources that will support teachers.

Environment- YM MG – reported that members are looking at game shows that will entertain and help change behaviour

SEND Youth Forum Update- CQ reported that members are reviewing the Autism strategy

Registration of Youth Councillors, all youth councillors must register using the electronic link

Family Hub consultation Members were asked their views about Family Hubs and what their expectations would be of a Family Hub. The feedback will be forwarded to the wider consultation

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Walking With Fundraising: YMMG thanked everyone who donated gifts for the tombola and books for the book sale at North Tyneside Together event on bank holiday. Also thanked youth councillors who helped on the day. Members made a fantastic £223. This is a start for the fundraising across the year. We still can't do bag packs in Morrisons but they have suggested that we can give out leaflets to shoppers as they come into shop suggesting items that could be donated to Walking With. People would collect items as shoppers leave the store. YMMG asked who would help with this? The date is to be confirmed but it will be a Saturday or Sunday in November or December! Lots of members volunteered to help!

Regional Youth Transport Forum – Staff from Nexus have been in touch to ask who interested in would be starting the Young People's Regional Transport Forum meetings again. Youth Councillors gave their views about the following.

1. Why is the Regional Youth Transport Forum important to you?
2. What do you hope to achieve from attending the Youth Transport Forum?
3. What impact, if any, do you think the Youth Transport Forum has on decisions made by Nexus and other Transport operators across Tyne and Wear and Northumberland?
4. What would your future priorities be, if the Youth Transport Forums were to continue?

The members views will be forwarded to Nexus

Mobile Optimised Website development: At the Ready for Life Meeting, on Tuesday 6th September from 6pm until 7:30 there will be a visitor from North Tyneside's IT department to talk about Youth Council developing a Mobile Optimised Website. The idea began from needing somewhere to put the resources that will help young people gather the information and knowledge, finance, careers, emotional wellbeing, and other topics that are often not covered in PHSE. It is hoped schools will use the resources with students. After discussions with Emotional Wellbeing committee and Equality & Diversity they agreed that the website could hold links to many resources that Youth Councillors have created. It would include the Environment committee resources too.

Cost of Living Crisis Discussion – Members were asked, what can YC do to help? There was a lot of debate and a vote showed that most members wanted to create a forum to work on this topic. AG to find out who can support this project.

Any Other Business, None

Date of next meeting: 3rd October 2022, 5:30-7:30

Debate did not take place due to time constraints