



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: Youth Council

Date Monday 9th January 2023

Present: Chair Young Mayor Max Godfrey (YMMG)
Member of UK Youth
Parliament) Hannah Clarke-McKeran
(MYPHCM)
Hannah McKenzie (HMc)
Flynn Smith (FS)
Cameron Quinn (CQ)
Poppy McKeran (PMc)
Poppy Chaplin (PC)
Abigail Akinyemi (AA)
Connor Burn (CB)
Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Rachel Chan (RC)
Daniel Swabey (DS)
Sarah Foggon (SF)
Chloe Kirk (CK)
Lewis Kemp (LK)
Sharon Zeng (SZ)
Hannah McKenzie (HMc)
Alice Lorimer (AL)
Darren Renforth (DR)

CC: **Apologies**
Alannah Daly (AD)
Angel Muchiso (AM)
Hajar Al Sabbahy (HAS)
Suzie McKenzie (SMc)
Lily Hanson (LH)
Ana Shaw (AS)
Scout Riches (SR)
Julia Dixon (JD)
Beth Hargreaves (BH)
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)

In Attendance

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

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Daniel Taylor

YMMG talked about the sad news of the passing of Youth Councillor and SEND Youth Forum Member Daniel Taylor, and condolences were passed on to his family. Youth Councillors would like to commemorate his life and the following ideas were suggested. Plant a tree, Hoist for WAVES swimming pool, fundraising in Daniel's name, working on Access to activities.

Daniel was standing as Member of Youth Parliament and his pledge was: I understand that there is a range of different things that prevent young people from accessing activities. I will work with decision makers to increase awareness and provide more accessible activities. Youth Councillors agreed that they would want to carry forward Daniels' pledge.

Minutes of Last Meetings, agreed as a true record.

Matters arising: None

Young Mayor Update: Attendance at Carbon Net Zero Board meetings and NTC Budget consultation.

Member of UK Youth Parliament Update: Attendance NTC Budget consultation and Christmas wrapping for make Christmas special.

Some members who had taken part in fundraising for Walking With in Wallsend visited to find out more about the work they do, they attended the stay and chat session where they met with volunteers and asylum seekers. Youth Councillors were surprised to learn that some highly qualified people had been waiting several years for their assessment on whether they can stay in the UK and receive refugee status, which means during that time they are prevented in using their skills and knowledge in the workplace. It's planned for more youth councillors to visit over the coming weeks.

Updates – Committees and SEND Youth Forum

Sharon Zeng- Emotional Wellbeing, working on resources for young people to use to help them keep.

Rep from Equality and Diversity gave update to say they are developing a presentation on discrimination to be used by schools.

Hannah Clarke-McKeran - Ready for Life, developing a Mobile Optimised Website where all resources that are available can be held in the same place.

Max – Environment Meeting – Swap Shop – Tree planting

CQ- SEND updated that the 2 Assistant Directors for Education and SEND attended the December meeting, discussions about social housing for independent living and promotion of the SEND Youth Forum at head teacher briefing

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Swap Shop – Regular Event? There was a lot of interest from the public in the swap shop being available regularly. The North Shields library would host it for us monthly on a Saturday from 10 until 12 but will only go ahead if people can commit to helping. We need 3 youth councillors to help at each swap shop. The following 13 youth councillors present signed up to participate in the Swap Shop, YM- MG, MYP-HCM, CB, CQ, CK, DAR, AA, PC, LK, PM, RC, AE, SF

Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament Elections update.

Top four in each election will be known on Friday 13th January then the ballot papers will be prepared with their pledges.

It is planned to consult young people in North Tyneside about which issues are important to them.

Each committee created a statement for the Young Mayor ballot paper on the back of the Young Mayor ballot paper there will a North Tyneside Make Your Mark consisting of five statements and young people will be asked to choose which one is most important to them. Emotional Wellbeing- Prioritise and raise awareness on subjects surrounding young people's mental health including breaking stigma surrounding it.

Equality and Diversity, TBC

Ready for Life- increased awareness of discrimination in local school communities. To aim to make North Tyneside a fairer society.

Environment – To make schools in North Tyneside more environmentally friendly.

SEND – Working on accessibility and better resources and awareness in North Tyneside Council's leisure and activity facilities.

Any Other Business

Tree planting opportunities on Saturday 28th January youth councillors invited to attend more details to follow in an email, MG, agreed to attend.

Social Media Training. Poster to show around, planned that visitors will come to the next youth council meeting to discuss.

Date of next meeting: 13th February 2023, 5:30-7:30