



North Tyneside Council

Minutes

Meeting: Youth Council

Date: Monday 15th April 2019

CC:

Present: Young Mayor Amelie Ferris Chair (YMAF)
Member of UKYP Oscar Daniel (OD)
Deputy Young Mayor Kody Walker (KoW)
Young Cabinet Member Community Safety
Abbie Armstrong(AA)
Current Young Cabinet Member for Ready
for Life Abigail Akinyemi (AAK)
Young Cabinet Member for Environment
Abi Tang (AT)
Adviser to Young Cabinet Aaron Speirs (AS)
Poppy Arnold (PA)
Connor Burn (CB)
Max Godfrey (MGo)
Beth Hargreaves (BH)
Karley Walker (KaW)
Lucy Law (LL)
Daniel McTiernan (DMc)
Dylan Liakris-Sparkes (DLS)
Daniel Swabey (DS)

In Attendance

Support Staff
Julia Bradwell (JB) Anne Grimes (AG)
Tori Anderson (TA) Elizabeth Parker (EP)

Location Council Chambers 0.02

Apologies

Young Cabinet Member for
Anti-Bullying William Beattie
(WB)
Young Cabinet Member for
Health & Wellbeing Hannah
Clarke - McKeran (HCM)
Alexander Cosgrave (AC)
Emily Doughty (ED)
Libby Doughty (LD)
Lily Hanson (LH)
Angus Henry (AH)
Adam Tang (ATa)
Suzie MCKenzie (SM)
Ela Nicholson (EN)
Harsh Singh (HS)
Tom Reid (TR)

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YMAF welcomed Josie & Emma from VODA who came to talk about a new project which will help Youth Councillors with campaigns. #iwillcreate, is a digital campaign tool using film, photography, events, animation, blogging and social media to create change in the community. Young people aged 14 to 25 can participate at The Big Local in Whitley Bay on a Thursday evening from 5pm until 7pm. The Youth Council Working Groups will invite Josie and Emma to visit them and help support the campaigns. Dates to be arranged. YMAF thanked Josie & Emma for coming along to explain about the opportunity.

Air Quality Presentation Nick Bryan from North Tyneside Council talked to members about air quality. The group were asked to take part in the online consultation, so far very few young people have responded to the consultation and their views are very important to help shape the final decision. Members were asked to take the information to the Tyne & Wear Youth Transport meeting and ask the young people to take part in the consultation. Nick will send the presentation slides. Take part in the consultation here <http://www.breathe-cleanair.com/>

Minutes of Last Meetings: Agreed

Matters arising: None

North Tyneside Young Carers Centre Update KW informed members that the Young Carers Centre has been given money for the Young Carers Forum to have a day out over the Easter break, also for team building exercises at Bromley Grange. We celebrated KoW success at becoming Deputy Young Mayor. New members have been recruited to the group. The group are looking forward to the future to see what the project will bring.

Working groups, priorities & update:

AT- Environment group will be working on reducing single use plastic and making North Tyneside a cleaner borough the next meeting is on Tuesday 30th April from 5:30pm until 7pm.

AA – Community Safety group a date is yet to be set for the meeting. It was reported that the group will be working on why young people in the borough voted for reducing knife crime in the Make Your Mark ballot, as it is rare to hear of such incidents in North Tyneside. A community safety summit has been organised for May and a young people's conference will be organised for later in the year.

AAk –Ready for Life the group will be taking forward the campaign for first aid courses to be readily available in the community. The group will meet on 8th May from 5:30-7pm

Young People's Health and Wellbeing group will continue their work on young people's mental health and period poverty. The group will next meet on Thursday 2nd May from 5:30 - 7:30pm

Anti Bullying group will take forward the creative writing competition, the updating of the YPYF website and supporting YMAF to take forward her pledge around discrimination. The group will meet on Wednesday 24th April from 5:30 -7pm

- **Soundfest update.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th May the panel we will look at the videos that have been submitted from young performers. We hope to select the Soundfest line up from the submission.

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Fundraising plans for St Johns Ambulance, Members thought of the following ideas for fundraising over the year: Members need to research what is already happening.

Stall at market or in council offices selling goods, tombola and asking for donations.

Fundraising website like Just Giving

Bag pack at Morrisons or maybe Co-op.

Youth Council sponsored run.

Celebrate World First Aid Day. Ask schools to get on board with students paying £1 each for non uniform day & to wear something red.

Coin Ambulance (assemble an ambulance using donated coins)

24 hour dance challenge.

Collect donations at Sandcastle competition & Soundfest music festival.

Issues that Youth Councillors want to report

This item is for Youth Councillors to listen to young people and bring any issues to the attention of North Tyneside Council or partners.

PA talked about the issue of young people hanging around the areas and not having much to do that doesn't cost money. Suggestion that Customer First Centres could be open later on some evenings with access to free wifi, computers and literature, there could be youth workers available too. This idea will be passed on however this may not be possible due to cuts in the budgets and Customer First Centres being closed earlier than they did previously

CB talked about access problems for disabled people walking on pavements around Queen Alexander Road near the College. This will be passed on to the department that will deal with it.

Lots of other Youth Councillors mentioned about wonky pavements and pots holes near to where they live. They were encouraged to report this by going onto the council website or click

[Report a pavement or pot hole problem](#)

Any Other Business, None

- **Debate topic: "It is morally right to keep animals in conservation!"**

Date of next meeting 20th May 2019 5:30-7:30

Meet at Council Offices room 0.01