**Broxbourne Youth Council**

**Minutes**

**26th January 2022**

Cheshunt Young People’s Centre

**Attendees:** Ethan Yardley, Janice Owusu-Appiah, Enrique Pereira Grosso, Adesola Adewale, Tate Lambie, Betsy Smith

**Apologies:** Leon Vaughans, Cindy Long, Imogen Joseph, Thomas Jennings, Dylan Ways

**Facilitators:** Rob Stevenson (Services for Young People), Emma Elsafty (Broxbourne Borough Council) Linton Sutherland Stevenson (Services for Young People)

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Debate**

Do you think UK should be involved in a military intervention in Ukraine?

1. **Matters Arising**

* Doodle poll of changing meeting time to 6-8pm: 5-0 for not changing time
* ACTION - look at Broxbourne council website and see how easy it is to access, and whether it has the readability for a 10 year old.
  + for the options for benefits in a benefits and council tax form 🡪 instead of listing all the benefits and asking individual to tick ‘yes’ or ‘no’ if they claim it, they should ask if a person claims benefits, and if so, to specify.)
  + Appearance of the benefits paper form is overbearing
  + Benefits form should clarify estimated time of completion – eg. ‘this form should take 20 minutes’
  + One-stop-shop has closed, yet it is still listed as a return address for the benefits form
  + When applying for swimming lessons in Laura Trott leisure centres, it takes you to another website – ‘bebroxbourne’, and the timetable also says the swimming pool is open, when it isn’t 🡪 community and leisure tab needs updating
  + Unanimous opinion on the website being too complicated and stressful

1. **WTBL Reflections**

* Interesting to look at how much WBTL did for the community
* Would be interesting to visit their location and possibly take their ideas
* Offered some key information for our question time project

1. **Community Question Time Project**

Date: 29th April (back up date 🡪 6th or 13th)

Location: Wormley Turnford Big Local (back up venue 🡪 spotlight/council chambers/Waltham cross young people centre/HRC/school halls)

Time: 18:30 – 20:30

ACTION - email WBTL to confirm date

Who: looked at list of invites compiled on last meeting and highlighted the panellists against the guests

Highlighted who would be the backups and guest speakers – decided on 10 guest speakers, in preparation for some to not be available

ACTION – Betsy to send email template to Ethan, to send out to invites

1. **AOB**