**Broxbourne Youth Council**

**Minutes**

**24th November 2021**

Cheshunt Young People’s Centre

**Attendees:** Ethan Yardley, Janice Owusu-Appiah, Enrique Pereira Grosso, Adesola Adewale, Nichantae Boateng

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

**Facilitators:** Oliver Brady & Rob Stevenson (Services for Young People), Emma Elsafty (Broxbourne Borough Council)

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

“Social care workers and health professionals should be required to have the Covid-19 vaccine to do their job”.

1. **Matters Arising**
2. **High Sheriff Event Feedback**

On Sunday, Ethan attended an event at St Albans cathedral for the High Sheriff. There was no specific political agenda, Ethan was invited to be guest and his aim was to network with other people there. In short, the High Sheriff’s focus for the year ahead is “youth” and even though this is a broad word with not much to go on, it might allow us to potentially contact and work with him as we do fall into this category. Ethan also spoke to other youth council groups and Welwyn & Stevenage Youth Councils were interested in working with us or doing a joint meeting at some point.

**ACTION:** Ethan to follow up with Welwyn & Stevenage Youth Councils.

1. **Scrutiny Meeting**

Here, Emma spoke about when the next Scrutiny Meeting is. Some council members were not familiar with this so Emma gave a brief overview of it and the potential benefits of us attending. The next meeting is on 11th January and Ethan, Adesola & Enrique expressed an interest in attending.

1. **Social Action Project**

As we had a couple returning members, we went over what we did last week for the project. This is below.

This is the item where work on the “Community Question Time” was started. Staff wrote some questions on a piece of flipchart paper for the group to then answer. The following questions, with their answers, were asked.

1. What is our aim?
- To encourage more young people’s participation in local politics. To find out what local organisations have done to support young people in the wake of the pandemic.
2. Who should we invite to be guests?
- Charles Walker, CHEXS, SfYP, local councillors etc.
3. What is our target audience and how will we recruit them?
* Our target audience is other young people, more specifically, those who are interested in learning about wellbeing or the impact of Covid-19. We will recruit them through BASSH meetings, attending other SfYP sessions, printing our own flyers or ads etc.

Following this, the council then created a list of tasks that need to be done to complete the project. These included:

* Creating a risk assessment
* Creating publicity
* Sourcing a location
* Inviting panellists
* Running a trial event
1. **AOB**

**7a.** Ethan reminded council members that other have expressed interest in having the meeting slightly earlier. This would allow other council members to attend. The proposed new time would be 6 to 8pm.

**ACTION:** Ethan to create a doodle poll asking council members to state their preference.

**7b.** Emma stated that there is another YSG meeting coming up. Previously Ethan & Adesola have attended but Thomas has also expressed an interest. The date of this meeting was not confirmed.

**ACTION:** 1. Emma to confirm when the next meeting is and let council members know. 2. Oliver to ring Thomas to ask if he would be interested in attending this meeting – if he does not come to the next meeting.