

Broxbourne Youth Council

Minutes

3rd November 2021

Cheshunt Young People's Centre

Attendees: Adesola Jinadu-Adewale, Ethan Yardley, Janice Owusu-Appiah,
Thomas Jennings, Dylan Ways

Apologies: Leon Vaughans, Cindy Long, Tate Lambie, Imogen Joseph, Enrique
Pereira Grosso, Nichantae Boateng

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

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Debate

This was deliberately held back until Parliament Week.

3. Matters Arising

4. Social Media

This was added to the agenda to encourage council members to use the social media page, although council members decided not to speak about this because they thought it would be better to elect a person to the role of Social Media Manager before actually posting online.

5. The Cabinet and Youth Council Positions

As we had a couple of returning members, we spoke about the fact we have decided to get rid of cabinet positions in favour of having a job. Each role was spoken about and their responsibilities were highlighted. It was decided that a vote for each position would take place next week.

6. Gangs Event Feedback

A couple of council members attended a Lives Not Knives event in Hoddesdon last week. This was an opportunity for some partnership work between other organisations as well as the opportunity for us to complete a consultation. The general theme from the replies we got was that;

- Most people feel quite safe from Covid-19, although it is prominent in the area.
- Transport in the area is relatively good and has no issues.
- There are a lack of bins in Hoddesdon.
- The main issue in the area is ASB.

One thing that was quite noticeable was the fact that most of the people who answered were quite young and did not want to be recorded. Going forward, council members agreed there should be some form of alternative method of recording responses other than voice recordings.

It should also be noted that other organisations there did not feel that there was a lot of engagement from the community. They are looking at doing future events in busier areas. We will be invited to these.

ACTIONS:

1. To follow up on our invitation to future events.
2. To use this information from the consultation to plan and deliver an effective social action project.

7. Full Council Meeting Feedback

Council members recently attended a full Borough of Broxbourne councillors meeting. Overall, Youth Council members were very happy to be invited and thought this was a good opportunity to show their faces to councillors and listen in on what goes on at full meetings. However, it was apparent that the Youth Council were only invited to complete a formal “handover” with the mayor and to receive congratulations. Council members then left midway through.

Following this, council members discussed other events that they attend. It was agreed that other, new members should attend more events. Thomas put himself forward to attend future YSG meetings.

ACTION: Send Thomas the invite.

8. Cedars Park Environment Event

Emma mentioned Cedars Park Environment Event on the weekend of 6/7th of November. In short, it is an event to promote the park and the environment in the borough. Council members have volunteered at this event in the past. Thomas would like to attend.

ACTION: Emma to send Thomas details.

9. Parliament Week Activities

Here, council members had some fun and learnt about the Parliamentary process. In the weeks prior, Emma had requested some resources from the outreach team at the Houses of Parliament which we used for an elongated debate and quiz.

10. AOB