

Broxbourne Youth Council

Minutes

20th October 2021

Cheshunt Young People's Centre

Attendees: Tate Lambie, Imogen Joseph, Adesola Jinadu-Adewale, Ethan Yardley, Nichantae Boateng, Janice Owusu-Appiah, Enrique Pereira Grosso

Apologies: Leon Vaughans, Thomas Jennings, Cindy Long

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

Guests: Faye Furness (Services for Young People)

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Debate

Statement up for debate was "the British monarchy should be abolished".

3. Matters Arising

4. Social Media

Council members were reminded that if they wish to improve the accessibility of the youth council, then social media should be used as much as possible. Council members then agreed this week's post should be advertising about Lives not Knives event in Hoddesdon on the 28th October.

5. The Cabinet and Youth Council Positions

Ethan updated the rest of the council on the decision to remove cabinet positions and replace them with specific jobs within the youth council. The roles and their responsibilities were spoken about at length and it was agreed that they should still be voted in. The two positions are Social Media Manager & Administration and Liaison Officer.

ACTION: Oliver to email out the jobs with their descriptions so people wishing to stand can plan a presentation for a vote.

6. YSG Feedback

Ethan and Adesola spoke about what happened at the Youth Strategy Group meeting last Tuesday. The main points to take away from the meeting were as follows:

- Services for Young People are running activities over half term with the aim of preventing crime and ASB around Halloween.
- CHEX spoke about some important statistics, one of note was the fact out of the 400 young people who have worked with CHEX over the past year, 145 have been related to emotional wellbeing.

7. Gangs Event in Hoddesdon

Thursday 28th October, there is a Lives Not Knives event that is taking place in Pound Close Park in Hoddesdon. The aim of this event from the professionals side is to engage young people in the community to prevent crime and ASB during the Halloween period. Broxbourne Youth Council have been invited to this event and a discussion took place around what we could do. Eventually, council members settled on using this event to hold a consultation with young people about issues and activities in the area, as well as an opportunity to get some new members. Following this discussion, a survey was made by the council members.

ACTIONS:

1. Emma and Oliver to print off flyers.
2. Ethan and Adesola to finalise survey questions and email to Oliver/Emma for printing.

8. Parliament Week

Following on from last meeting, council members agreed they would like to run an outreach session promoting politics and the parliamentary process. This would be done on 3rd November during Parliament Week. However, staff raised the issue that there would not be enough time to effectively plan and advertise this to a lot of other young people. As a result, council members agreed they would run some fun activities during this session for themselves and look at running a larger, more manageable social action project for this term as whole. A discussion then took place as to what this could be and the following ideas were put forward:

- Collecting items for foodbank parcels
- Christmas carolling
- Bake sale
- Visiting retirement homes
- Attending community events

ACTION: To decide, and plan, what our project for this term will be.

9. AOB

None

