

Broxbourne Youth Council Meeting

11th November 2020

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Lloyd Evans, Ethan Yardley, Adesola Adewale, Daniel Akinbogun, Gabbie Newallo-Ragbir, Thomas Jennings

Apologies: Luke Mobbs, Robbie Long, Dylan and Lania Ways

Facilitators: Fern Holland & Oliver Brady (YC Hertfordshire) Emma Elsafty (Broxbourne Borough Council)

1. Welcomes and Introductions

2. Cabinet Member for Transport

After a short speech by nominees, the vote for the Cabinet Member for Transport was held. Gabbie was voted into this position by fellow council members.

3. Feeling Good Week

At previous meetings, Linton made council members aware of the fact that Feel Good Week is in February. This will allow us to apply for £500 of funding to run a project to boost young people's wellbeing during the week. In this meeting, we discussed ideas for our project and application.

The two following ideas were put forward;

- Council members to receive online training on mental health first aid and then to deliver sessions to other young people.
- Hosting of a "wellbeing" day at one of YCH's centres. This would include things such as mindfulness exercises, physical activities and fundraising stalls for mental health charities.
- A social media campaign to raise awareness of mental health issues and promote positive mental health.

ACTION: To finalise our decision and start application.

4. Lockdown concerns for the community

At previous meetings, it was decided that the council should do something to support the community during lockdown. Due to the current lockdown our activities will be limited. However, we agreed to implement a mental health campaign on social media. During this meeting, council members came up with ideas for online posts and ways to positive mental health.

ACTION: To create the posts

5. Year Plan

As the position of Cabinet Member for Transport has now been filled, council members agreed to arrange between themselves the best date for when the Cabinet meeting should take place.

ACTION: Lloyd & Ethan to organise cabinet meeting as well as propose this draft at next council meeting.

6. AOB.

1. Accessibility

Facilitators brought up the fact that council members had been asked to submit bios for their external partners and thus the council was asked if they are happy with their current accessibility to the public. After a short discussion, it was agreed that Youth Council members should do more to be accessible to the public. The following points were made;

- Members liked the way that Epping Forest Youth Council are visible and easily identifiable and we should do more like them.
- Members agreed to make a short bio about themselves to be put in the December newsletter & for cabinet introduction social media post.
- An old Broxbourne Youth Council email account should be reactivated, or a new one created if that is not possible.

ACTION: For members to create a bio and send to Ethan for posting.