

## **Broxbourne Youth Council Meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

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

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

**Facilitators:** Linton Sutherland and Oliver Brady (YC Hertfordshire)

#### **1. Welcomes and Introductions**

#### **2. Cabinet Member for Transport**

Since no one wished to stand originally, the election for the Cabinet Member for Transport will be held at the next meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Nominations for this will close at 21:00 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. So far, we only have one person wishing to stand.

**ACTION:** Council members to be reminded about this election in a timely manner.

#### **3. Year Plan**

As with the start of previous years, it has been decided that the council should complete a "Year Plan" to outline what they aim to do and achieve this year. A short discussion around how this should work followed, and it was agreed that cabinet members should get together in a separate meeting to complete this. Once complete, it will be put to the whole Broxbourne Youth Council for discussion.

Arranging the cabinet meeting is going to be deliberately delayed until the position of Cabinet Member for Transport has been filled.

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

#### **4. Goffs Lane Litter Pick Feedback**

Council members who attended, discussed how the litter pick on Goffs Lane went. The general consensus was that the litter pick went very well. Council members concluded that because a large amount of rubbish had been collected yet there was still a considerable amount everywhere, that this must be a larger issue than originally thought. Council members also thought this might be something we continue to do in the future.

However, there were some positives. The litter pick made the council very visible to the public. Young people around the park got involved (around 20) and it was a good event to show what we as the youth council do.

Thought it went well, considerable amount of rubbish had been collected. Pleased young people in the area decided to help out and participate, around 20 young people. Seems to be a constant problem, rubbish still seems to be a problem.

**ACTIONS:**

1. Photos taken during the litter pick to be uploaded to social media platforms and used in December Newsletter
2. Have further discussion on our wider plan for the environment – if this is not covered in future year plan discussions.

## **5. Feeling Good Week**

Linton made council members aware of the fact that Feel Good Week is in February. This will also allow us to apply for £500 of funding to run a project to boost young people's wellbeing during the week. No ideas were put forward at this meeting, but it was noted that this should be discussed at the cabinet members meeting and the Broxbourne Youth Council should make an application. The deadline for applications is Friday 4<sup>TH</sup> December

**ACTION:** Linton to email out application form, bring up at cabinet meeting for Year Plan

## **6. Lockdown Concerns for the Community**

Facilitators of the council meeting raised an important point of what Broxbourne Youth Council should do to address any lockdown concerns for the community. After a short discussion, we came to the conclusion that our main area of concern was mental health. Due to the current lockdown our activities will be limited. However, we agreed to implement a mental health campaign on social media. This will include targeted posts such as signposting for emotional and financial support. We also had the idea of creating our own poster to be displayed within local schools.

**ACTION:** To create poster for our social media and schools.

## **7. Black History Month Reflections**

As black history month has just finished, there was a discussion around the success and failures of the community in raising awareness of Black History Month. First, we discussed whether schools had made any effort to do this – they had, although effort from schools varied across the borough. Some schools had talks/sessions from prominent figures, others had just posters whereas others did nothing. The general consensus from council members was that it is positive that things are being done around this issue, although we would like to see more engagement from secondary schools.

**ACTION:** To raise this point next year.

## **8. AOB**

1. Ethan raised an issue around car safety. In short, a car accident in Epping Forest has caused one of our partners to start a petition encouraging safety around schools, specifically, making it mandatory for schools to have safety bollards outside schools. Council members agreed this should be put onto our social media pages to publicise.

**ACTION:** For the petition to be put out on our social media.

2. Daniel raised another petition around schools staying open throughout lockdown. In short, there is a petition to have schools close during the second lockdown. The petition was not readily available to council members, but this issue was discussed. No further action will be taken.

Next Meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 7pm MS Teams