

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

23 November 2022

Cheshunt Young People's Centre

Attendees: Ethan Yardley, Liam Pledger, Enrique Pereira-Grosso

Apologies: Adesola Jinadu-Adewale, Jamelia Weg-Nour, Keira Moles, Tate Lambie,
Elliot Paulding, Azreal Collins

Facilitators: Linton Sutherland and Natasha Morgan (Services for Young People)

1. WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS

The youth council acknowledged apologies. Adesola Jinadu-Adewale and Emma Elsafty are attending the Major's Debate meaning they are unable to be present at today's meeting.

2. WHYC JOINT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING REFLECTIONS

The youth council had a joint meeting with WHYC (Welwyn Hatfield Youth Council) on 16 November via MS Teams. The reflections from the meeting are as follows:

What went well?

- Sharing of practice went well. It helped both parties understand the way things works in each other's youth councils.
- Exploration of joint working on initiatives of shared interest
- This gave an opportunity for BYC (Broxbourne Youth Council) to give advice and tips to WHYC

What could be done differently next time?

- If there is capacity, the meeting could be face-2-face
- Have an online meeting from home
- Agree on an agenda with WHYC prior to the meeting
- Prepared speeches or written statements to enable a shared to contribution

The youth council have explored having the next joint meeting with WHYC at the same time as the Police and Crime Commissioner.

3. CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

The youth council explored having a Christmas Newsletter this term. It has been acknowledged the last session of the term will be on Wednesday 30 November which might impact the getting tasks completed on time. The contents for the Newsletter would consist of the following:

- **Youth Majors Opening introduction**
- **Awards and achievements**
- **Youth Council Election results**
- **Majors Debate**
- **Joint WHYC Youth Council Meeting**
- **Officer input from Communications and Environment and deputy**
- **Year Plan/ Year ahead**

4. FGW (Feel Good Week 2022)

This year the theme for FGW is 'Be Kind and Connect'. Organisations, youth groups and individual young people are invited to apply for up to £500 to deliver ideas that promote interpersonal relationships and kindness so that children and young people can socialise within their communities to support mental health and emotional wellbeing. The youth council discussed, and mind-mapped project ideas shown below:

- Team building activities at HYMB
- Community Sport such as 5-a-side football, basketball, ice hockey
- Youth Conference with themes about young people interests
- Coffee, Tea and chat pop-up shop
- Work with existing partners like BBC Councillors
- Debate and Discussion podcast workshop delivered in youth projects, youth council meetings and potentially schools.

5. CS (Children Services) Award

The youth council have been nomination for a CS Award in the category of Partner of the Year. The award ceremony will take place on Thursday 08 December 2022 4pm- 7pm. Taxis can be arranged by SfYP to take guests to and from the awards ceremony. The most senior members of the youth council have been given priority to attend which would be Youth Mayor Ethan Yardley and Deputy Youth Mayor Adesola Jinadu-Adewale. In the event a senior member cannot attend, Liam Pledger Environment Officer has stated they can cover.

ACTION: Ethan to confirm whether his attendance to the CS Awards

6. AOB

Next week is the last schedule meeting for the term until meetings resume in January 2023. The youth council felt an extra meeting would get them up to speed with plans and actions particularly when one meeting was cancelled due to SfYP Youth Awards.

ACTION: Linton to explore with Emma and SfYP management if there is capacity to deliver one extra meeting on 7 December 2022.