



Harlow Youth Council meeting 16 July 2007

Present

Andrea
Ben
Bharat
Bridget (YEA)
Charlie
Charlotte (YEA)
Cllr Tony Durcan
Cllr Norman Hume

Georgina
Hannah (YEA)
Laura
Leroy
Michael
Mina
Ruth Morton
Lynn Seward

Perry
Rosie
Sam (YEA)
Sophie
Stephen
Tara
Elaine Stoodley

Apologies

Diane Butler

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes from Last meeting – Bridget did not ask the skate park question.

- 1. Feedback from Joint Leaders** - **Mina** asked if Adult Councillors could contact us regarding their £1000 to spend in their area instead of us contacting them. **Bridget** asked if Cllr Durcan could give her the map he told us about last meeting. **Laura** asked about the plans for recycling in the future. Cllr Durcan said that businesses needed to be targeted on recycling as they have many items in their general rubbish that could be recycled. **Ben** asked if we could use a similar system to Bishops Stortford – different coloured bins for different types of recycling. Cllr Durcan said that it isn't really possible in Harlow due to the design of Harlow. He is looking at other new towns recycling to see how Harlow could improve. **Leroy** asked if there was a possibility to visit Saffron Warden's new concrete skate park. Cllr Durcan said he thought it was too late for planning purposes. Lynn Seward added that a consultation with skaters had been made. **Tara** asked if we could go anyway. Cllr Durcan said there is a budget for that. Lynn added that if we did, we could look at use of recycling etc.
- 2. Cllr Norman Hume** - Cllr Norman Hume spoke about bus services throughout Essex and explained that although ECC partially fund some services, it's hard for them to tell them how to work. He also spoke about the BITE card and how it should be used as a proof of age card. In terms of concessionary fares, he said that ECC has budgets and it is hard for them to introduce a scheme. He said that if enough concern was shown, he would have to consider concessionary fares. **Tara** asked why the BITE cards aren't being handed out properly. Cllr Hume said he'd look into how they work. There is no common system to

each school. **Bridget** asked Cllr Hume's view on the motion for the later debate. He said he could understand why we would want that and said we should raise the age of Concessionary travel. BITE cards could be equalised throughout schools. **Tony Durcan to contact Jon O'Connor at HEC re BITE card.**

3. **Harlow Council update** Lynn Seward expressed her condolences for Diane for the loss of her father. She spoke about the C.P.A. inspection and reminded us about what was going on. A CPA inspector is in the audience tonight. This is now in draft form and has to be submitted by September. The skate park planning consent has now been given and the skate park should be built in 16 weeks, if everything goes well. She also said about the play strategy and once finished, there is money in the lottery fund ready to spend if we are successful with our bid. Lynn spoke about adult councillor training events and how she will give a list of the training events in the next 6-9 months. Diane can organise this training on her return to work.
4. **One Stop Shop - Perry** spoke about the Friday event and said it should be in this week's newspaper. **Bridget** spoke about the Saturday event and all the activities that were there.
5. **Youth Café** - Carole said that planning permission has now been given and spoke about the building work. She said the naming competition should be in this week's Star newspaper and they are supporting it. The whole project is going to be videoed. They have also reapplied to Harlow YouthBank for another £500, as they were not successful with their previous bid. She has written to Game for a Nintendo Wii. The 'Friends of YPIC' have asked for funding for youth workers. Addison signs have given all internal signs for free and given a cost price for external signs. Applications are being sent to big boost and Local Network Fund.
6. **YEA** - Sitting was on 7th July. **Bridget** and **Hannah** spoke about their debate with Tendring on how they work separately. They gave locality feedback and subgroup feedback was also given. **Charlotte** updated the youth council on the Environment subgroup and how they are going to raise awareness by dressing in tree outfits and roam around Chelmsford.
7. **Accreditation** - Ruth said that the CCV is actually a qualification. She read out the names of finished folders. Ruth asked for people who haven't completed their folders to meet with her.
8. **AOB - Hannah** asked if we could make a video to show on Hustings Day. She also spoke about getting Diane a card. **Mina** sent an email out about setting up email addresses and asked if anyone wanted to do it in the break. She also spoke about getting consent forms for fire pass. **Tara** asked why we get text messages out of office hours and asked if set times could be made if they need to be sent. Lynn said that officers that work with young people have very flexible hours. Lynn suggested an agreement was made about times we would not

like to be called. **Sam** says that he gets emails that are not always relevant to him and asked if emails could be filtered to appropriate groups. **Perry** suggested it was taken to Diane. Ruth suggested the groups should be reorganised. Ruth also apologised for sending a text early in the morning as this was out of office hours. **Perry** thinks that it's good we get all emails because then we cannot complain that we aren't informed. **Laura** asked if she and Sophie could get the credit that the rest of the group have been given previously.

Next meeting: Monday 6 August @ 18.30 CR2A and CR2B Civic Centre