



**Harlow Youth Council meeting
5 November 2007
Civic Centre**

Present

Andrea
Bharat
Ben
Charlie
Danielle
Darrell
Doris
Georgina

Hannah (YEA)
Michael
Mina
Stephen
Ruth (ECC)
Vicky (ECC)
Elaine (HDC)
Cllr Chris Millington

Apologies

Charlotte (YEA)
Gracie
Michael
Perry
Tara
Cllr Tony Durcan
Diane (HDC)
Lynn Seward (HDC)

Absent

Adam
Bridget (YEA)
Katie
Laura
Leroy
Rosie
Ruby
Sam (YEA)
Sophie

Chair: Danielle

Minutes: Doris

Minutes from last meeting

Recycling: Diane is awaiting a reply from Kathy May for permission to visit the recycling centre, may depend on age.

Developments re The Square: No news available as Cllr Durcan not present. Cllr Durcan to update Bridget and Tara.

I'm A Councillor Get Me Out of Here: Youth councillors' contact details were passed to Cllr Goddard, but as yet, Danni and Charlie have had no response or contact with him.

IT and Firepass – see later on agenda

Young Concern Trust Annual General meeting: Bridget, Charlie, Ben & Andrea were invited to attend this event.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Young Essex Assembly

Hannah fed back that letters have been written to all the bus companies to invite them to a meeting with the members of the YEA in the transport sub group. The aim of the meeting will be to discuss bus fares. Hannah's survey is now on every Regal bus service around Essex. The surveys also contain the Harlow Youth Council's logo!

Essex County Councillors will be attending the next YEA sitting in two week's time, to see if YEA is spending the money effectively. There will also be a question and answer panel with them.

3. Jack Petchey

Hannah won the Jack Petchey Award for September 2007. Ruth presented her with a certificate.

4. Project Group Feedback

Café Youth: There will be a training event to update the youth councillors about what is happening behind the scenes. Café Youth has also won a national award: Regional Monitor Excellence Award for Youth Initiative Of The Year (2007). Mina and Leroy attended.

Publicity: Hannah took part in an interview panel at Brays House.

The Square: Hannah fed back that The Square is in the position where it is going to be taken over in Spring 2009 by Square One. If it is taken over the bar will be re-opened and gigs will be Thursday to Sunday. They are waiting for the ok on this.

5. Nandos: Youth councillors can use their passes to receive a discount of 20% on Monday – Friday until 5pm.

6. IT Problems: If there are any problems during the week call 6789 from the telephone in the Members' Room. A firepass guide is going to be written especially for the youth councillors. If problems persist, a youth surgery will be set up to assist the youth councillors with the computers, this will be provided at a time to suit the youth councillors. Mina asked if they could just do that anyway instead of 24 youth councillors saying they can't log on.

Action: Elaine to feedback to Diane.

7. Minute taking training: Volunteers are needed from the publicity group and YEA and year 1 to learn minute taking.

Action: Hannah, Charlie, Danni volunteered.

8. Questions to Joint Leaders.

Members Room Resources – Ben asked where could they get paper from if it's run out? They can ask secretary, if not available Cllr Millington will ask that supplies are left in there. The coffee machine is not working can it be fixed? There is coffee available in the kitchen for 20p per cup.

Recycling Company visit – Doris spoke about HYC Visit to recycling centre: Calls are not being returned.

Action: Cllr Millington will put pressure on them to respond.

Swimming pool: is it closed permanently?

No consultants have been commissioned. There are two issues:

- 1) Electrical: the wiring is bad in and out.
- 2) Roof: there is a leak and the water keeps making the roof expand and contract.

Alternative venues are being arranged for the local users of the pool. Gateway should have been open by now but there was a delay. The pool should be open in the next two or three years. Report will be coming out in about two weeks.

Ward meetings: Some ward councillors have invited youth councillors to attend their local meetings. There shouldn't be a problem with the youth council looking party political as the adult councillors and the youth councillors are representing their local communities. Most councillors have ward surgery on the weekends. Cllr Millington said adult councillors need to be aware of sensitivities around Youth Councillors roles.

Hannah was handed some minutes from a meeting in her Ward area.

Action: Cllr Millington to check with Diane

Formal debates with the adult councillors: Danielle asked if adult councillors would like to hold a formal debate with youth councillors. Hannah volunteered to help organise this.

Action: Cllr Millington to get back to youth Councillors

Congratulations: Councillor Millington said 'Well Done' for winning the Regional Monitor Award for the Youth Café

9. Any other business

Hustings Day: Hustings day was very successful; there are 29 new candidates standing for 12 seats.

Website: HYC profiles have been updated on www.harlow.gov.uk/hyc further updates or ideas tell Ruth.

Next meeting: Monday 3 December

Venue: CR2AB, civic centre

Time: 18.30 – 20.00