



Full Youth Council Meeting Monday 4th February 2008

Present

Alex	Georgina (Minutes)	Leroy
Bharat	Hannah YEA	Matt
Charlie	Jack	Megan Bod
Charlotte YEA	Jasmin	Michael
Chloe	Jennie	Sean (Chair)
Daniel	Jordan	Tara
Danielle	Josh	Zoe
Doris	Kinjal	

Guests in attendance

Diane Butler – Harlow Council
Ruth Morton – Essex CC Integrated Youth Support

Apologies

Lynn Seward	Cllr Tony Durcan	Megan Bay
Cllr Chris Millington	Gracie	Sam YEA

Absent

Bridget YEA	Sophie
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Welcome and Introductions

- 1. Questions for joint leaders.** As joint leaders were not present Diane to send the questions by email.
 - i) Skate Park.** Charlotte reported that several skaters were concerned about the news article about electric problems and will this delay the opening of the skate park?
 - ii) Members Room IT.** Doris reported that youth councillors were still unable to log on to use the computers in the members room.
 - iii) Firepass at home** Youth Councillors were not clear about how they can access firepass at home and requested training. **Action: Diane to contact IT and arrange IT training for the youth councillors.**
 - iv) Debate.** Hannah requested an update from the joint leaders about dates for the next debate. Topics could include votes for 16?
- 2. Recycling Plant visit.** The site visit is only open to over 18's therefore Ruth gave Diane the contact for the Essex centre in Colchester as they allow under 18's to visit the recycling centres.
- 3. 2020 Meeting.** Diane has meet with Marina from the 2020 group and they are aware that youth councillors cannot attend meetings during

school time. They will get back to Diane if they can change the times to after school.

4. **Members room PC's** – Diane has purchased a USB memory stick for the youth councillors to store work on. It will be kept in the post tray for everyone to use, as the PC's are not networked.
5. **Brentwood Youth Council** has invited Harlow Youth Council to do a presentation about the HYC at Bradwell on Saturday 1 March. Need 10 volunteers to work on a presentation. **Action: Youth Councillors Bharat, Charlie, Charlotte, Chloe, Danielle, Jack, Jordan, Josh, Kinjal, Matt, Michael, Sam, Tara, Zoe to meet, plan and rehearse a presentation.**
Action: Ruth to book the Essex minibus
Action: Diane to send consent forms – only 10 places!
6. **Youth Council Agreement 'Terms of reference'**. Youth Councillors agreed to include page 3 to the HYC Agreement to address any party political issues that have arisen in the past. It was reinforced by the group that the Youth Council is non-party political.
A vote was taken to agree the changes.
19 voted YES
0 voted No
4 Abstained
7. **HYC Transport**. Although Youth Councillors voted unanimously to arrange their own transport home at the special meeting on 14 Jan., Youth Councillors must contact the office prior to a meeting if they do not have a lift home and transport will be arranged. Minutes amended to read 'only those that do not have a lift home may use cabs for essential journeys. Bus fares are refunded if a bus ticket is provided.'
8. **Project and community groups.**
 - a) **Young Essex Assembly.**

Transport sub group Hannah reported that the Transport sub group are planning to make a video about the cost of bus fares for young people in Essex.

Sex Relationship and Education sub group. Bridget reported that there was not enough education on gay and lesbian sex. Bridget also complimented the work of the One Stop Shop in Harlow and recommended that there should be an O.S.S. in every town.
 - b) **Health.** Daniel, Georgina and Jack expressed their interest in standing as governors on the hospital trust board.
 - c) **Transport.** Jack, Sean and Jennie expressed their concern about children paying adult fares on local buses. Hannah suggested students in full time education could purchase a **fare saver ticket**, giving a 50% reduction on normal fares on **Arriva buses** for a whole year. The cost of the fare saver ticket is £60 for students aged 16 or 17, or £100 for

students aged 18 to 20. There is a £5 charge for 14 and 15 year olds. Daniel reported the appalling bus service for the Potter Street area serviced by S&M coaches and Arriva. **Action: Daniel to take this to his local councillors and Potter Street and Latton Common community meetings.**

Josh asked if buses went to the Queens Gate cinema. Hannah suggested if anyone has any transport enquiries to email her on hannah.yea@harlow.gov.uk and she will take them to the next meeting.

d) Café Youth. Bharat reported that the café sign has been fitted. Diane reported that the café group need to choose and agree the furniture. **Action: Next meeting is Wednesday 6 Feb at 5pm in the O.S.S.**

e) School Council meetings. Jasmin reported that Bill Rammell MP had attended Stewards school council and that he will be contacting the youth council for their support about a future consultation. Hannah suggested inviting Bill to the next Youth Council and adult councillor's debate

f) Netteswell meeting. Josh and Jack attended a meeting with their ward councillors to discuss The Hides underpass art project. The ward councillors have £1k to spend in their ward and they will be sending letters to the schools and college to hold a competition to design the underpass. Jack and Josh will be invited to judge the competition with the adult ward councillors. The theme is the 60th anniversary of Harlow. Jack asked for volunteers from the youth council to paint it. **Charlie, Charlotte, Chloe, Georgina, Jasmin, Jennie, Kinjal, Matt, Megan Bod, Michael, Sean, Zoe volunteered. Action: Jack and Josh to confirm the timescale of the project.**

g) Children and Young People's strategic partnership meeting. Hannah attended the meeting today and reported that she would like to resign from this sub group as she had served a year. The C.Y.P.S.P stake holders meeting will be held on 27th July.

h) HYC support group. Doris and Diane have composed a letter inviting members of community groups and organisations working with young people to come together for a network meeting in May.

i) West Essex Area Forum meeting. Michael and Charlie attended the meeting and met the Epping Youth Council representative. Epping hope to arrange a meeting with HYC in the near future. Essex Police also said they will be in touch with HYC to arrange a meeting.

9. Diary updates

Harlow Education Consortium invited the youth council to take part in the debate at the Education conference on Friday 8 Feb. Youth Councillors will require written consent from parents. Jon O'Connor will make the arrangements with the schools. Youth Cllrs interested must

contact Jon O'Conner direct to arrange transport to the event. **Charlie, Charlotte, Danielle, Kinjal, Matt, Sean, Zoe.**

10. Any Other Business

i) **HYC Web page** www.harlow.gov.uk/hyc Ruth informed the group of the new private area that will require a user name and password. This page will contain private minutes and information.

ii) **I.T. and HYC emails.** Diane to arrange for new youth councillors to have a HYC emails address and basic IT training in the member's room.

iii) **Youth Conference Feb 15th – 17th** Doris invited youth councillors to attend a 3 day event for young people.

Friday 15th 6 – 9pm at the Tye Green Hall behind the Bush Fair Library.

Sat 16th St Stephens Church Bush Fair

Sunday 10.30 – 12.30 St Stephens Church Bush Fair

iv) **Traffic calming.** Kinjal requested information about who to contact about traffic calming outside primary schools and in particular Hare Street School. **Action: Kinjal to phone Contact Harlow on 446655 who will advise her.**

v) **Housing information.** Daniel asked how long you have to wait on the Council's waiting list. Michael explained that the waiting list has been replaced with home finder where people bid for council properties. **Action: Diane to send Daniel information about Home finder**

vi) **National Holocaust day** was attended by Sean and Kinjal. Both gave readings at the service and received great praise from Cllrs and members of the community. Well done Sean and Kinjal!

vii) **Agenda and minutes.** Bharat suggested colour coding the minutes and agenda. Ruth suggested projecting the agenda onto the wall to do away with paper agendas.

A vote was taken to use a projector for future meetings.

20	YES
3	NO votes
0	Abstained

viii) **Jack Petchey grants.** Tara agreed to buy a projector with her Jack Petchey money, **Action: Ruth to place the order.**

xi) **Communication.** Please keep the office up to date with any changes to your contact details. Please empty post trays weekly and read your post!

xii) **Accreditation.** Log all meetings as hours contribute to your overall assessment.

xiii) **Agenda items** to Diane by 24 Feb.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 3 March

Time: 18.30 – 20.00

Venue: Council Chamber, Civic Centre