



Harlow Youth Council Full Youth Council Meeting Monday 7th April 2008

Present

Alex	Danielle (Minutes)	Kinjal
Bayliss	Hannah YEA (Chair)	Matt
Boddy	Jack	Michael
Charlie	Jordan	Sophie
Daniel	Josh	Zoe

Guests in attendance

Diane Butler – Harlow Council
James Dickinson – Community safety team Harlow Council

Apologies

Bharat	Georgina	Sam
Bridget	Gracie	Sean
Charlotte	Jennie	Ruth Morton
Doris	Leroy	Lynn Seward

Absent

Chloe	Jasmin	Tara
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Welcome and Introductions

Matters arising from 3 March meeting.

Item 3. First Ave trees. The protected trees with the orange marking have been removed. Have they cut the wrong trees down? Why have Harlow Council allowed so many mature trees to be removed?

Item 8.iii Parrington school. Michael and Diane to arrange a date to meet the head teacher.

Item 8. v Self Esteem project. Hannah - Funding is available (approx £847) for a Self-esteem project from the women's network but a lead worker is required to co-ordinate the project. Volunteers to work on the project **Bayliss, Boddy, Charlie, Danni, Hannah, Jordan, Matt, Michael, Zoe**

1. Questions for joint leaders.

- Have they cut the wrong trees down on First Ave? **(Charlie)**
- Why have they allowed so many mature trees to be removed? **(Charlie)**
- Can you explain why the recycling company leaves a lot of the waste in the street - Long Ley area? **(Jack)**
- What do the Councillors think of the youth café? **(Jordan)**

- e) The Quad bikers are chopping down trees to build ramps in the New hall and Long Ley woods (**Bayliss**)
- f) Mark Hall school underpass update (**Matt**)
- g) Skate park - why was it demolished before the new one is open? (**Michael**)
- h) Why are there rose beds being placed when there could be a child's play area? (**Josh**)
- i) New bus lane. Will the bus stops be relocation along First Ave? (**Hannah**)

Action: As joint leaders were not present **Diane** to send the questions by email for their response.

- 2. **Café Youth.** The youth café preview evening on 12 March was well attended. Over 120 young people visited on the opening weekend on 28 March. Anglia TV wants to visit the café and interview the users and the café youth representatives. Date to be arranged.
- 3. **Community safety officer.** James Dickinson has recently joined the council as the Community Safety Officer in the Community Enforcement team. The Enforcement team work closely with the police and deal with many issues including; Anti Social Behaviour Orders (A.S.B.O.'s), Appropriate Behaviour Contracts (A.B.C.'s), C.C.T.V., Fly tipping, dog fouling, litter. They also have dog rangers who patrol areas. There are five police areas, Central, North, South, East and West. James will be working in the Bush Fair ward at first; he will be working with councillors and members of the community including young people to make the area tidier and safer. He encouraged the Bush fair youth cllrs to get involved in the Bush Fair work and attend the meetings. Dates to follow.
- 4. **Police meeting 17 March** – Inspector Kevin Whipps and Dan Ranking from the Children and Young People Police team at head quarters in Chelmsford met the youth councillors and took questions for 2 hours.

Action:
Inspector Kevin Whipps – send information on funding opportunities for the youth cafe to Diane.
Dan - send personal safety alarms for the youth projects.
Dan - send Diane the Youth Toolkit
Youth councillors - take school issues to school councils

5. Project groups feedback

Young Essex Assembly groups

- a) **Environment.** **Hannah** reported that the group's 'green pledge' will be launched in Schools on the 25th March.
- b) **Transport.** **Hannah** reported that the group to conducted a 'Mystery Shopper' survey on buses to assess responses and attitudes towards young people.

Harlow Youth Council groups

- a) **Funding. Bharat** has submitted a funding application to the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital fund, for running an accredited training course on Introducing Youth Councils.
- b) **Staple Tye. Michael** reported that there were plans to build a multi use/all weather sports court on the field near Longbanks that will be a designated dog-free area. Plans to resurface the Berecroft / Harlow Common hard standing with astro turf, new fences with gates, locks, and new lighting.
- c) **Princess Alexandra hospital. Jack** reported that he and Daniel had been given a tour of the hospital; they found the nano technology impressive. There were plans to work with Passmores School and Technology College and hold an open day for the pupils.
- d) **International Women's Day. Sophie** reported that **Josh** and she ran an information stall at the event. **Josh** said it was a good day, the college was there promoting different courses.
- e) **Canal boat away day. Sean** reported it was a good day, as they had to make two films to develop teambuilding. The work contributed to the Accredited course work.
- f) **Square meeting 28th March. Hannah** reported that Square One are taking over the building on 4th July and will be open on Thursday to Sunday. Thursday will be club nights (techno, DJ), Friday and Saturday night will be the same and Sunday for older people. **Hannah** will be arranging a meeting with Simon Walsh from County Hall and Bill Rammell MP. Date to be decided. As Essex County Council will no longer be responsible for the Square they will move the rock club to another venue (to be decided). **Hannah** said it must be central.
- g) **Jack Petchey grants. Hannah and Michael** to decide what to spend their money on.

6. Diary Updates

- a) **I.T. training** has been organised for youth councillors to set up individuals IT profiles. Organised all week (Mon – Fri) at 3 – 4pm in the member's room. Everyone to attend. Michael has typed up the I.T. notes for everyone. (in the post file)
- b) **Houses of Parliament** visit 10 April.

Any Other Business

- a) **Thank you to Councillors** Su Lawton and John Paul Goddard who are standing down as councillors. **Michael** suggested sending them thank you cards.
- b) **Condolences to families of Cllr Rob Eschle and Greg Peck** who sadly passed away. **Michael** suggested sending them thank you cards.

Action: Michael to organise cards
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- c) **Cycling England** has e mailed the youth councillors for their support in their bid.

Action: Charlie to write a letter of support.

- d) **St Clare's hospice** charity fund raising Night Walk. £15 entry.

Action: Hannah to confirm **Bridget** is still able to organise a girls group

- e) **Post Trays.** Empty trays weekly and read the folder as it saves printing things 28 times.
f) **Distribution list.** Read the document and pass it on quickly as it saves paper and postage.
g)
h) **Agenda items** in to Diane by 20th April as it is a bank holiday.

Next meeting: Monday 12 May

Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm

Venue: CR2A and 2B Civic Centre