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Gedling Youth Council

Agenda

Date: Monday 18 September 2023

Time: 5.30 pm

Place: Chappell Room

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Gedling Youth Council

Membership

Chair Halle Sibanda

Vice-Chair Fatimah Malik

Leyla Abass
Kadie Bullivant
Taylor Chaplin
Stella Clarke
Imogen Clunie
Chloe Dring
Lauren Eley
Sophie Fuller
Ruth Harding
Riley Kirton
Aimee Kimpton
Muhammed Malik
Caitlin O'Connor
Freddie Vokes

Councillor Kathryn Fox - Portfolio Holder for Life Chances and Vulnerability.

Councillor Sandra Barnes - Policy Advisor for Vulnerability

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- 1 **Welcome, refreshments, apologies received.**
- 2 **Nomination of temporary Chair.**
- 3 **Minutes of last meeting, actions arising.** 5 - 6
- 4 **Group Chat discussions: subjects members want to raise.**
- 5 **Recruitment and inauguration of incoming Youth Council 2024 - 2026.**
- 6 **Guest speaker Sim Duhra, GBC Climate Change Officer: Gedling Borough Council's journey to net zero.**

Video, Q and A.
- 7 **Guest speaker Expressions of Interest (if received).**
- 8 **Gedling Young People's Consultation Action Plan (App.1) proposals for future meeting themes and guest speakers:** 7 - 11

Completed:
 - **Communications** – GBC Comms Team Lead Rob McCleary
 - **Social Mobility (link to Employability, Entrepreneurship Equality and Diversity in Consultation Action Plan)** – Lance Juby, Head of Service, Communities and Leisure – **Action Arising:** - nominate YC representative onto Gedling Social Mobility Commission.
 - **Environmental Sustainability** – Sim Duhra, GBC Climate Change Officer.**Remaining:**
 - **Activities for Young People** – NCC Youth Service Sean Ryan – Gedling Team Lead / Pom Bhogal, Group Manager.
 - **Equality and Diversity** – Cllrs Fox and Barnes (feedback and discussion, Arnold Summer Fair Sat 24th June, Strategic Equalities Group Priorities).
 - **Young People's Safety** – Mark Stanley, Gedling Policing Team Lead, Niki Pekal, GBC Community Safety Officer, Environment.
 - **'You Said, We Did' Presentation to Council** and invitation to attend Gedling Corporate Management Team meeting (CMT) meeting – Feb 2024.
 - **Review of Youth Mayor role.**
- 9 **Member of Youth Parliament / Countywide Youth Parliament Updates, YC Away day feedback - Amy Beckworth.**

10 Future meeting dates:

All 5.30 – 7.30pm in the Chappell Room, 1st floor, unless otherwise stated on the agenda:

2023

20th November

2024

19th February

22nd April (Inaugural meeting of incoming Youth Council 2024 – 2026)

Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting

Monday 17th April 2023

In Attendance

Muhammad Malik, Fatimah Malik, Sam Boulby and guest, Leyla Abass, Freddie Vokes, Aimiee Kimpton, Cllr Kathryn Fox, Jane Ansell, Amy Beckworth.

Guests: Rob McCleary, GBC Communications Manager, Lance Juby, GBC Head of Communities and Leisure, Rachel Clark, Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme Lead.

1. Welcome, refreshments, apologies received.

Apologies received from Caitlin and Councillor Viv McCrossen.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, actions arising.

Minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Group chat discussions: subjects members want to raise.

Members would like to push for recruitment. Possible ways to do this which were suggested is posters to be put in school and youth club notice boards, PowerPoints to be circulated in school forms and possible live streaming of Council meetings depending on logistics.

4. Final nominations and vote

Final nominations for Youth Mayor: Sam, Freddie and Aimee.

Elected: Freddie

Final nominations for Vice Chair: Sam and Fatimah.

Elected: Fatimah

5. Gedling Young People's Consultation Action Plan, Proposals for future meeting themes and guest speakers.

Communications- GCB Comms Team Lead Rob McCleary.

Plans to incorporate the Youth Council with the wider Council Awareness days/events.

Actions agreed: Choose a national awareness date in advance, with a view to creating some YC led material for a social media post. Rob to attend the YC meeting closest to that date to capture footage for the post.

Social Mobility- Lance Juby, Head of Service Communities and Leisure.

Advocate for pushing services and making sure they are delivered correctly. Would like to engage with Universities and young people about what can be done to further educational and career attainment.

LJ acknowledged some cold spots:

Young people

Health Inequalities

Early Years Provision (0-4)

Actions agreed: circulate a date, time and format for a meeting to discuss matters further. Chair Halle expressed an interest, further nominations to be identified via the group chat.

6. Guest speaker Rachel Clark, NCC Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme Lead

Some points which were raised by the Youth Council in the previous meeting were addressed.

Transition from child to adult services- agreed transition procedures need improvement, and have subsequently increased the age for YP Mental Health Service eligibility from 0-18 to 0-25.

Services provided- have changed approach from just giving out a mental health diagnosis to early intervention and advice.

Awareness of services available to young people- it was suggested they need to address the general public and create a better understanding throughout all generations.

Funding- Despite hubs like Base 51 being shut down, funding is still being increased and those services are still available elsewhere.

Work being done in schools:

14 support teams will be created by 2024 consisting of fully trained NHS staff, which will be distributed across schools. Each team will be able to cover around 8000 students.

RC would like to engage Gedling Youth Council further with MH2K coproduction and consultation. **Action:** JA to liaise with RC to facilitate.

7. Youth Council Away Day Plans

Date chosen from the ones offered- 20th August

Holiday Activities and Food funding to be utilised.

Actions agreed: email out dates and decide on final arrangements.

Draft Gedling Youth Council Action Plan in response to the Gedling Young People's Consultation outcomes 2021

Theme	Action	Leads	Time frames
Mission Statement	The Council aims to improve its communication with Young People in the borough by using dedicated methods and media that is relevant to their experience		
An Instagram platform for communicating with young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in partnership with Notts County Council to develop an associated social media platform and build the content population of this database. Encourage NCC to build engagement through any platform, link our GBC Commis with Youth and Community providers in the Borough <p>https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/youth-services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Scope, identify funding and engage partners 	NCC Youth Service NCC Children and Families Service GBC Comms/ CR Team External Comms providers NTU engagement	2021 - 2023
Mission Statement	The Council will work with its partners to provide and promote a range of activities during school holidays that is accessible and engaging to young people of all ages and abilities		
Activities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Activities and Food Programme Enhanced young People's holiday activities Events, Intergenerational activities Family Food Clubs rollout Increase support for local Voluntary Youth provision, especially for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 	NCC/GBC	Annual programmes 2021 – 2023 Ongoing

Mission Statement	The council aims to provide more opportunities for young people to gain employability skills, in order to better prepare the next generation for entering the workplace		
Employability and entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with GBC Economic Development and Jobcentre Plus on representing at Employability Events • Advocate for Work Experience placements • Increase employability and careers guidance support for young people • Work with Futures, JC Plus and local employers to deliver a Careers Event for Gedling Young People 	GBC Economic Development Futures JCPlus Schools	2021 - 2023
Mission Statement	The Council and its partners aim to ensure that young people in the borough are equally respected and feel included in the actions we take to improve the borough, and in the services that we provide		
Addressing inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross reference working with Equalities Consultation delivery plan • Instagram links to LGBTQI+ SEND support and information • Multicultural engagement, multicultural activities • Intergenerational activities 	GBC Communications, CR Team, all departments	2021 - 2023
Mission Statement	The Council will work with the Children and Young People's Mental Health Board to ensure better access for young people to health and wellbeing support, including mental health services, by aiming to reduce the waiting time for appointments to 3 weeks		
Health and Wellbeing, including Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Children and Young People's Mental Health Board to identify and improve access to services in Gedling • Population of Instagram • Advocate for Young People's Health and Wellbeing service improvements in the Borough, especially Mental Health services 	GBC Community Relations Team, Public Protection Health/ICP NCC Youth Services	2021 - 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local community and young people’s clubs, sports and health groups and Positively Empowered Kids to develop local offers • Engage with Children and Young People’s Mental Health Executive Action Plan <p>The Thrive Approach – Healthy Young Minds (healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk)</p>	NCC Children and Families Service CAMHS CYPMHE	
Mission Statement	The council aims to work with young people and public protection partners to provide guidance on how to report bullying and harassment and access to personal safety advice		
Young people’s safety Sources of support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population of Instagram • Engage with Commissioned Partners to advocate for improvements to safety and support offers in the Borough • Gather data and information to inform our response to external funding opportunities 	GBC Notts Police NCC Youth Service Respect programme	2021 - 2023
Mission Statements	<p>The council aims to make public walkways, parks and nature reserves more sustainable and accessible for young people to use in order to improve their wellbeing now and in the future.</p> <p>The youth council supports ‘Kids Against Plastic’ in their campaign to encourage schools to sign up to their ‘plastic clever schools’ initiative and achieve carbon neutrality by 2023</p>		
Environmental sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Notts County Council Environmental and Youth Services, GBC Waste Services and Kids Against Plastic to achieve zero single use plastic and improved household recycling • Engage with consultation on the Council’s Environmental Sustainability Strategy and action plan 	GBC Community Relations Team GBC Environmental Services NCC Environment Dept	2021 -2022

Equalities / Culture change

Actions discussed:

- Work with young people identifying within the protected characteristics groups listed in the Equalities Act
- Celebrate the diverse nature of who we are – events should be inclusive in both planning and engagement
- Education - use the right/ new accepted language
- Provide safe space to talk in real terms and feel accepted
- Put bullying, mental health and safety under safeguarding

Observation: All mission statements must have a measurable outcome/ outcomes listed beneath it.

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