

Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting

Monday 16th September 5:30-7:30

1. Welcome, refreshments, icebreaker

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes were accepted as a true record

3. Guest speakers:

- **An introduction to Councillors Viv McCrossen and Kathryn Fox, Portfolio Holder and Policy Advisor for Young people and Equalities**

The council wanted to improve their communication with the Youth and asked for suggestions on how to do this. Some suggestions were made such as using social media to their advantage and to make themselves seem more approachable rather than a figure of authority. It was also said that to make the Youth feel comfortable speaking to the council they need to feel respected.

- **Coral Hotchkiss, Carer's Hub Nottinghamshire: support and activities for Young carers in Nottinghamshire**

The project started as a pilot service and after realising that it is needed, they have started to receive a budget to fund the events they hold. Their main aim is to get their organisation out to the public so people can find out about it. To be part of it you have to answer a few questions over the phone and once you have been passed you can start going to the events. They have a bit of a short budget as they have £150 a month to run the activity and for additional costs like transport and food. Possible suggestions were made such as: school talks, get leaflets in youth clubs, small advertisement and ads in the local news. They organise events such as: paintballing, laser quest, pizza and games etc. The agreed action was to talk about it to our schools and Jane would circulate the information.

4. New initiatives

- **Young People's concerns about Climate Change: Caitlin and Daniel**

Get people to stop buying plastic bottles by installing water fountains in busy places such as town centre or parks. We also thought that it would be a great idea to find out which businesses are the worst with environmental issues such as pollution and waste disposal. Protests were thought to be an effective way of getting your point

across however it is not a good idea to be missing school. Schools could get involved with petitions or become eco – schools.

5. Updates on current work plan

- **Knife crime working group**

Amendments have been made to the script which were suggested and filming is scheduled for the 28th and 29th of September. The total budget of the film is £817.86 for now (funds still pending).