

## **Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 5:30-7:00**

### **1. Welcome, icebreaker**

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes were accepted as a true record.

### **3. Gedling BC Young Peoples consultation outcome**

There were a total of 236 responses.

- Main concerning issues- Top three issues were: bullying, exams, getting a job in the future closely followed by mental health and getting a house in the future.
- Parks and open spaces- Parks with higher satisfaction rates were bigger and more central parks and the parks with lower satisfaction rates are smaller kids playgrounds which won't satisfy the age range the consultation was targeted towards.
- Feeling safe- Not feeling safe is something that has become something that is accepted as normal. The COVID 19 pandemic has specifically impacted this in the sense that people social filters have changed. The police and figures of authority can't actually take any action until something physically happens so things like being followed home or making comments aren't something you can be penalised for which isn't helpful.
- Feeling positive- A suggestion as to why people don't feel as positive about apprenticeships is because the ones available are targeted towards stereotypically male dominant fields leaving no apprenticeship opportunities for young females or what young females would be more interested in doing.
- Physical and mental health- There isn't enough support for mental health in younger people. A lot of people are placed on very long waiting lists and when they turn 18 aren't transferred to an 18+ list and therefore are left with no help. It is notable that COVID 9 has again impacted this as with mental health issues face to face support is quite important which is very limited right now.

- Treating people fairly- An improvement suggested for the next time this consultation is carried out was to ask for demographics to see how many people that're a part of the LGBTQ+ community and people who are BAME actually completed the consultation and to see how this affects the results.
- Social media- It was agreed that there needs to be a social media platform to unify all the services available for young people and where the Youth Council and Youth mayor can regularly update. The biggest response was that Instagram is the most suitable social media platform to do this on. We need to actually promote the social media rather than just making it and leaving it up to young people to come across it themselves. A suggestion with how we can do this was that we go to places such as the park where you are likely to catch young people and hand out leaflets as well as inform them about the social media platforms.

#### **4. Youth Council Key priorities May 2021-March 2022**

- Recruitment Campaign to engage new members- A lot of our Youth Council members have moved onto University and further education causing a decline in active members. A new recruitment campaign is necessary to get the numbers back up and to have more representation from a wider range of schools.
- Revised Youth Council Work programme- Employability was chosen to be the focus for the next Youth Council Meeting to further discuss what the council is doing.