

# **Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council meeting 28/06/2021**

## **5.30 - 7.00pm on Teams**

**In Attendance:** Halle Sibanda, Muhammad Malik, Daniel Hanlon, Caitlin O'Connor, Councillors McCrossen and Fox, Jane Ansell.

**Guests:** Sarah Layzell (Jobcentre Plus), Kathryn Banning (GBC Economic Development).

### **1. Welcome, introductions, minutes of last meeting: Chair**

An icebreaker was introduced by the chair, and guest speakers were introduced.

### **2. Gedling BC Young People's consultation recommendations to Cabinet**

Members were informed of the report and recommendations of the Gedling Young People's survey considered by Cabinet in May 2021.

**The following key areas for improvement to services in Gedling were identified from the survey:**

- Communications platform for young people
- Examining services to young people, advocating improvements
- Cultural change

### **Key areas of concern identified in the Survey:**

- ✓ Activities for young people
- ✓ Health and Wellbeing, inc. Mental Health
- ✓ Employability and entrepreneurship
- ✓ Addressing inequalities
- ✓ Young people's safety
- ✓ Sources of support
- ✓ Environmental sustainability

The report recommended that the Portfolio Holder and Policy Advisor for Young People and Equalities works with the Youth Council to inform an action plan to address the above issues.

Agreed Action: JA will arrange a sub group meeting with the Portfolio Holder, Policy Advisor and nominated members Halle, Muhammad and Daniel to look at the outcomes and consider how the Youth Council can support an Action Plan.

### **Update**

A meeting was duly held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, at which it was AGREED that wider Youth Council Members would brainstorm a number of 'Mission Statements' at the next meeting, covering the key themes listed above, to drive forward and promote change and improvements.

### **3. Employability:**

Guest Speakers Sarah Layzell, Jobcentre Plus and Kathryn Banning, GBC Economic Development Team spoke about the various services and target groups that they support in Gedling to become job ready. This included an Employability event 'Well4Work' that Jobcentre Plus was preparing in collaboration with Gedling BC, taking place on Arnold Market, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Sarah invited members to attend and act as 'meet and greet'. To encourage people to engage with the stalls. It was agreed that JA and Sarah would look at the feasibility of the proposal, subject to suitability and safety.

#### **Update**

In the event, due to the target audience for the event being adults, and there being no provision in the JCPlus risk assessment for under 18 participation, the decision was taken not to proceed.

However it was AGREED that JCPlus would engage further with the Youth Council to hold a Careers event via their Schools leads next year instead, where Youth Council members could both act as ambassadors, and recruit new Youth Council members, post Covid restrictions.

### **4. Youth Council key priorities May 2021 – March 2022**

Members confirmed the following key priorities

- Recruitment Campaign to engage new members
- Revised Youth Council work programme
- Supporting the Young People's Consultation action plan

#### **Future meeting dates – all Mondays, 5.30 – 7.00pm:**

- 20 September 2021
- 22 November 2021
- 21 February 2022
- 25 April 2022