

Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council 2022 – 2024 Inaugural Meeting

Monday 9th May 2022

5.30 - 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre

1. Welcoming Address: Overview of Gedling Youth Council – John Clarke, Leader of the Council

Councillor Clarke congratulated the Gedling Youth Council on their outstanding work to date, and encouraged new members to take part in as many opportunities as possible during their three year tenure.

2. Gedling Youth Council's Achievement of the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire's Young People's Volunteer Award 2020 - Deputy Lord Lieutenant Jean Pardoe OBE

DLL Jean Pardoe gave details of her citation and recommendation of the Gedling Youth Council for the Award, and wished members well for the future.

3. Working with the Gedling Youth Council – Cllr Viv McCrossen

Cllr McCrossen gave an overview of the achievements of successive Youth Councils, and shared her positive experience of working with members in recent years.

4. Appointment of incoming Chair – new Gedling Member of Nottinghamshire Youth Parliament (MYP) Muhammad Malik - Halle Sibanda, Acting Chair 21/22

Halle formally handed over as Chair to Muhammad Malik following his successful appointment as MYP for Gedling, and praised his hard work and vision for the Youth Council.

5. Opening address: Muhammad Malik, incoming Chair

Muhammad formally accepted the role of Chair and gave an overview of his hopes and plans in the new role.

6. Announcement of incoming Youth Mayor

Fatimah Malik was formally nominated for the role of Youth Mayor 2022/23, pending appointment at the Annual Council AGM and Mayor making ceremony on Wednesday 18th May.

7. Nomination of incoming Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – expressions of interest

A number of members put forward expressions of interest for the above roles. Further nominations to be gathered via email. Appointments to be made at the next meeting.

8. Youth Council Members future focus, subjects for discussion and guest speakers

A general discussion highlighted the following possible areas of focus and guest speakers:

- Affordable, safe transport for young people
- Mental Health: Work with schools and agencies to improve access to support
- Campaign to address bullying and discrimination – scrutinise how bullying is addressed in schools and other settings, advocate for better ongoing support to deal with the aftermath of bullying
- Careers event/Employability skills building session at an off-school site location – assistance with UCAS Applications, CV writing, Careers advice
- Respond to the areas raised by young people in the Gedling YP Survey
- Young People's safety: Invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to address the Youth Council; explore a Youth Crime Commissioner or Champion role

9. GBC Updates: Gedling Young People's Consultation Action Plan

Jane Ansell flagged some areas of work being progressed as part of the YP Consultation Action Plan, including YP mental and physical health and wellbeing, YP leisure and holiday activities, youth zones at the Council's events, work with young people at risk of disaffection.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm and was followed by a buffet tea.