

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Chappell Room, Civic centre 5:30pm-7:30 pm**

### **1. Welcomes and apologies**

**Apologies received:** Halle Sibanda, Riley Kirton, Aimee Kimpton

**In attendance:** Caitlin O'Connor, Muhammad Malik, Fatimah Malik, Sam Boulty and guest, Leyla Abass, Freddie Vokes, Cllr Viv McCrossen, Cllr Kathryn Fox, Jane Ansell, Amy Beckworth

**Guests:** Ebele Omo-Bamawo, NNE PBP Community Development Worker

### **2. Review of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes reviewed and accepted as a true record. JA gave feedback from YP Mental Health Services as an outcome of discussion with MH service leads at the last meeting.

### **3. Group chat discussions**

Discussed YC members going into schools to do talks on bullying, questions were raised as to whether that is possible due to School child protection procedures. Important to find out what is happening inside schools now.

**Action: JA/AB to contact Kieran to ask for the Gedling School's bullying policies he had previously collated.**

**Action: Survey to be sent off in school to find out what is happening in terms of Anti Bullying policies, but it needs to be positive to make sure school allows access.**

**Action: Follow up mental health discussion in more depth when more members in attendance – YP MH Commissioner Rachel Clark attending next meeting.**

### **4. Next meeting**

Scheduled date is close to exams. Subject to availability of scheduled guest, YP Mental Health Service Commissioner Rachel Clark, the meeting will be brought forward to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, if not it will remain on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **5. Nominations**

Nominations were sought for incoming Youth Mayor, YC Chair and Vice Chair.

- Halle will be stepping up as YC Chair and Youth Parliament Representative.
- Youth Mayor nominations: Sam Boulty and Freddie Vokes
- Vice Chair nominations: Freddie Vokes, Sam Boulty and Fatimah Malik

Existing:

- Secretary: Caitlin O'Connor
- Treasurer: Leyla Abass

**Action: Further nominations from all members will be requested via email, and final votes cast at the next meeting.**

**Action: Youth Council and GBC/NCC Youth Service to scrutinise the role of Youth Mayor during 23/24 to review purpose, arrangements for engagements, profile of the role and communications.**

**Refreshment break 6.45pm**

## **6. Proposals for future meeting themes**

Members broke into groups, each selecting a manifesto pledge from the Gedling Youth Consultation Action Plan, with the task to brainstorm areas of interest and potential guest speakers for the 2023/2024 meeting schedule. Outcomes as follows:

- **Theme: Communication.** Talk to Rob McCleary about options for dedicated communications to Young People by the council. Seek funding from Councillors to support social media. Talk to School's comms officers, published papers and news providers.
- **Action: Review research paper on YP Dedicated Comms completed by Sophie Fuller on her GBC Work Experience Placement.**
- **Theme: activities for young people.** Invite in youth club leaders to talk about what they offer for young people especially in half term. Need to tackle ASB in half term. Youth clubs should allow non-FSM children in and see different opening hours.
- **Theme: Environment.** Talk to schools about education on climate change, cut down on single use plastic in schools and make sure recycling is being processed properly. Vaping being a massive issue and not being disposed of properly, need a way to get younger people to dispose of batteries correctly. Talk to waste manager and carbon reduction manager about the Councils action plan. Invite someone from County Council to discuss green space, parks and paths. Making green spaces safe and useable for young people, such as allowing ball games, having people treat you negatively due to age. Chase up on public transport to cut down on pollution and make green space accessible.
- **Theme: Addressing inequality.** Councillors McCrossen and Fox, who are Equality and Diversity Portfolio Holders and also Chair and Vice Chair of the Gedling Strategic Equalities group. Talk to Pastoral leads in schools. Intergenerational conference was very beneficial, should not repeat it but rather deliver an inter-cultural event instead. Consider a general reporting route.

**Action: Gedling Youth Consultation Action Plan Action plan and future meeting themes to be discussed in Next meeting.**

## **7. Prepare questions for Mental Health Commissioning Lead**

To be discussed in the group chat.

## **8. Away Day**

Amy gathered ideas from young people for the proposed YC away day. Suggestions included Laser Tag, Bowling, Escape room. Can remove transport from budget.

**Action: Amy to update at the next meeting**

## **9. Meeting closed at 7.30pm**