

# **Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council 2024 – 2027 Inaugural Meeting**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

**5.30 - 7.30pm in the Chappell Room, Civic Centre**

## **In Attendance:**

- Members: Stella Clarke, Lydia Yates, Charlie Rose, Alex Eggleston, Tilda Hatton, Leyla Abass, Freddie Vokes, Fatimah Malik, Sara Agabani, Molly Wright, Alex Millar, Afina (Newstead Youth Club)
- Outgoing Member: Muhammad Malik
- GBC Councillors John Clarke, Kathryn Fox, Sandra Barnes
- GBC Officers Jane Ansell, Anthony Moore
- NCC Youth Worker Amy Beckworth
- Youth Practitioner St Pauls Church Jo Jones

### **1. Welcome, refreshments, opening remarks from interim Chair**

Fatimah Malik

Ice Breaker- “What are you going to do in the holidays?”

New members each described their holiday plans.

### **2. Role of the Youth Council, opportunities to represent young people’s views, scrutinise and champion key Council plans and services** Jane Ansell, Community Partnerships Manager

### **3. Achievements of the Gedling Youth Council**

Jane Ansell (community partnerships manager) gave an overview of the 10 years of the youth councils achievements. Cllr Kathryn Fox, Portfolio Holder for Life Chances and Vulnerability added her thoughts and appreciation for the work of youth council over the years.

### **4. My experience as a Member of Gedling Youth Council:** Muhammad Malik, former Treasurer, Member of Youth Parliament, Chair and Youth Mayor 2020/2021, gave a presentation of his history and development in the youth council and the opportunities it gave him.

### **5. Cllr John Clarke, Leader of the Council** joined the meeting and expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of all the council members over the last decade.

## 6. Appointments

### 6.1 Appointment of Chair

Amy Beckworth, NCC Youth Worker outlined links to the County Member of Youth Parliament elections. Amy explained that the incoming chair role is automatically designated to the elected Gedling Member of the Countywide Youth Parliament for Nottinghamshire.

**Ryo Reynolds was elected in that capacity**, however we were not able to attend the inaugural meeting.

### 6.2 Nominations for Youth Mayor – expressions of interest:

Four candidates put their names forward: Lydia Yates, Stella Clarke, Charlie Rose and Fatimah Malik. Each candidate made an address in support of their nomination, and a secret ballot was held.

**Stella Clarke was the successful candidate.**

### 6.3 Nomination of Vice Chair– expressions of interest:

Three candidates put their names forward for the role: Freddie Vokes, Fatimah Malik and Tilda Hatton. Following addresses and a secret ballot,

**Freddie Vokes was the successful candidate.**

### 6.4 Nomination of Secretary- expressions of interest:

One candidate put their name forward for the role: Lydia Yates. **Lydia Yates was duly elected unopposed to the role.**

### 6.5 Nomination of treasurer – expressions of interest:

One candidate put their name forward: Charlie Rose. **Charlie Rose was duly elected unopposed to the role.**

## 7. Buffet and social section

During the social section of the meeting, Members discussed future areas of focus, subjects for discussion and guest speakers. The following suggestions were put forward:

- **PSHE lessons at school** – feedback input from students, more informative, delivery approach, delivery – sensitive.
- **Politics** – Learning about the Youth Council, how to vote, political system, media misinformation.
- **Bullying** – Gedling anti-bullying day? Crazy hair, odd socks
- **Vaping/drugs** – learn about the effects, look at how young people are buying vapes.
- **Environment** – push recycling in school, Youth Council led litter pick.

## 8. Future meeting dates

All meetings are on Mondays 5.30 – 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Civic Centre, unless otherwise stated on the agenda papers for each meeting.

### 2024

- 22nd July
- 23rd September
- 11th November

### 2025

- 17th February
- 28th April