

Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council meeting held on 22/09/34

In Attendance: Freddie Vokes (Chair) Stella Clarke (Youth Mayor), Lydia Yates (Vice Chair, Secretary), Charlie Rose (Treasurer), Jude Blakely, Afina Adams, Sara Agabani, Molly Wright, Alex Eggleston, Cllr Barnes, Peter Barnes, Amy Beckworth, guest speakers Alison Gibson and Hilary Brown.

1. Welcome, apologies received

Apologies received from Cllr Fox, Jane Ansell, Fatimah Malik, Leyla Abass

2. Icebreaker

Members completed an icebreaker introducing themselves and their favourite crisp flavour as asked for by Freddie

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2024

Minutes were accepted as true record by all members present

4. Items raised in the youth council group chat

No items raised by members

5. Clarification of role of youth mayor, chair and individual members

- Stella reaffirmed that the roles are separate.
- Members introduced themselves
- Stella introduced as youth mayor, Freddie as chair, Lydia as secretary and Charlie as treasurer.

6. Youth Mayor updates

- Stella recapped on the Carlton Towns Board (CTB) and it's role for the benefit of those members who were not present at the previous meeting.
- Stella updated that there are lots of ideas/ proposals and the CTB is waiting for plans to be put into place for spending on receiving budget.

7. Gedling Social Mobility Commission

- Freddie deferred this item to the next meeting due to Fatimahs absence.

8. Standing item: Communications

- Stella introduced Anthony More from the GBC Communications Team
- Antony outlined his role within the Council and Communications Team.
- Young persons Pride of Gedling award - agreed that the council would think about nominating.
- Antony expressed willingness to engage with young people - clarified that we as individuals can email - email given: communications@gedling.gov.uk
- Charlie suggested having a TikTok account to reach more young people
- Antony suggested the youth councillors share on behalf of the council - members agreed with this
- Alex further promoted the question of a TikTok account
- Antony agreed that he would push for this more
- Charlie suggested having guidelines for who can be nominated/win the Dylan Barker award

- Antony cleared up that the previous winners' stories are shared and there is no criteria/ age limit.

9. Guest speaker: Alison Gibson - the greater Nottingham plan

- A detailed presentation was presented to members informing them about the greater Nottingham plan: sets out strategic policies to guide development up to 2041
- Alison covered the draft plan and evidence to support
- Links were to be sent out for members to access the summary of the plans website
- Freddie asked how transport will be improved in the plan
- Alison confirmed that with every housing plan, transport links are met through sparing money for the sector
- Freddie asked if tram lines would be extended, Alison pointed out the sustainable transport links for areas
- Alex asked if public areas/ open spaces can be integrated into the plans
- Alison introduced green corridors that would protect/ create green spaces for public use
- Charlie raised concerns about how young people are being informed about the greater plan
- Alison made members aware that they have visited schools and attended the Youth Council previously, she confirmed that the plan is on TikTok and other social media, and articles have been placed in the contact magazine.
- Anthony shared that the Contacts Magazine is posted through all the doors in Gedling and available online. He also mentioned the paid advertising is targeted at certain groups online.
- Jude was concerned about the strain on public services that could be caused as a result of the plan
- Alison outlined that the accessibility of infrastructure including public services are a priority when looking into housing plans - an independent examiner checks that these are sufficient.
- Peter Barnes - raised concerns about planting older trees in the Gedling country park
- Alison suggested talking to Mel Cryer as it is not her area of expertise
- Cllr Barnes congratulated members on their useful questions
- Sara questioned the affordability of housing, Alison informed members about policies targeted at addressing that.

10. Guest speaker - Hilary - phenomenal futures

- Hilary introduced Phenomenal Futures and its functions as a charity with the aim to address domestic abuse
- Hilary made members aware of the invisibility of young people's engagement with the issue
- Members took part in a 'true or false' quiz to inform them of important statistics regarding abuse
- Hilary informed members of the upcoming White Ribbon event taking place in the chamber. ACTION: Hilary to send dates through to be put out to the youth council, event date: **23rd of November**

- Charlie commented that education on the subject is minimal and it has become a normalised issue, and asked whether the organisation goes into schools to address this.
- Hilary said that going into schools is something they are developing along with resources that can be used.
- Afina asked if more will be done with younger school years, Hilary said her work is targeted towards 16-24 year olds however content is made age appropriate for all
- Sandra highlighted the importance of schools, and Hilary agreed
- Charlie suggested that work should be done with young men to cooperate with the cause
- Jude expressed agreement with the idea about going into schools, Hilary in agreement
- Amy asked for resources to be put out by herself through to youth groups
- Hilary outlined that she wishes to work aside young people to create these resources
- Anthony responded to Charlie affirming that the white ribbon event is male focused and that the Council is considering making a film.
- ACTION - film will be shown to the Youth Council through Jane, to be evaluated and feedback provided by members

11. Guest speaker Inspector Mark Stanley: absent

12. Open discussion: deferred due to the absence of Insp. Stanley

13. Expressions of interest

- It was agreed that Jackie Wilson of positively empowered kids and Johann Polak from GBC leisure team were to be invited to attend the next meeting/a future meeting tbc.
- ACTION: It was agreed that the Youth Council would invite Insp. Stanley to a future meeting
- Cllr Barnes and Peter Barnes informed members about Partnership with Assen in the Netherlands.
- Partnership with France to be discussed at the next meeting when Jane is present

14. Update on countywide youth parliament: Amy beck worth

- Amy announced that Freddie had been nominated for the **Make Your Mark Award (to be checked at next meeting)**

15. Any other business

- Charlie asked about the British Youth Parliament, Amy confirmed that it no longer exists
- Freddie clarified future meeting dates, listed below:
- **Post meeting update:** Jane Ansell will not attend the next meeting due to events commitments over Remembrance Weekend.

2024: 11th November

2025: 17th February, 28th April