

## **Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**In Attendance:** Tilda Hatton, Fatimah Malik, Leyla Abass, Tish Phelps, Matilda Garland, Alex Truong, Alex Eggleston, Lydia Yates, Emma Price, Evelyn Parker Cllrs Fox and Barnes, Jane Ansell.

**Guest speakers:** Ben Haig, Norma Gregory, Claire Nunn (Heritage, Economic Growth and Regeneration and Visitor Economy Strategies Consultants as listed at item 7 in these minutes); Sade Thomas (Nottm and Notts Violence Reduction Partnership); Christina Barbican (NCVS/'Runspire'); Sergeant Alison Riley and PC Michael Callan the Gedling North Policing Team.

### **1. Welcome, apologies received**

- Apologies received from Freddie Vokes, Stella Clarke, Charlie Rose, Sarah Agabani, Molly Wright, incoming new members Aphenia, Rakesh, Noor Ahmed; Amy Beckworth (NCC Youth Service), Anthony Moore (GBC Communications).

### **1. Icebreaker**

- Members introduced themselves and completed an icebreaker: 'Why did you join the Youth Council?'

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

- Minutes were accepted as true record by all members present

### **3. Items raised in the youth council group chat**

Communication had been made regarding the proposed over 16s workshop with Hilary Brown of Phenomenal Futures, taking place on **24<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm at Arnot Hill House.**

**ACTION:** Amy Beckworth to provide final confirmation of arrangements in the group chat.

**ACTION:** Amy to add new members to the group chat, once she has all the parental consent forms returned to her.

**ACTION:** JA advised new members to bring their completed consent forms to the next meeting in April, when Amy will be present to receive them.

### **4. Youth Mayor updates**

- In Youth Mayor Stella Clarke's absence. Cllr Fox remarked on both Stella and Charlie Rose's positive input to the Carlton Towns Board to date.

### **5. Gedling Social Mobility Commission**

- Fatimah shared feedback on her induction to the Social Mobility Commission, and her intention to act as a conduit for input to the Commission from wider Youth Council members and young people generally.

## 6. Standing item: Communications

- In Anthony Moore's absence, Cllr Fox remarked on the positive plans for Youth Mayor social media championship of International Women's Day 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## 7. Guest speakers:

**Ben Haig, Focus Consultants:** Gedling Economic Growth and Visitor Economy Strategies

**Norma Gregory, Heritage Practitioner and Claire Nunn, Hayley Sharpe Consultants:** Gedling Heritage Strategy

**Sade Thomas and/or Lucy Lyndsay (TBC)** - Community Engagement Officers, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership: Violence against Women and Girls / emerging threats to young people's safety, resources and advice for communities and young people.

**Christina Barbian, Nottingham CVS:** 'Runspire' Young People's Sports, Health and Wellbeing initiative

Due to the absence of Chair Freddie Vokes and Youth Mayor Stella Clarke, Lydia Yates, Secretary and Vice Chair, had to step into the Chair and was therefore unable to minute these discussions in detail, however an overview is provided as follows:

Ben Haig gave an overview of the **Economic Growth and Visitor Economy Strategies** and received some thought-provoking responses from members on concerns and ideas for town centres, encouraging economic growth and the young people factor.

An interactive session was delivered by Norma and Clare in the Beeston Room covering factors around **what Heritage means to young people**, and how that can be integrated into the Council's **Heritage Strategy**.

Christian Barbian of 'Runspire' engaged members in an **online interactive survey** using their phones to vote on their health and wellbeing behaviours, preferred activities for wellbeing, and ways of reaching young people with wellbeing advice and services.

Members shared their local in and out of school safety concerns and observations with the two **Police representatives**, and there was unanimous support to revisit Police Officer engagement within PHSE and Assembly sessions in local schools. Sergeant Riley pledged to raise this within the Policing Teams and identify what resources could be made available, recognising that public services are all very stretched at present.

**Sade Thomas gave a presentation about the role of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership** and her own role in engaging with young people. After the meeting, Sade shared a list of projects and ways in which young people can participate, as follows:

### **Some of the ways young people can get involved:**

- Youth Charter support - We want young people to assess environments that should be a place of safety for young people.
- Supporting with our research – Hearing from young people to understand issues identified and what solutions are needed . (This will be extremely helpful regarding identifying our topic for the Youth Led Conference)
- We want young people to be part of the planning team of our youth led conference, which will be led by young people for young people - aimed at amplifying young people to have a platform.
- Normalising Behaviour Campaign – We are looking for groups of young people to produce a campaign around youth safety in relation to places of safety in Nottingham City and County.
- Melissa Adler - Children's Society Research – Partake in research around gender and exploitation.

All guests pledged to take back all input received from Members at the meeting to inform and shape their ongoing work in Gedling and were thanked by the Chair for their time and attendance.

### **8. Update on countywide youth parliament: Amy Beckworth**

Item deferred, as Amy was not present.

### **9. Any other business**

Councillor Fox presented a pre prepared Letter of Support from the Youth Council for the development of Young People's recreational and physical activity facilities at St Marys Park in Arnold, which included support for Special Educational Needs friendly facilities and design.

**AGREED:** That Lydia Yates, Acting Chair, would sign the letter of support on behalf of the Chair and Youth Mayor. The letter would then be sent to St Mary's Redevelopment Group secretary Cllr Kyle Robinson Payne.

### **Future meeting dates:**

**2025**

28th April

Forward dates beyond April will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.