

## **Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

**5.30 - 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre**

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

**Apologies received from** new member Afina, Evelyn Rose Parker, Freddie Vokes, Charlie Rose, Stella Clarke, Iris Pitt and Alex Eggleston.

### **2. In attendance:** Lydia Yates, Emma Leah-Price, Tilda Hatton, Jude Blakey, Lexie Garratt, Finley Dunn, Sophia Benedek, Fiona Hextall, Amy Beckworth, Cllr Kathryn Fox, Jackie Wilson, Jae Hodgson.

### **3. Icebreaker, to be put forward by the Chair**

Members were asked by the Chair to introduce themselves and share their best moment of half term.

### **4. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025, matters arising**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

- All matters arising are included in the agenda.

### **5. Feedback on YC Members trip to Parliament at the invitation of Michael Payne, MP Weds 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Members reported back how much they enjoyed the trip to Parliament. Lydia Yates formally thanked Michael Payne, MP for the invite and thanked Amy and NCC colleagues for supporting on the day and GBC and Cllr Fox for supporting financially through the GBC Youth Budget.

Lydia also reflected on a question she asked Michael Payne, MP around LGR and where he thinks the Youth Council sits. He was very keen to ensure that Youth Councils continue in the new structure as they are important to our local communities.

### **6. Feedback from Amy – PHSE Motion to Countywide Parliament/YP Board and ongoing Gedling representation on the Board**

Update to be carried over to the next meeting as there hasn't been a Countywide meeting since the last Youth Council meeting.

Note from 22<sup>nd</sup> September. *The matter of Gedling representation on the Youth Parliament Board was discussed, including the potential for better alignment of the current three - year term of Gedling YC Chair with Youth Parliament elections. Amy AGREED to consider options to ensure formal Gedling*

*representation and report back at the next meeting. It was noted that members of Gedling Youth Council are currently attending or deputising (Freddie is the representative, Lydia the Deputy and Jude and Charlie have each stood in where needed), however it is ad hoc.*

**AGREED:** An agenda item on the matter to be added to the next meeting

**7. Standing items:**

**Youth Mayor updates**

Lydia reported that she had been invited to the Carlton Towns Board but was unable to make the last meeting. She has since caught up with Nathan Wall and has been update on the progress to date. Lydia has also been busy attending a range of engagements including attending a care home and the Civic service.

**Gedling Social Mobility Commission:** No meetings have taken place since the last Youth Council meeting. An update will be shared at the next Youth Council meeting.

**Opportunities for Youth Council / Youth Mayor Promotion and Communications** – key issues, initiatives (GBC Communications). Nothing to report at this meeting.

**8. Roundup of plans for White Ribbon Day presentation to Full Council  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Lydia and Stella attended a focus group with Phenomenal Futures and will be presenting their experiences/outcomes at full council on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Lydia gave a brief overview for those that weren't aware of the workshop.

**9. Guest Speaker: Jae Hodgson, Youth Senior Officer, East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)**

Jae gave an overview of the EMCCA Youth Committee. This is an opportunity for young voices to share the future of the community. The areas of core focus are Health and Wellbeing, Climate and Environment, Transport and Accessibility, Education and Skills and Employment and Opportunities.

Young people between 15 to 18 (up to 25 with SEND) and live in the East Midlands can apply.

Sessions take place at different venues across the East Midlands and transport expenses are covered by EMCCA. Meetings are generally afternoons during term time so YP will be granted an authorised absence to attend.

For anyone interested, they will need to complete a short application.

Here are the options:

- **Fill out the attached Word document** and send it back to us.
- **Complete the online version** via Microsoft Forms:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/J7qG6hHsnu?origin=lprLink>
- **Record a video or voice message** answering the questions in the application – feel free to get creative!

Contact Jae Hodgson for further information [Jae.Hodgson@eastmidlands-cca-org.uk](mailto:Jae.Hodgson@eastmidlands-cca-org.uk)

#### **10. Guest Speaker: Jackie Wilson, Positively Empowered Kids/ Next Move**

Jackie gave an overview of the aims of Next Move and an update on the team. Jackie showed the young people a diagram of the work that PEK/Next move have been doing over the last 18 months with the key partners that have been involved in the work.

Jackie gave some examples of the activities that YP have been taking part in over the summer and during September/October.

Jackie invited Youth Council members to connect with next move project through social media. A dedicated Instagram and Tik Tok have been set up for the project as a way for young people to connect with PEK and partners to let them know their views and get involved in the project. Connect via @Next\_Move\_Youth.

Jackie also spoke about the opportunities available to young people around leadership, volunteering and gaining life skills, such as wellbeing, resilience and employability.

#### **11. Future guest speakers and areas of interest, upcoming Council Consultations and other developments**

- KF mentioned a meeting she had with the Friends of Gedling Country Park who are keen to engage more young people at the park. The group agreed to invite them along to the next meeting.
- FH mentioned that Prevent are keen to deliver a presentation to the Youth Council. FH to find out further information about the presentation and bring that along to the next meeting, for the Youth Council to consider with a view to inviting them to a future meeting.
- Lydia mentioned the conversation from previous meetings around the lack of budget specifically for the Youth Council. Cllr Fox mentioned that there are Members pot that the group could apply for funding for. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting to see if there is a specific project that the Youth Council would like to apply for funding for.

#### **12. Social session and refreshments in the Beeston Room at 7.00pm**

Members worked with Amy on a 'motion' raising concerns about PHSE lesson standards in schools, to be put to the County Youth Parliament / YP Board

**Future meeting dates:**

- **2026:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February