

Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting: Monday 27th April 2026

5.30 - 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre

1. **Welcome, apologies received** – A welcome was given by Lydia, who was chairing the meeting due to Freddie's absence.

Apologies received from

Freddie Vokes, Stella Clarke, Iris Pitt, Tilda Hatton, Jude Blakey, Juliet Grain, Ivana Smith

In attendance: Lydia Yates, Emma Leah-Price, Kayanna -Lee McCulloch, Evelyn Rose Parker, Darcey Adams, Lexie Garratt, Alex Eggleston, Vitalia Climenco, Fiona Hextall, Cllr Kathryn Fox.

2. **Icebreaker, to be put forward by the Chair** Members were asked by the Chair to introduce themselves and say what they had done at school or college that day.
3. **Items raised by member in the Youth Council Group Chat** No items raised in the chat. It was noted that the message for nominations around the Youth Mayor had been circulated on several occasions.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2026, matters arising**

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

- All matters arising are included in the agenda.

5. **Youth Mayor Updates, including nominations of incoming Youth Mayor 2026/2027** Lydia gave a brief youth mayor review and pointed out some recent engagements she attended, including the Mapperley All Stars Charity Football Match, The Mayors afternoon tea and Musicals with the Mayor organised by Freddie Vokes and his performing arts organisation.

Due to a lack in nominations received for the 2026/2027 Youth Mayor Lydia asked if she could re stand. It was agreed prior to the meeting that she could re stand on this basis.

On the night there were two nominations for Youth Mayor: Lydia Yates and Emma Price. Those in attendance at the meeting were given a ballot paper and asked to vote. Once the votes had been recorded it was announced that the Youth Mayor for 2026/2027 will be Lydia Yates.

6. **Standing Items:**

Gedling social Mobility Commission

One meeting has taken place since the last Youth Council meeting, unfortunately Fatimah Malik was unable to attend and therefore no update has been provided.

Opportunities for Youth Council / Youth Mayor Promotion and Communications It was agreed at the last meeting that the Youth Council will work with the GBC Communication and engagement team to create a video to promote the Youth Council. This will then be hosted on the Youth Council page of the website and the GBC You Tube channel. Members of the Youth Council will be able to share this through their networks. The Youth Council Members spent some time planning the things that they would like to include in the video. **Action: To spend some time at the next meeting to finalise the planning so that filming can take place in the September meeting.**

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

Amy gave an update on the Youth Parliament elections and was pleased to be able to share with group that Jude Blakey had been successfully appointed as the MYP. Jude will therefore become the Chair of the Gedling Youth Council, and a new vice Chair was appointed during the meeting. Emma Price and Evelyn Parker will co-vice Chair the meetings going forwards.

8. Future guest speakers and areas of interest, upcoming Council Consultations and other developments

- FH mentioned that Gedling Borough Council Planning colleagues are keen to talk about the Local Development Plan Consultation, this will take place in the summer.
- FH mentioned that Prevent are keen to deliver a presentation to the Youth Council. Cllr Fox suggested that Steven King from the Police was keen to attend the meeting and perhaps we could invite him first and then look into prevent for a future meeting
- Members would like to invite the Mayor to a future session, with a new Mayor being elected in May this will take place at a meeting following the April meeting.
- It was agreed that we will keep guest speakers to a maximum of 2 per meeting going forwards.

9. Social session and refreshments in the Beeston Room at 7.00pm

Future meeting dates: next meeting 13th July 2026

- **Provisional 2026/2027 Dates:**
21st September 2026
2nd November 2026
22nd February 2027
26th April 2027