

Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting: Monday 13 July 2026

5.30 - 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre

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

Apologies received from

Stella Clarke, Jude Blakey, Fatimah Malik, Lydia Yates.

In attendance: Freddie Vokes, Shaan Reed, Tilda Hatton, Tory Oshinowo, Lexie Garratt, Juliet Grain, Amy Beckworth, Leanne Parsons, 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 would do or say if they had the world's attention for 30 seconds.
3. **Items raised by member in the Youth Council Group Chat** No items raised in the chat.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 27 April 2026, matters arising**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

- All matters arising are included in the agenda.

5. Standing Items:

Youth Mayor Updates (post-meeting): Lydia was unable to attend but an update was provided for inclusion in the meeting minutes: She gave a brief youth mayor review and pointed out some recent engagements she attended, including the Arnold summer fair and Calverton fun day. She met with soroptimists and attended the International Women's Day conference to further her advocacy with phenomenal futures. Lydia said that she was looking forward to the civic service on Saturday to begin raising some money for the mayors charity: premature babies.

Gedling social Mobility Commission (post-meeting): Fatimah Malik was unable to attend but an update was provided for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

Fatimah said "We had a good discussion regarding the Gedling Housing Strategy and this included some of the challenges faced by younger people in terms housing and in particular affordability. There were two actions from the meeting in relation to this. One was to consider a further discussion at the

Youth Council regarding educating young people regarding their future housing options and another to explore this further with local schools too”.

Opportunities for Youth Council / Youth Mayor Promotion and Communications The Youth Council will work with the GBC Communications and Engagement team to create a video to promote the Youth Council in the September meeting.

LP also mentioned opportunities to include information and updates on the Youth Council in the council's monthly Gedling Borough News emails.

Cllr Fox spoke about the Pride of Gedling Awards and encouraged nominations from members, particularly for the Young Person Award.

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

7. Guest speakers attended the meeting - Claire Mapletoft, Community Protection service at Nottingham City Council and Alison Gibson, Planning Policy Manager for Gedling Borough Council.

8. Youth Council promotional video planning

LP ran through the filming plan with the group and encouraged as many members to attend the September meeting as possible to help make the video a success. Some on-camera speakers will be required during the session to give their views during the filming.

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

- LP suggested future guest speakers for consideration for the November meeting: Sim Durha (Climate Change Office at GBC) to present a climate change film however it was decided that the 50-minute film would be too long to show at the YC meeting and so the group requested an alternative. Post meeting, Sim advised she could speak about general climate initiatives across Gedling instead.
- Post-meeting, a member of the GBC EGR team requested to speak at YC to talk about the Pride in Place programme logo competition.
- Inspector Steven King to be considered for a future meeting too.

Amy B suggested using a poll with the young people to decide on speakers for the next meeting. Due to the time sensitivity of the EGR topic, this is recommended for the November meeting.

10. AOB - It was agreed that the agenda for the September meeting will be cleared to enable sufficient time for filming the promotional video.

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

12. Future 2026/27 meeting dates: next meeting is 21 September 2026.

Following meetings:

2 November 2026

22 February 2027

26 April 2027