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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

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Friday 26 August 2011

Present: Daisy Hughes	- Holme and Colne Locality (Chair)
Chris Gordge	- Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Mirfield Locality (Deputy Chair)
Adam Cowdray	- Batley, Birstall and Birkenshaw Locality
Jess Cullen	- Co-optee
Emerlee Black	- Colleges Representative
Chloe Lumb	- Colleges Representative
Jade Naylor	- Colleges Representative
Elle Wright	- Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Mirfield Locality
Laura Bowen	- Holme and Colne Locality
Aleena Razzaq	- Huddersfield North Locality
Chloe Sutcliffe	- Huddersfield South Locality
Kyle West	- Young People with a Disability Representative
Matthew Whyman	- Young People with a Disability Representative
James Khan	- Spen Valley Locality
Brittney Green-Asquith	- Spen Valley Locality
Alex Gunn	- Spen Valley Locality

Also in attendance: Former Youth Councillors Faheem Shaikh, Muney Singh-Jauhal, Georgia Power and Liam McQuillan

1 **Welcome and Introduction**

The Deputy Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and announced that apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Zahra Wasim, Nicole Penn, Megan Carpenter, Chantelle Kitchen, Tee Jay Campbell, Karandeep Kaur, Hannah Gausden, Jess Senior and Cameron Steele.

In view of the continuing non- attendance of Diza-Laine Hodgson (Batley, Birstall and Birkenshaw Locality), the Deputy Chair proposed the "Golden Boot" rule be applied.

It was noted that a subsequent By-Election would not be held.

The Youth Councillors requested that their best wishes be conveyed to Diza.

RESOLVED - That the appointment of Diza-Laine Hodgson be revoked in accordance with the 'Golden Boot' Rule.

2 Minutes of previous Meeting

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2011 be approved as a correct record.

3 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

4 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

5 Locality Updates

The Deputy Chair invited the Locality Representatives to provide an overview of the Locality update Report.

Young People with a Disability

Kyle West and Matthew Whyman updated the Youth Council on how they had contributed to the fundraising for the European Exchange. They advised that they were working hard on a monthly newsletter to send out electronically to schools and groups.

Batley, Birstall & Birkenshaw

Adam Cowdray updated the Youth Councillors on activities in the Batley, Birstall and Birkenshaw, describing how work on collecting views of constituents was in progress and that consultations had taken place at Batley Girls High School, Batley Boys and Young Batley Youth Club. The Youth Councillors had encouraged young people in their locality to complete an on-line survey. Adam reported that the work carried out so far had generated valuable discussion and highlighted issues such as money, jobs and opportunities and things to do as key priority issues in the area.

Colleges and Sixth Forms

Jade Naylor explained to the Youth Councillors that links were being developed with all Colleges and Sixth Forms in Kirklees in order to promote the network to students who start in Year 12 and 13 in September 2011.

It was noted that as Jade and Emerlee would be commencing University in September a by-election would be required to appoint replacement representatives in their localities.

Co-optees

Jess Cullen described to the Youth Councillors how, as part of her placement with KNH, she had planned a Young Tenants Celebration Event which had taken place on Monday evening. Because of the contribution she had made to helping young tenants she had been nominated for a national award, reaching the final 5 out of 144

nominations. It was noted that Jess was hoping to have a placement with SHAP in the near future.

Jess advised that she had attended the Summer Jam event in Dewsbury in order help Chantelle Kitchen collect positive images of young people from the Dewsbury area.

Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Mirfield Locality

Elle Wright informed the Youth Council that Chris Gordge had participated in a question and answer session as a panel member at the University of Huddersfield's Politics Department open day. It was noted that Chris had collated results from previous surveys and found that transport, safety and things to do were all issues for young people in the area. She advised that Chris had also had the opportunity to meet with met Barry Sheerman MP. Elle indicated that she and Chris, along with Megan Carpenter had been involved in fund-raising activities for the Kirklees Youth Council International Exchange.

It was noted that Elle had carried out consultation work in the London Park area with support from her lead worker and key issues had been identified.

Dewsbury Locality

Kay Parry updated the Youth Council on Chantelle Kitchen's involvement at Dewsbury Summer Jam event where she had been interviewing and photographing young people for a feature on the new Youth Council website.

Huddersfield Locality

Chloe Sutcliffe informed the Youth Council that Aleena and Karandeep had attended the Summer Jam event in Greenhead Park and had helped to gather the views of more than 100 young people on the issues of jobs and opportunities. It was noted that all the Youth Councillors representing the Huddersfield area had helped with fund-raising for the European Exchange event that Jess had participated in.

Spennings Valley Locality

James Khan updated the Youth Councillors on activity in the Spennings Valley Locality. It was noted that Youth Councillors had all contributed to fundraising for the European Exchange programme. He advised that they had collected the views of constituents via a process of consultation held at consultation Spennings Valley Sports College, Heckmondwike Girls Group, Windybank Youth Club and the Mobile Unit in Heckmondwike.

Holme and Colne Valley Locality

Laura Bowen explained that Daisy Hughes had used Facebook as a tool to promote activities taking place in the Valleys over the summer holiday period. It was noted that Daisy would attend an Area Planning meeting at Huddersfield Town Hall on 1 September in order to describe the work that she had done over the holidays. She advised that Laura and Tim had both

been part of the European Exchange programme held in Strasbourg and would be sharing their experiences through assemblies and presentations.

RESOLVED - That the Locality reports be noted.

6 Campaign Group Updates

The Deputy Chair invited representatives to present update reports of the Youth Council's Campaign groups.

Road Safety Campaign Group

Faheem Shaikh explained that the group had been very active over the previous two month period. They had been part of a PSHCE event at which they had launched their media clips and facilitated workshops using collision data. Three members of the group had run a 'Pledge Workshop' at Shelley College, introducing the idea of "pull the plugs from your lugs".

It was noted that some members of the group also attended the Summer Jam event in Greenhead Park, again asking young people to complete pledges and carrying out a consultation exercise.

Faheem explained that they had recently been to Manchester where they visited the Police Museum and that they were currently working on developing more resources to support media clips.

Things To Do Campaign Group

Michelle Ross described to the Youth Council how the group had continued to work on the Fear of Crime Survey. She advised that the survey was now on-line and that the group had been promoting it and facilitating workshops to encourage young people to complete the survey. It was noted that they had met with senior officers of British Transport Police who were keen to roll out the survey nationally.

RESOLVED - That the Campaign Group Updates be noted

7 Children in Care Council

The Deputy Chair shared with the Youth Councillors an email from Scott Deacon (Children's Participation Work) which explained that due to low numbers of representatives on the Children in Care Council it had not been possible to identify anyone who was willing to be co-opted to the Kirklees Youth Council. Scott suggested that, as an alternative, the meeting of the respective Chairs be re-introduced. Youth Councillors agreed this could be an option, and that potentially the Chairs could meet before each meeting of Kirklees Youth Council. It was also suggested that some members of the Youth Council could attend a Children in Care Council meeting.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the update on joint working with the Children in Care Council.

(2) That the possibility of re-introducing a meeting of the Chairpersons be explored.

8 Children and Young People's Plan

It was noted that a Young People's priority of 'Jobs, Opportunities and Money' had now been accepted by the Children's Trust and included within the Children and Young People's Plan.

Youth Council were advised that a young people's version of the Children and Young People's Plan will feature on the new Kirklees Youth Council website.

RESOLVED - That the Children and Young People's Plan update be noted.

9 KYC Website Launch

The Chair advised Youth Council that their new website would be launched on 19 September 2011 at web address www.kirkleesyc.org.uk. The website would allow information about Youth Council activities to be collated in one area. It was noted that Youth Councillors would be expected to provide news and information to keep the website current and up to date.

RESOLVED - That the Youth Council website update be noted.

10 European Exchange

The Chair informed the Youth Council that the European Exchange Programme had taken place and had been very successful. It was noted that it provided an opportunity for information sharing and had been a very busy and active exchange which enabled the Youth Council to make links with other countries. It was advised that work would take place over the next few weeks in terms of planning and sharing the information learnt.

RESOLVED - That details of the European Exchange update be noted.

11 KYC Debate

The Chair and Deputy Chair chaired a debate on the subject of "The Rioting over the Summer". The key discussion points considered were:

- * Why do you think the riots happened?
- * Where does the anger and discontent come from?
- * Were the riots politically motivated or simply mindless violence?
- * How engaged do young people feel with their communities?
- * What do you think about the situation in Huddersfield?
- * How balanced was the media coverage? Did it portray accurately the involvement of young people?
- * What do think about the way in which those involved in the riots have been dealt with?

- * How do you feel about the use of Social Networking sites during the riots and should the use of SNS be limited to prevent this kind of activity?

RESOLVED - That the content of the debate be noted.

12 Hot Spot Seat

Former Youth Councillor Liam McQuillan who had participated in the European Exchange attended the meeting to share some of the experiences of the Exchange. The Youth Council asked Liam a variety of questions regarding his experience in participating in the programme.

RESOLVED - That the content of the Hot Spot discussion be noted.

13 Chair's Update

The Chair reminded Youth Councillors that elections would take place at the next Youth Council meeting for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair. She explained to Youth Councillors the roles of both these positions and asked that anyone who was interested in nomination complete an "Expression of Interest" form.

The Chair reported that at the recent Politics Day at Huddersfield University, Chris Gordge and Olivia Sanders had been part of a Question and Answer Panel with Cllr Khan, Cllr Light, Andy Booth (Huddersfield Town) and Barry Gibson (Huddersfield Examiner).

RESOLVED - That the Chair's update be noted.

14 Public Question Time

No questions were received.

15 Schedule of Future Meetings

RESOLVED - That the date of the next meeting of Friday 28th October at Huddersfield Town Hall be noted.