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## **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **KIRKLEES YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Friday 28 October 2011**

Present:	Daisy Hughes	- Holme and Colne Valley Locality (Chair)
	Chris Gordge	- Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Mirfield Locality (Deputy Chair)
	Zarah Wasim	- Batley, Birstall and Birkenshaw Locality
	Jess Cullen	- Co-optee
	Afsha Munir	- Co-optee
	Chloe Lumb	- Colleges
	Elle Wright	- Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Mirfield Locality
	Laura Bowen	- Holme and Colne Valley Locality
	Timothy Potter	- Holme and Colne Valley Locality
	Karandeep Kaur	- Huddersfield North Locality
	Aleena Razzaq	- Huddersfield North Locality
	Hannah Gausden	- Huddersfield South Locality
	Jess Senior	- Huddersfield South Locality
	Chloe Sutcliffe	- Huddersfield South Locality
	Matthew Whyman	- Young People with a Disability Representative
	Kyle West	- Young People with a Disability Representative
	Alex Gunn	- Spenn Valley Locality

#### **1 Welcome and Introduction**

Aleena Razzaq welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair announced apologies on behalf of Megan Carpenter, James Khan, Chantelle Kitchen, Jade Naylor and Cameron Steele. The Chair informed the Youth Council that:

- (1) Afsha Munir had been recruited on to the Youth Council as a co-optee.
- (2) That resignations had been received from Leanne Nash, Nicole Penn, Emerlee Black and Brittney Green-Asquith.
- (3) That Georgina Hanley be relieved of her position as Kirklees Youth Councillor for the Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Mirfield Locality under the Golden Boot rule due to her lack of engagement with the Youth Council.
- (4) That Item 11 on the agenda be deferred to the next meeting of the Youth Council in order to present a detailed presentation to the Youth Council.

Councillor Cath Harris thanked the Youth Council for their continued enthusiastic involvement and participation with numerous projects that fall under her role as Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

**RESOLVED** - That the appointment of Georgina Hanley be revoked in accordance with the "Golden Boot" rule.

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 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 Chair invited the Locality Representatives to provide an overview of the Locality update Report.

**Spenn Valley Locality:**

Alex Gunn informed the Youth Council that visits had been arranged to continue to strengthen the links between the Youth Council and local school councils. He advised that at the visits, young people would be encouraged to contribute to on-going work currently being carried out around "Money, Jobs and Opportunities".

He also advised that all of the North Kirklees Youth Council localities would be joining together for future meetings and would begin new projects once current projects had been completed.

**Batley, Birstall and Birkenshaw (BB&B):**

Zahra Wasim updated the Youth Councillors on developments and plans in the Batley, Birstall & Birkenshaw locality and explained that BB&B would shortly be recruiting to fill the vacant KYC seat. She advised that visits were being arranged to continue to strengthen the links between KYC. Zahra also advised that all of the North Kirklees KYC members would be joining together for future meetings and that as part of the new meeting structure, they would start to develop the BB&B facebook pages and their locality website page.

**Denby Dale, Kirkburton and Mirfield Locality:**

Chris Gorge informed the Youth Council that Chris had helped to design some consultation questions around jobs and opportunities and that these are to be used with young people all over Kirklees. She explained that Chris had also been updating the DDK Facebook page and had been

looking for information on how to use Facebook to encourage young people in the area to see what's going on.

She advised the Youth Council that Megan, along with Scissett Middle School Council had been gathering information about young people's ideas and understanding about money and poverty.

**Dewsbury Locality:**

Jess Cullen informed the Youth Council that Leanne Nash had resigned from the Youth Council and that a bi-election was due to take place in November 2011. She also advised the Youth Council that the positive publicity information that had been collected by the group over the summer was still a project they had been working on and that they hoped to upload the information to the website once complete.

**Holme and Colne Valley Locality:**

Laura Bowen informed the Youth Council that she had attended the British Youth Council Convention on 11 August 2011 with some other Youth Councillors, where there had been workshops and question times with Elected Members from the Manchester area.

She also explained that Daisy had completed the report about promoting activities for young people in the Valleys and that this had been distributed by Frances Wardley, Area and Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator.

She also told the Youth Council that herself and Tim had attended the Town and Valleys meeting on 22 September to feed back on the European Exchange through a short presentation. She also advised that herself and Tim had completed the ASDAN British Youth Council Award as a result of going on the exchange.

**Huddersfield Locality:**

Aleena Razzaq informed the Youth Council that the group had collected constituents views on Jobs and Opportunities and were feeding them back to the steering groups. She also informed the Youth Council that the group had made links with Police Inspectors for the locality with the view to sharing information from constituents.

She explained that the group had attended the last Huddersfield Area Committee meeting and also planned to attend the next one.

**Colleges and Sixth Forms:**

Chloe Lumb explained that Emerlee and Jade had both resigned from the youth Council due to leaving Kirklees for University. Chloe explained that the Colleges group had since been recruiting for the vacancies and a bi-election would take place in November 2011.

She explained that the group had been developing the College Network Group and had also been supporting the Network group in the transport work.

**Young People with a Disability:**

Kyle West and Matthew Whyman updated the Youth Council and explained that they had completed their training pack and had since been concentrating on learning to use the website.

**RESOLVED** - That the Locality reports be noted.

**6 Campaign Group Updates**

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

**Road Safety Campaign Group:**

The Youth Council received an update on the developments and plans of the Youth Council's Road Safety Champion Campaign Group. They were informed that the group had met with the West Yorkshire Fire Authority Board in September 2011 to share what they had done so far and were questioned by Councillors from across West Yorkshire. The group advised that they had also met with the Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board in September and had asked them to support the group in sending out the viral clips and presentation to all schools so they could be used during National Road Safety week 2011 (21/11/11).

**European Exchange:**

The Youth Council received an update on the developments and plans of the European Exchange Group. They were informed that numerous resources had been prepared to help the group share what they learnt on the European Exchange including:

- Case Studies
- A Quiz
- A Presentation
- Display Materials
- Fact Sheet

The Youth Council were also informed that the group had completed their accreditation log books for their ASDAN award through the British Youth Council.

**Things To Do Campaign Group:**

The Youth Council received an update on the developments and plans of the Things To Do Campaign Group and the work completed on the Fear of Crime Survey. They were informed that to date, the group had received 750 responses to their online questionnaire and that just under three hundred young people had also been interviewed face to face. The group informed the Youth Council that the proposed date to close the online questionnaire was 14 October 2011 and that three meetings had already been planned to collate the results of the questionnaire.

**RESOLVED** - That the Campaign Group Updates be noted.

**7 Children in Care Council**

Gemma Williams, representative from Children in Care Council (CICC), informed Youth Councillors of the tasks and activities that the CICC get involved in which included two residentials, producing a DVD, working alongside health professionals, meeting with senior officer and councillors and working with the fostering team on recruitment for carers. She also played a radio advertisement that the CICC had produced and informed the Youth Council that it was currently being played on Radio one.

**RESOLVED** - That the update on the work of the Children in Care Council be noted.

**8 Children and Young People's Plan**

Michelle Ross revealed the consultation results and advised the Youth Council on the next steps that would be completed in relation to the Children and Young People's plan.

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

**9 Involvement of young people in the Councils budget process – Director of Resources**

David Smith, Director of Resources gave a presentation to the Youth Council on the Council's budget process and how people of all ages could have their say. David briefly explained the different departments within Kirklees Council that were funded from the budget and the difficulties faced by the budget in relation to making savings to meet the funding cuts from the Government. David highlighted the Council's high level priorities and announced that he wanted public input on these priorities. He explained that information from residents would come from two main sources:

- Autumn 2011 residents survey
- Web based consultation that would be linked on the KYC website

**RESOLVED** - That David Smith be thanked for his presentation and that the presentation be noted.

**10 Launch of the KYC Website**

Liam McQuillan and Julia Ingram presented the Kirklees Youth Council website at web address [www.kirkleesyc.org.uk](http://www.kirkleesyc.org.uk) and did a quick tour of the website to show the different aspects of the website and the tools available for use.

**RESOLVED** - That the KYC website be officially launched as live.

**11 European Exchange**

**RESOLVED** - That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Youth Council.

**12 Election of Joint Chair**

The Youth Council listened to manifesto's delivered from four nominees and questioned the nominees regarding the role of Chair. The Youth Council then privately voted to elect the Joint Chair's of the Youth Council for the forthcoming year.

**RESOLVED** - That Jess Senior and Laura Bowen be appointed Joint Chair's of the Youth Council for the 2011/12 year.

**13 KYC European Local Democracy Week Quiz**

The Youth Councillors and others in attendance at the meeting participated in a Local Democracy Week Quiz designed by the Voice and Influence Team.

**14 Hot Spot Seat**

The Youth Council answered a number of questions from attendees of the meeting on their roles as Kirklees Youth Councillors.

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

**15 Chair's Update**

Following a request from the Chair, Zahra Wasim and Chloe Lumb volunteered to manage the webcast and sound system during the formal Youth Council meetings.

The Chair thanked the Youth Councillors who took part in the review of the Youth Council.

Chloe Lumb thanked Daisy and Chris, on behalf of the Youth Council for the hard work they had put in to the Youth Council in their roles as Chair and Deputy.

**RESOLVED** - That Zahra and Chloe manage the webcast and sound system during the formal Youth Council meetings for the forthcoming year.

**16 Public Question Time**

No questions were received.

**17 Schedule of Future Meetings**

**RESOLVED** - That the schedule of future meetings for 2011 be noted.