



SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

FOR A MEETING OF SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL TO BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 1st March 2023 AT 5PM
@ Committee Room 3, CIVIC CENTRE

1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Korben Esha Charlotte Zaha Ayo Ali James</p>
2	<p><u>Attendance</u> Madi, Noel, Merril, Tristan, Edward, Josh, Aila, Tom B, Miles, Keeva, Thomas C, Mia, Hannah L, Isla B, Hannah G, Jocelyn, Sarah, Matthew, Sophie S, Eva, Khalida, Isabelle R, Fabi, Lily C, Chimnaza, Jason, Naomi.</p>
3	<p><u>Garons Park CIC</u> Aila (Youth Mayor) introduced Caroline Reynolds and Clive Shiret from Garon Park to discuss their plans in creating a space made just for the Youths of Southend on Sea. Aim-level up opportunities to reduce health inequalities through the provision of quality facilities available and accessible to all. Several new facilities to be built. Youth ground to include a range of facilities just for the Youth. Youth Investment fund is £8.5m.</p> <p><u>Action</u> Work with the Youth Council, create a Youth Advisory Board for GP.</p>
4	<p><u>Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor & Member of Youth Parliament Updates</u> Aila, Madi (member of Youth Parliament) and Thomas (Deputy Youth Mayor) attended a Corporate Management team meeting to tell them more about the Youth Council and how they can have more of a voice in the Council. They will be sharing future opportunities to involve the Youth Council.</p>
5	<p><u>Youth Council Officer & Committee updates</u> Angelina (Environmental Officer) has plans to create an Environmental film which will be taking place on 15th April and will be open to all Youth Council members.</p> <p>Hannah Lane (Mental Health Officer) wanted to order glass bottles as part of her Mental Health project.</p>
6	<p><u>Vaping Project & Meeting 8th March</u> Thomas Cauchi (Deputy Youth Mayor) wanted to tackle Vaping in the Youth community in Southend by sending out surveys for parent/carers and young people. Plans have also been agreed for the Youth Council to work with the trading standards team to undertake mystery shopping, more details to follow soon. There is going to be a Vaping Committee Meeting on Weds 8th March to discuss more about this topic and is open to any Youth Council member who is interested.</p>
7	<p><u>Report Back from Youthcon & MYP Campaigns/Convention</u> Members attended Youthcon and represented the Southend Youth Council. They took part in debates and talks about issues that Youths are facing across the UK and what can be done to resolve these problems. They also outline the UK Youth Parliament National campaigns.</p> <p><u>Action</u> Hold a smaller convention for members who could not attend.</p>
8	<p><u>Re-launch ideas</u></p>

	Hold a gathering during the Easter Holiday at Council Chamber to attract new members. Aila asked if anyone would be interested.
9	<u>Break & Distribution of Lanyards</u> Lanyards distributed to members who have been part of the YC for more than 5 months.
10	<u>Charity Football Match</u> Sophie Stone wanted to arrange a charity football match, she has a contact who is going to help organise this. It is going to take place during May half term at a local football club.
11	<u>Debate</u> In every monthly meeting, there is a debate which is presented by Edward Melville. This month's debate was 'Are zoos beneficial to animals'. Members who thought yes mentioned that zoos can rehabilitate animals. Members who thought no mentioned that not keeping animals in their natural habitat and putting them in cages is inhuman and cruel.
12	<u>Public Speaking Course & Date</u> Marcia from LAMDA was a guest speaker at this meeting and is going to be holding a public speaking workshop on 20 th March in the Council Chamber. This is open to all Youth Council members who are interested.
13	<u>Lavender Maze Launch & Park Clean on 18th March</u> Noel, who was previously the Environmental Officer, is launching a Lavender Maze in Priory Park that was planted last year by members of the Youth Council. He is also leading a Park Clean in Priory Park. The litter pick will be taking place on 18 th March and is open to all members who are interested.
14	<u>Any other business</u> - First Aid Thomas Cauchi proposed holding a Level 1 First Aid Course for Youth Council Members, this gained lots of interest. Action: Thomas to send contact to Lucy/Sarah. Josh wanted to lead a Anti - Homelessness campaign. Kelly suggested it would be good for Josh to draft some questions on this topic and send to Lucy to make relevant introductions. Kelly suggested the relevant team could be invited to a future Youth Council meeting. Action: Josh to draft questions and share with Lucy
15	<u>Close meeting</u> Next Meeting – Friday 14 th April 2023.

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