



SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2023 AT 5PM
@ COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE**

Attendance: Madi, Sarah, Isla, Jocelyn, Sophie, Matthew, Hannah, Mia, Edward, Tom, Tristan, Korben, Thomas, Miles, Akshara, Noel, Angelina, Aila, Naomi and Jason

ITEM	Action
1	Open Meeting Aila opened the meeting and welcomed Lorraine Cox, Creative Assets Project Manager
2	Apologies for Absence: Eliana, Hannah G, Ella, Merril, James F, Zaha Josh H, Jess Britto, Esha & Charlotte
3	Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor & Member of Youth Parliament Updates Esha and Thomas were presented with their chains of office at a full council meeting in December. Madi, Aila and Thomas attended the Civic Carol Service and met with Rob Polkinghorne, Chief Executive at Southend City Council. Madi has been invited to speak to the student council at Earls Hall school.
4	Youth Council Officer & Committee updates Angelina told members about the climate change competition viewing at the Focal Point Gallery on the 21 Jan, 4-5pm
5	Southend City Council Corporate Management Team involvement Madi, Aila and Thomas met with Rob Polkinghorne, Chief Executive at Southend City Council, they discussed the voice of young people within the council. Rob was in support of increasing the influence young people have and invited members to attend the Southend City Council Corporate Management team meeting on a quarterly basis. Madi gave a presentation giving more details about the role and function of the Corporate Management Team. Members were then asked about how they would like to be involved and put ideas on post it notes. Action: Lucy to collate post it notes and share with the Corporate Team to identify a way forward
6	Kursaal project consultation Lorraine spoke to members about her role and plans for the Kursaal project, she is working on a project to start the development journey for Kursaal Palace (the stages they'd need to work through, the partners they'd need, the demand and the plans to use the building for the benefit of local people and their visitors) Lorraine asked members for some ideas for immediate use of the Kursaal. Lorraine also offered to arrange a tour and asked for volunteers who would be interested in getting involved in this project. There was a lot of members who were interested. Action: Lucy to type up members ideas and to share with Lorraine
7	Climate change competition Lucy told members about the viewing of the climate change competition at the Focal point Gallery 21 January 4-5pm. Over 80 entries were received and entries were judged by the young people. The winners have been invited to the viewing on the above date. Lucy asked for volunteers to help with the

	<p>presentation, and those who expressed interest were Thomas, Angelina, Noel and Hannah.</p> <p>Action: Lucy to arrange planning meeting</p>
8	<p>Term of office length Deputy Youth Mayor</p> <p>At the December Youth Council meeting members agreed for the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor elections to take place at the same time. This would mean either extending the current Youth Mayor term or shortening the Deputy Youth Mayor term. Thomas agreed to the shorter term of office, which would be 5 months to align the dates.</p>
9	<p>Vaping campaign</p> <p>Thomas wants to start a vaping campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of vaping for young people. Thomas has had an introductory meeting with the Public Health team and will start a committee. Several members expressed interest in being involved including Tristan, Sophie, Noel, Akshara, Isla, Jocelyn, Matthew and Angelina</p> <p>Action: Lucy to set a date for the committee</p>
10	<p>Equality project/campaign</p> <p>Madi said that there was interest from members about starting an equality campaign, this will be in a similar format to the LGBTQ+ handbook.</p> <p>Action: Madi to start a group chat to discuss ideas.</p>
11	<p>Debate</p> <p>Teddy led a very good debate which members engaged in.</p>
12	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Trip to Houses of Parliament</p> <p>Members asked about arranging another trip to the House of Parliament in 2023. There was lots of interest from members.</p> <p>Action: Lucy to request another visit from the MP's office</p>

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