



SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

FOR A MEETING OF SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 4TH October 2023 AT 5PM
@ COUNCIL CHAMBER

Apologies for Absence:

Izzy, Ayo, Sophie

Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor, Member of Youth Parliament and Officer Updates:

Armistice Day coming up
Madi to attend Peoples Scrutiny 31st October 2023
Noel received the Make Southend Sparkle award
Josh attended the Southend Virtual Schools event
Josh attended the Brook clinic opening

Introduction from Emma O'Hara:

Emma will be focusing on arts based community events for the area
Helping Lucy with the Youth Council

Report back from Southend Pride:

The Youth Council raised a total of £174.60 and has now been donated to Stonewall

Vaping update and Report back from Southend Education Forum:

Jocelyn, Isla, and Tom attended the Education Forum meeting and presented findings and received positive feedback
Willing to present to Health and Wellbeing group
To apply to CBBC Newsround, BBC Radio and LBC with Thomas to broaden audience

Southend Brook:

Presented by Rutendo Chitiga – health promotion coordinator
Clinic launch in the Plaza happened recently, with training room for community champions age 16+
Lucy to organize YC visit to the clinic
Making sure that schools receive info on LBGTQ+ sexual health – Brook now offering training to teachers
Members suggested PPTs in schools, confidential helpline online, assemblies in schools
Lucy to email flyers to members for school use

Debate:

Question: **Do you think the XL bully breeds should be banned?**

Arguments for Yes:

- 43% of dog attacks come from these breeds
- Have the capacity to kill an adult
- The problem isn't always the owner

Arguments for No:

- It's the owner, not the dog

- No purpose/benefit from this compared to other pressing topics in the present
- Backstreet breeders are the problem

Possible Solution: Check owners before adopting/buying dogs

Local Democracy Week:

Presented by Maisie Riley, former member of SYC, helping with APPG, 'One Year in Child Health', 1757 charter and 'Metamorphose'

Theme of this year's democracy week: **Democratic resistance**

Proposed the idea of a Strategy Chart to be used in YC when planning campaigns effectively and efficiently

SYC to use Strategy Chart when planning new campaigns

Financial Project and Survey:

The survey has now closed, and the educators survey is ready to be published.

Workshops and future plans are being put in place; deadlines are being made

Barclays bank are happy to hold workshop to YC to test what would be presented in schools

Spill the Tea event:

Held at Southchurch High school by Madi with Josh, talking about Universal Free School meals campaign

Lack of meal affects quality of education children receive

Krishna working with schools to look at salt levels in meals

Homeschooling – Madi looking at vouchers, for example, for use in termtime

Neurodivergent Committee:

Meeting held by Miles to create information pack on awareness and information for ADHD, OCD, Autism to name a few

Also looking at the positives

Groupchat was created for anyone who would like to join the committee. Lucy has emailed information from first meeting to all members

Next meeting: 18th October

Any other Business:

Youth Mayor Elections to be held next meeting, **November 2023**

- Term is too short for campaigns to be fully carried out – to be discussed with new YM and DYM
- Lucy to hold workshop before elections take place

Beach clean to be held **Monday 23rd October**

Trading standards looking for help **Monday 23rd October at 2pm**

National Childrens Day – Members to create new poster

If you have any queries, please contact: LucyBissell@southend.gov.uk or The Youth Mayor on: YouthMayor@Southend.gov.uk