



# SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

FOR A MEETING OF SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> July 2023 AT 5PM  
@ COUNCIL CHAMBER

Apologies for Absence:

Eva, Hannah, Hannah, Edward, Abi, Aila, Tristan, Mia, Sophie, Jess, Charlotte

Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor & Member of Youth Parliament Updates:

Jocelyn and Josh attended the CMT meeting and have the Presentation of the Chains coming up

Josh and Madi confirmed that the dates for the Spill the Tea Project have been set.

Madi is to meet with Krishna about project and members to advertise conference

Debate:

First Question – Should children be posted online on Family Channels?

Points included:

- Toxic environments are often created in these situations and could lead to a toxic lifestyle in the future
- Videos could be for educational purposes or simply because people want to express their experiences

Second Question – If given the choice, would you live forever?

Points included:

- Everyone around you will eventually die, creating a repetitive cycle and eternal pain
- Could create benefits to humanity – scientific advancements and prevention of past events

Length of Term of Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor:

Jocelyn and Josh proposed extending the term length to a year to allow full projects to take place.

Councilors agreed that this would not allow other councilors opportunities, and that people may not want to/be able to be in the position for a year.

All decided to keep term lengths the same (6 months)

Aspirations Presentation:

Noel explained how Aspirations paid for lavender plants for the lavender maze after reading about it in the Echo newspaper.

All Councilors watched a video presentation by Daniel Turpin about Aspirations – a volunteer-run charity that awards grants to young people and youth groups.

Open Road Update:

WHSB to have a look into it in September

<p>St Thomas Moore already has Open Road in their school</p> <p>SHSG have told their Student Voice staff members</p>
<p>Southend Pride Update:</p> <p>Everything is fully booked, consent forms sent out, a stand has been ordered</p> <p>Octopi to be sold for £3 small, £5 large, keyrings being ordered</p> <p>All Councilors who volunteer will be getting breakfast beforehand - inbetween setting up and event start.</p>
<p>Vaping Update:</p> <p>C2C posters have been appearing at stations along the line</p> <p>Survey Results presentation to be held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, medical professionals have been invited, invitation to be extended to schools</p> <p>Next committee meeting to be held Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</p>
<p>Safeguarding Partnership and Blue Locations Update:</p> <p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, World Children's Day, cyan blue lighting to be displayed along the seafront among other locations</p> <p>Poster to be shown in the Forum</p> <p>Schools, Theatres and Libraries have been approached to support</p> <p>New poster to be made, possibly a video to be shown in the Forum</p>
<p>School Rep Elections:</p> <p>Tom to be new School Rep coordinator</p>
<p>Corporate Leadership Meeting:</p> <p>Jocelyn and Josh asked councilors if anything should be raised in the meeting.</p> <p>Jocelyn stated they want Young People to be consulted on decisions regarding young people and will look to see if SYC can have any input in matters.</p> <p>Councilors to email Lucy with any further ideas.</p>
<p>Mental Health Champion Training:</p> <p>First session to be held 10<sup>th</sup> July 5-7pm at the Eco hub for SYC members only. Sessions will be every Monday until 21<sup>st</sup> August.</p> <p>Members will receive a level 2 mental health qualification</p> <p>Lucy/Miles to ask whether members should attend every week</p>
<p>Any other Business:</p>

No monthly meeting in August

Activities over summer include a Houses of Parliament trip. Lucy to email further information.

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