

SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES



FOR A MEETING OF SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

ITEM	Action
1	<p>Madi & Eugene opened the meeting and welcomed guests & members.</p> <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geri Walshe, Public Health Advanced School Nurse Practitioner • Sam Adams, Chair, Southend Pride <p>Members: Eugene, Madi, Chelsea, Tristan, Eliana, Zachary, James, Marion, Sophie, Noel, Merril & Nizle.</p>
2	<p>Apologies for Absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YC members – Sude, Charlotte & Grace.
3	<p>Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor & Officer Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madi, Eugene & Muhammad met with the Educational Psychology team and will be hosting a Webinar on Tuesday 9th June. • Scott has been attending weekly virtual Member of Youth Parliament meetings and will keep members updated with any developments.
4	<p>Meeting with Michael Marks</p> <p>Eugene, Madi and Scott had an introductory meeting with Michael Marks, Executive Director (Children & Public Health). he is keen to work closely with the Youth Council and asked members to think about how this would work going forward, members proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael to attend YC on a quarterly basis to give an update. • 6 monthly meetings with Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth mayor and Member of Youth Parliament and ad-hoc meetings on a project basis. <p>Action: Lucy to confirm above with Michael and invite him to attend July YC meeting.</p>
5	<p>Southend Pride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam gave an overview of Southend Pride, they are a voluntary organisation to champion and celebrate LGBTQ+. It was established in August 2017 and they held the first pride in 2018, it was very well received. It was fully inclusive and offered a whole range of live entertainment and events. • They run a programme of fringe events throughout the year and all events are free and run by volunteers. This year they are holding a virtual programme of events. • They have recently launched Youth Pride as an inclusive and safe space for young people aged 11-18. • Both 'Southend Pride' & 'Youth Pride' are on Facebook and Instagram and they asked the YC to share their details. • They also offer LGBTQ+ training for organisations. Lucy enquired about holding a virtual training session for the YC, members were in support of this. <p>Action: Lucy to contact Sam asking about a training session for members. Sophie to contact Youth pride and find out how YC can be involved in Youth Pride 2020.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geri Walshe told members about the School Nurse Team and the support they can offer to pupils and schools. • The School Nursing service supports the health and wellbeing of children and young people between the ages of 5–19 and their families. • They offer parent/carer drop ins and school drop ins for young people aged 11-19 and a confidential text messaging service called ChatHealth It allows young people to easily and anonymously get in touch with a healthcare professional for advice and support. All young people between the ages of 11–19 are eligible to use this service to text a school nurse on 07520 649895. • They offer a drop in the majority of schools but this service is not offered in Southend High School for Boys or Westcliff High School for Boys. • Geri asked members about the service provided in their schools as well as the best way to promote the service to young people, ideas included social media and members suggested WhatsApp and Snapchat. <p>Action: Members from Westcliff High School for Boys to approach their school and ask if they could offer the service to pupils. Geri to send details about the School Nurse Service to Lucy and for all members to circulate to their schools.</p>
7	<p>Youth Council Logo Competition</p> <p>A total of 18 entries had been received for the competition and Eugene, Madi and Muhammad reviewed all logos and were very impressed by the quality of the entries received. Eugene and Madi presented the shortlist of 5 entries to the YC and members were then invited to vote on the logos on strawpoll. There was a clear winner and two joint second place entries. It was agreed that the young people who designed the winning entries will be invited to attend the next youth Council meeting for the presentation.</p> <p>Action: Eugene to draft email and send to Lucy. Lucy to invite young people to attend next meeting.</p>
8	<p>24 Skills: Madi updated members on the 12 skills project where members learnt as many skills as they could in 24 hours. A number of members took part in this and had a great time whilst learning some new skills. Madi congratulated all members who took part it was agreed that this should be shared for other young people to take part in.</p> <p>Action: Madi to send Lucy the list and for Lucy to share on social media.</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelsea and Madi proposed a new Racial Equality Committee, this was agreed by members and the first meeting will take place on the 10th June at 4.30pm, this will be followed by the quiz at 5.30pm. <p>Action: Lucy to arrange meeting and circulate to members.</p>
12	<p>Close meeting</p> <p>Next meeting: 1st July 2020</p>

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