

# SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL ON 11.01.2017 AT 5:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHEND

ITEM		Action / Agreement
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> <b>Apologies:</b> Isabel Tofield <b>Introductions:</b>	
2	<b>Deputy youth mayor and Youth mayor updates:</b> <b>Youth Mayor Updates:</b> On 3 <sup>rd</sup> January John and Edward met with James Duddridge to discuss youth issues and how to encourage more young people to take part in youth politics. Working out structure on sending letters to schools to get more people interested in politics and requesting that Youth Councillors are permitted to join the Youth Council and potentially coming to Southend Youth Council meetings. James Duddridge may come in to a future meeting.	<b>John and Edward to keep Youth Council informed regarding links with MPs and Councillors (Ongoing)</b>
3	<b>Annual Survey</b> Self-assessment framework to recognise democratic ideas in SYC. Opportunity for BYC to look at all BYC forums. Looking at how effective SYC supports members and young people in Southend. Data can be used to expand ideas, record membership and support campaigns in the future.	<b>Survey to be sent out via email. (Before next meeting)</b>  <b>Scrutiny meeting to be made for another meeting.</b>
4	<b>Dementia friend's sessions:</b> Talk on how to help and support people with dementia to make Southend a dementia friendly area. <b>Essex Dementia Day: Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>#EssexDementiaDay</b> Group of organisations to make a promise of making Southend a more dementia friendly town.  Wearing blue for the day to raise awareness and finding out from people why people became dementia friends. #essexdementiaday on twitter.	<b>Committee meeting:</b>  <b>Suggested date:</b> <b>(8<sup>th</sup> February pending agreement from Nancy Smith)</b>  <b>Dementia Friends to state why they went to train to become a dementia friend and to share on Twitter on 20<sup>th</sup> January - #EssexDementiaDay</b>
5	<b>School Representatives and roles:</b>  Westcliff High for Boys: Felix Westcliff High for Girls: Yasmin and Naomi Southend High School for Girls: Rachel (To be confirmed)	<b>5 minute window to be created for school reps to report back to SYC.</b>

	<p>Southend High School for Boys: Isaac/ Theo (To be confirmed)  Belfairs Academy: Amy  St. Bernard's: Helen  Cecil Jones: Edward  Chase High: Maise  Eastwood: Daisy  Greensward Academy: Bertha  St Thomas More: Joshua  SEEVIC: Andy and Nadia  SEC: Sam (To be confirmed)  Shoebrury: No Representative  Southchurch High: No Representative  Southend YMCA: No Representatives  Thorpe Hall: No Representative  King John: No Representative  The Deans School: No Representative  PROCAT Basildon: No Representative</p> <p>Representatives to be urged to go on Student Council.</p> <p>To be used as a two-way path between schools/colleges and SYC.</p> <p>Head teachers or representatives may be invited to an evening meeting to talk about membership of SYC.</p>	<p><b>John and Edward to send a communication to the school reps</b></p>
6	<p><b>SYC Vote:</b>  <b>Standing to be the press officer (Responsibility to liaise to newspapers, promote the Youth Council.) for a term of six months.</b>  <b>Katie Chester:</b> Press officer  <b>Joshua Naish:</b> Junior press officer.</p>	<p><b>Katie and Joshua elected to the Press Officer posts for 6 months.</b></p> <p><b>Justine will be in touch to book introduction meeting</b></p>
7	<p><b>Member of Youth Parliament for Southend's Overview of the year:</b>  Launch date for website: January 16<sup>th</sup> (Pending approval of the purchase of URL, hosting and virus protection)</p> <p>Slack: new organisational tool. Unofficial and manages group chats.</p> <p>PENDING: Film an introduction of all Youth Council members to be put on the website.  Dream Believe Achieve seminar to be looked over and edited.</p> <p>Committee meeting for mental health campaign to be organised. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm to 6:00pm.</p>	<p><b>Email Justine for any input for the new website.</b></p> <p><b>Isreal to add people on to slack chat. (App or browser)</b>  <b>Retire Facebook group.</b></p> <p><b>Bertha/ Andy to agree final edit of the 'Dream, Believe, Achieve event' for publishing on the Youth Council YouTube Channel</b></p> <p><b>(To be booked for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January @5pm – 6pm)</b>  <b>Confirmation to be sent shortly</b></p>

<p>8</p>	<p><b>Reprezent Essex:</b>  Mental Health: Commissioned a new contract for all of Essex. Engage young people in mental health by using music. Youth radio station in London called Reprezent. Take young people and train them to produce radio programmes relevant to the youth in London. Essex based radio station to engage people in similar way to London station. Training sessions at Southend YMCA on Tuesdays, 5pm-8pm.  Link to Metal Health campaign.  Link radio station to website.</p>	<p><b>Invited to celebration of Youth music and culture.</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b></p> <p><b>5pm-8pm at the Cliffs Pavilion.</b>  <b>Live talks and free music taster workshops.</b></p>
<p>9</p>	<p><b>Chancellor and Junior Chancellor Presentation:</b>  Money system retreated:  Go on website and download a 'one-time expenses request'. Email it to Felix for confirmation.  All requests will go to Felix and Daisy in the first instance for review and then to Justine and Jenni for final approval.  Expenditure review/evaluation to be made after using funds.  Honesty and integrity is key as we need to know in the future if money will be spent well.  All aspects self-explanatory. Receipts are mandatory. Regardless of form approval receipts are still needed.</p> <p>Agenda: Cut printing costs by printing copies personally or request one via the site. Limited basis. Agenda will be projected every meeting.</p> <p>Repeat expenditure forms also available for items such as website subscriptions.</p> <p>Domain: southendyouthcouncil.org.uk</p> <p>Spreadsheet:  Showing all costs spent. £2100 every financial year.  If projects are created, create a detailed description and then fight for bids.</p>	<p><b>Youth Councillors to request funds using the new system</b></p> <p><b>ALL AGREED – Paper copies available on request</b></p> <p><b>ALL AGREED on the URL</b></p>
	<p><b>AOBs:</b></p> <p><b>March 2017:</b> Election day. Youth mayor elections and MYP elections. Youth mayor term is for 6 months. MYP role for 1 year. Has to be in Year 10 or above to run. 3 minute speeches to be given then Q&amp;A session ensues. Anyone who has been a member for at least 1 month can vote.</p> <p><b>As of December 2016:</b> Holly has now joined the HR department. No longer having an apprentice in our team.</p>	<p><b>Anyone hoping to be elected as Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor or Member of Youth Parliament should contact Jenni or Justine by email before the end of February.</b></p> <p><b>All emails to now be sent to Justine and Jenni</b></p> <p><b>From beginning of April emails to be sent to Jenni and further</b></p>

	<b>As of April 2017:</b> Justine going on maternity leave.	<b>update on workers to be given at the next meeting.</b>
9	<b>Debate:</b> Should the UK do more to help the citizens of Aleppo in the Syrian conflict?	<b>Good participation from Youth Councillors</b>
10	<b>Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 5pm – 7pm in Council Chamber</b>	<b>Apologies to be sent to YouthMayor@Southend.gov.uk</b>