

## **Southend Youth Council**

### **Minutes from 3rd October 2018**

**Present:** James (co-speaker); Maise (Youth Mayor); Alex (Member of Youth Parliament); Zia (Chancellor); Char (Press Officer) & other YC members

**Apologies:** Isreal Genius (Deputy Youth Mayor)

**Guest speakers:**

- Cllr Boyd – Cabinet Member for Children & Learning
- The Mayor of Southend, Cllr Derek Jarvis
- The Mayoress of Southend, Mrs Valerie Jarvis

**Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament Updates:**

- Starting work on next year's carnival.
- Young Carers survey has been circulated to schools on the Learning Network.

**Mental Health Campaign Update:**

- Currently in the final draft. Isreal has now handed this over to Marco Mann. Due to be presented at the Scrutiny committee in November.

**Make Your Mark Update:**

- Just started getting back ballot papers. Voting open until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. All schools invited to participate. Justine and Lucy attended SEC Freshers Fair. All ballots to be returned for counting or schools can submit themselves online. A prize will be awarded to the Youth Council member who collects the most ballots.

**Guest Speaker: Cllr Boyd, Cabinet Member for Children and Learning:**

- Cllr Boyd would like to start working closer with the Youth Council and gave more details about her role and the support she can offer the Youth Council.

**Youth Mayor Elections**

- Youth Mayor Candidates Marco Mann and Amy Burdett gave a short speech and this was followed by a Q&A session. Youth Council members voted during the break.

**Announcement of new 2018 Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor:**

- The Mayor of Southend, Cllr Derek Jarvis announced the results.
- Youth Mayor: Marco Mann
- Deputy Youth Mayor: Amy Burdett

**Debate: Should plastic water bottles be banned?**

- *9 v 8 for*

**AOB:**

- Parliament Week
  - 14th November, 4-7pm: a session to introduce and explain the different aspects and functions of Parliament, possibly with guest speakers.
    - To be discussed at a later date.
    - Potentially a trip to Parliament at a later date.

- Crime Safety Partnership
  - New representative needed to attend on behalf of the YC
    - Volunteer's names were taken and will be contacted soon,
- Youth Council need a team of people to scrutinise the Council's policy
  - All members volunteered; details to be discussed at a later meeting – Alex Small to arrange a follow up meeting.
- BYC Convention on the 13th October 2018
  - Let Lucy or Justine know if you are interested

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 7th November at 5pm in the Council Chamber of the Civic Centre