

## SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL



### YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> December 2018 AT 5.00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER, Civic Centre

#### Attendees:

**Marco Mann (MM), Maise Riley (MR), Felix Johnson (FJ), Jasmine Thompson (JT), Andy Wilkins (AW), James Finn (JF), Zia Mitha (ZM) Emily Whitehead (EW), Saidhoh Brien (SB), Mahammad Ibrahim (MI), Lily Marshall (LM), Matt Raggett (MR), Eliana Longley (EL) , Eugene Vlas (EV), Nathaniel Whitehouse (NW).**

**Youth Support Workers: Lucy Bissell (LB) & Justine Shipp (JS)**

ITEM	Action
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Open Meeting</b> Guest speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacha Edwards, Southend YMCA</li> <li>• Simon Ford, Community Safety Unit</li> <li>• Yasmin Samadi, Southend YMCA</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Apologies Received From:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy Burdett</li> <li>• Alex Small</li> <li>• Charlotte Fasey</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor's Updates and Member of Youth Parliament</b> <b>MM:</b> Email From AS due to Absence – AS attended the Youth parliament Annual House of Commons sitting on Friday 9 November. There was a vote and the two motions voted on for the National Campaigns were 'Put an End to Knife Crime' and 'Votes at 16'. AS outlined the need for the Youth Council to plan some activities to address this in Southend. <b>Action: AS to share UKYP project/campaign plans once received.</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Mental Health Campaign update</b> <b>MM:</b> Committee members (MM, JT &amp; AB) presented the findings and report from the Mental Health Survey to the People's Scrutiny Committee. This was well received by Scrutiny and they agreed they would like to continue to work with the YC on this topic and next steps were agreed including attendance at the Head teachers briefing in the New Year. <b>Action: Committee members to continue to keep up momentum with this project and meet with Brin Martin to discuss next steps in order to get schools to sign up to the charter.</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Transport committee update</b> <b>JF:</b> Updated on topics discussed at first meeting. Chosen Topic by Members who attended the meeting was Student Tickets, as believe that this would have the most significant impact on young people. Next Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019, 4:30-6pm at the Civic Centre.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Difference and Diversity &amp; Stonewall</b> <b>MR:</b> FJ And Self went on a 'Stonewall' weekend. They attended the Difference and Diversity meeting to represent YC and Figuring It Out and are launching a survey on RSE (Relationship and Sexual Education).</p>

	<p><b>FJ:</b> Figuring it out is now a Registered Charity. Regular meetings are still taking place. Contact FJ For more Details.</p> <p><b>Action: YC members to circulate survey.</b></p>
7	<p><b>Small grants project funding</b></p> <p><b>JS:</b> Small Grants Funding available for wellbeing events, activities and projects, as part of Southend 125 years Programme. YC members are eligible to apply for funding for project work. Contact Justine/Lucy for more info.</p> <p><b>Action: YC members to think of ideas for campaigns/projects and apply for funding.</b></p>
8	<p><b>Aspirations &amp; BBC Young Reporters</b></p> <p><b>JS:</b> Aspirations are looking at how they can make young people aware of the funding they can provide in the local Southend area and was wondering whether it would be possible to collaborate on a banner advertisement with Southend Youth Council. This was discussed with members and they agreed that only relevant ads should be used if the opportunity arose.</p> <p><b>JS:</b> The BBC is running a competition to find a young reporter, would love for a YC Submission. Contact Justine/Lucy for more info.</p>
9	<p><b>Peer Mentoring Practice Training 2019</b></p> <p><b>SE:</b> Details Given about Peer Mentor training course, 12 spaces, 14 and Over, contact Justine or Lucy for more info.</p>
10	<p><b>Youth Council Debate</b></p> <p>Topic: Should people who earn more be expected to pay higher taxes to support public services.</p>
11	<p><b>Knife Crime</b></p> <p><b>SF:</b> Manages BID Rangers and Community Safety Team. Currently Dealing with 120 Cases a month with Knife Crime in Southend <b>ALONE.</b> They work closely with the Police. The amount of cases per month has doubled since last year at 60 Per Month. SF spoke about 'county lines' which is an extensive network of organised crime. The drug market is fuelling this new type of criminal activity. This gang activity is taking place against a back drop of shrinking services. Gangs are moving into the vacuum left by service reduction and exploiting vulnerable populations who are losing contact with protective services. YC members asked questions and outlined some of their concerns and some members said that they avoid Southend Town Centre. SF told members about a new team of Community Safety Rangers who patrol the town to make people feel safe. There is also work in schools planned for the new year around exploitation which Carol Compton/Alex Bridge are leading on, YC agreed they would like to be involved with this. SF also suggested that it would be worthwhile for the YC to sit on the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Board, 2 reps were identified, and these were JT and JF.</p> <p><b>Actions: LB/JS to invite Carol/Alex to future meeting to talk about schools work. LB/JS to contact Robert Harris with names of reps for CSP meeting.</b></p>
12	<p><b>Any Other Business.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Festive Quiz to be held on 12th December with Pizza!</li> </ul>
13	<p><b>Close meeting</b></p> <p><b>Please note that the January Youth Council meeting will take place one week later on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 5-7pm.</b></p>

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