



Epping Forest  
Youth Council

## MINUTES

<b>Committee:</b>	Epping Forest Youth Council	<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 3 July 2012
<b>Place:</b>	Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping	<b>Time:</b>	7.00 - 8.55 pm
<b>Members Present:</b>	M Albert, S Cascarina, J Collins, E Dolan, G Perry, H Qadri, C Sander, I Sheikh, O Tinker, B Valera and A Williams		
<b>Apologies:</b>	V Armitage, C Barry, S Cockram, E Foster, J McIvor, N Miller, I Padwick and E Yamah		
<b>Officers Present:</b>	D Butler (Young Persons Officer), L Eales (Youth Council Administrator), S G Hill (Senior Democratic Services Officer), R Perrin (Democratic Services Assistant) and G Wallis (Community Development Officer)		
<b>Guest Present</b>	Mark Glenister (ECC)		

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### 23. CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

Noted that Grace would be Chairman for the meeting and Aaron was Vice-Chairman.

### 24. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 were a correct record.

### 25. EDWARD YAMAH

Grace advised Members that Edward Yamah had resigned from the Youth Council because of his Sporting commitments, which would impact on the amount of time he could offer the Youth Council.

Members wished him well in his sporting career, where he hoped to represent Great Britain at a future Olympics.

### 26. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL PASSENGER TRANSPORT CENTRE - MARK GLENISTER

Mark Glenister gave a short presentation on his role as an Essex County Council Officer for Passenger Transport. He maintained contracts with bus and taxi companies, transporting a variety of residents around the County. He understood that Members had encountered problems with the public transport, school buses and behaviour of pupils on the buses and wanted to discuss their issues and concerns.

Members reported the various problems they encountered with public transport and felt that they were unfairly treated because of the minority of badly behaved young

people. Concerns ranged from buses not stopping to pick up passengers, not stopping when required at bus stops, to poor behaviour and verbal communication between the drivers and passengers.

Mark advised that complains for commercial services should be made direct to the companies through their complaints procedures, although he could provide contact details for these companies if Members requested. If the services were provided by the County Council then incidents should be reported to himself and the traffic commissioner.

**AGREED** that members with concerns should contact Mark through Diane for the complaints procedures.

## **27. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

Diane advised that she had collated the aims and objectives from Members election statements and grouped them together to create five main aims for Members to agree for their term of office. She would circulate a copy for comment to Members.

**AGREED** that Diane would circulate the aims and objectives for comment and Members would email comments back for the next meeting.

## **28. BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL NATIONAL AWARDS**

Annie and Scarlet 2010/12 Youth Councillor came back to advise that the Youth Council had won the BYC National Award for a Youth Lead project, which included the production of the safety DVD and safety cards.

Diane advised that the BYC National Awards logo could now be used for a year alongside the EFYC logo. She congratulated previous Members and would like the current Members to promote the award.

## **29. TWITTER - ACCESS AND GROUND RULES**

Simon asked Members to consider ground rules for the use of Twitter for the EFYC Twitter page.

**AGREED** that the following rules would be circulated for approval;

1. Using proper English;
2. No inappropriate content using the Grandparents rule (i.e. would you let your grandparents see it?);
3. Tweets should be about the Youth Council, their activities or related issues;
4. We are all going to put our initials at the end of the tweet so we know who's tweeted;
5. If we mention people in our tweets we will try to link them;
6. We will agree who will tweet updates;
7. We will remember that photos of people may need their consent; and

8. We will report any abuse or concerns about people connecting with us to a responsible adult.

**30. CABINET FORWARD PLAN**

Simon advised Members that the Council produces a Forward Plan, which notifies the public of future business that the Council will be considering for the next four months, which was updated each month. EFYC Members would be advised of any business that may affect young people, so that they could be consulted and make comments.

**ACTION:** Officers would consult the Forward Plan each month and notify Members if they felt it may affect young people.

**31. NEW SUBMISSION FORMS RECEIVED**

a) Forward Planning

To discuss the progress with the Local Plan, Issues & Options document, including policies that would influence and control development in the District up until 2033.

**AGREED** that the Forward Planning team were invited to the next meeting

**32. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

(i) Chairman for the next meeting would be Stacey.

(ii) Business for consideration at the next meeting;

- Consider inviting Epping Town Council to a future meeting to discuss the Skate Park Idea in October 2012.

**ACTION:** Diane/Hamzah to invite Epping Town Council to the meeting in October 2012.

- Transport for London – To invite TfL to a future meeting.

**AGREED** that TfL should be invited once Members had completed the Youth Project Awards in October 2012.

**33. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Olivia enquired whether the notice board information should be displayed before the end of term or in September 2012.

**AGREED** that in consultation with the School, Members should decide on the best time to display the information.

Edward asked whether the information could be displayed on the school IT news board, which he edited. He thought that this would notify pupils of the work the Youth Council were doing more effectively.

Evie advised that she was still awaiting a reply from the local MP Eleanor Laing but would follow the letter up with an email.

**ACTION:** Evie to contact Eleanor Laing.

Diane enquired whether Iffah still wanted the Safer Communities team to attend a future meeting or training session regarding personal safety.

**AGREED** that Safer Communities would be invited to a future meeting.

(a) Notices by Gill/Lucy/Diane;

- **Youth Strategy Board** - Gill advised that the Youth Strategy Board had welcomed the idea of incorporating two Members of the Youth Council onto the Board. The role would be for the whole term of office and would be supported by Gill. Members interested were requested to complete a formal application that Gill or Diane would provide and the deadline would be 13 July 2012.

**AGREED** that Members interested in the post should contact Diane.

- **Pick up times** - Gill asked Members to remind parents about picking Youth Councillors up on time.

- **Staff Shortages** - Gill advised Youth Councillors that Staff shortages were expected shortly but hopefully all trips would remain organised where possible.

- **Olympic Torch** - Diane advised that Members would be working in groups and would rotate around the events. Arrival times would be 7:30 a.m. and pick up would be at 12:30 p.m. Bad weather had been predicted and if this affected the event Youth Councillors would be advised by text.

- **Jack Petchey Award Winners Tash and Carina**

Tash had won for helping out at the Heath works project and the school library. She always gets involved in other community groups and makes a useful contribution to the Youth Council group.

Carina had won for her positive approach and good ideas, working in her school and the community. She is enthusiastic, a good team player, professional and mature at all times.

- **BYC Certificates** – Members were presented with certificates for the completion of 6 training sessions; Understanding Local Youth Councils, Meetings , Representing, Campaigning, Public speaking and Media with the BYC.

- **Evaluation Forms** – Lucy asked that all Members complete the evaluation forms for the BYC training.

Simon informed Members that this meeting would be Becky's last meeting for a while as she would be on Maternity leave.

#### **34. DATE(S) FOR NEXT MEETING(S)**

The next meeting would be held on 11 September 2012 at 19.00 – 21:00, Civic Offices.

**CHAIRMAN**