



**Minutes of Youth Council Meeting
Tuesday 4 May 2021
Minutes**

Chair: Max Adams

Vice Chair: Oscar Prosser

Apologies: Lauren, Harriette, Riya, Samantha, Simran, Sammy, Archie

Absent: Zaara, Matthew, Cameron

Guests: Rob Scoble and Youth Councillors from Brighton & Hove Youth Council

1. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from previous minutes

2. Presentation by EFYC

EFYC shared their PowerPoint and videos relating to their work and projects with the Youth Councillors from Brighton and Hove.

Rob Scoble congratulated the EFYC on their work and said how impressed he was with all that they are doing and have done.

Questions

How did you get the word out about your We R Safe campaign?

The Youth Councilor's gave presentations to the year assemblies at their schools and it was advertised on social media. The project was funded by the Epping Forest District Council and the Safer Communities Partnership, they made 5 short films, purchased merchandise to give to pupils and hosted a red-carpet premiere at the Civic Offices with 100 guests. All the actors were Youth Councillors.

What impacts have you seen from things you have put out to the public?

The We R Safe campaign is prolific and even now, years after, I still see posters and pens about it. It was developed by young people, for young people and it was relevant and appropriate. All the projects from the Youth Council have been relevant as they are created from consultations and evidence their need.

3. Presentation by Brighton and Hove Youth Council

Brighton and Hove Youth Council talked about their work. Their Youth Council was established in 2006. There are 15 members and at present are having non-contact meetings. They meet monthly. Their area covers ten secondary schools and four further education colleges.

Councillor Hannah Clare is the Deputy Leader at Brighton and Hove and a former Harlow Youth Councillor.

Their current campaigns include supporting the British Youth Council 'Make Your Mark', a plastic-free campaign which includes meeting with local business to look at packaging, recycling and waste. Climate change – the council have pledged to be carbon neutral. This includes a Youth Climate assembly which will mirror the main assembly. They have signed up to the Youth Charter and are working closely with a group of adult Councillors to improve youth services. The Brighton and Hove Youth Council also have a project called Youth Wise where Councillors and Council Officers meet with young people to discuss common issues. They also address issues around equality. This includes a Trans toolkit for teachers, which will include resources to support transgender and non-binary pupils at schools during transition.

Questions

Have you done anything like our We R Safe campaign?

Yes, knife crime was an issue that came up before Covid as being an issue. However, it wasn't seen as a major issue necessary to carry out a campaign. We do sometimes have issues with people coming into the Brighton & Hove area and also County Lines. Lots of these issues are already being covered by other organisations and our job is to fill in the gaps. We cover more about mental health and sexual awareness.

Due to the effects of Covid-19 isolation, did you notice a sudden increase or decrease in the amount of litter especially near the beaches?

Yes, especially face coverings as these are littering our beaches and will be for years to come. A beach cleanup day would make a great partnership project for both Youth Councils to help combat the litter problem on beaches.

4. Updates on schools

This item was moved to 1 June meeting.

5. Topics for discussion at the next EFYC meeting 1 June 2021

It was confirmed that the Chairman will be Oscar and the Vice Chair will be Sammy.

There were no topics for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Updates from Di & Wendy

We are waiting on the film maker to give us dates for filming. The Youth Councillors will be filming at various locations across the district. Email Wendy if you would like to be an actor in the film or a script writer.

Civic Offices are nearly ready. After June 21st we should be able to return to the Civic Offices for our meetings. If we are still restricted by numbers, we could do half of the Youth Councillors in the civic and half at home via Zoom. It will be imperative at that time that we receive your apologies in advance. Time keeping must be prompt when at the Civic as Di and Wendy will both be in the meeting once it has started and will not be able to come and collect you, due to security in the building. We can arrange taxi's for you if needed.

First Aid training is booked for Thursday 3rd June. It is at North Weald airfield, in the Control Tower. Ensure you have the date in your diary and let Wendy know if you are able to attend.

7. Any Other Business

The 6th R Video

We have spoken to Police Officer Emma Jackson and she is ready to support us. We haven't spoken with Spark2Life yet but are in the process of arranging filming and script writing. We have booked Shane for the First Aid training. Di to contact Victim Support and will check her emails for Fearless training.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st June 2021, 19:00– 20:30hrs

9. Meeting ended 20:40hrs