



**Minutes of Youth Council Meeting  
Tuesday 6 July 2021  
Minutes**

**Chair:** Sammy

**Vice Chair:** Lauren

**Apologies:** Harriette, Sonny, Archie, Simran, Zaara, Alec, Tomor

**Attended:** Riya, Frank, Lauren, Sammy, Natalie, Bianca, Martin, Oscar, Jamie, Daniel, Finlay, Aliza

**1. Registration**

**2. Introductions and Welcome by Chairman, Sammy and Vice Chair, Lauren**

Sammy welcomed all to the meeting.

**3. Feedback from British Youth Council Members meeting**

Martin, Sonny and Wendy attended part of the meeting, due to having another meeting to attend. Martin fed back to the Youth Council. He said it was interesting to hear what the BYC are doing. People spoke about what they were doing in their Youth Councils and EFYC explained about their current projects (MiLife C19 and We R Safe).

**4. Feedback from Essex Youth Service Young Commissioners training – Daniel, Martin and Sonny**

Daniel and Martin explained that they commission youth groups in the district. They get allocated money each year and their role will be to decide where the money goes and what youth groups receive it. Once the groups are up and running, they will complete Quality Assurance on the group. They don't only fund youth groups, they fund all sorts of groups.

**5. MiLife C19 school updates and filming of feedback from Access Questionnaires– All**

Di reported that 12 Youth Councillors took part in the MiLife C19 evaluation filming with the Red Balloon Foundation. Each Youth Councillor was filmed reading one of the questions submitted by the participating pupils from schools. Experts will also be filmed answering the questions. The finished film will be part of the MiLife C19 evaluation for adult Members.

Youth Councillors reported back from their schools.

**Ongar Academy** not started

**Debden Park High School** are going to start MiLife this term and over the summer holiday.

**Roding Valley High School** are waiting for the right time in their diaries

**Epping St. John's** not started.

**King Harold Academy** not started

**Davenant Foundation School** have taken the programme to their Senior Leadership Team, awaiting start date.

**West Hatch High School** love the programme.

**Braeside Independent School** have started the programme

**Chigwell Independent School** not started

## 6. We R Safe 6 update – Di

The Youth Councillors gave constructive feedback from the first edit of the film: great film, well put together, some typos (involved and knife), great acting, came out lots better than expected, helpline numbers could be in screen for a second or two longer, looked realistic, need to have the speaking part of the classroom, sitting on the field needs to show the ripple effect of the message getting round, music cuts out on a couple of bits, could be faded out or in, reactions were filmed in the classroom – where are they? The news should be at the beginning, needed to be a bit longer. Di and Wendy will meet with the Film Producer to make the amendments.

## 7. Updates from schools - All Youth Councillors

Most schools in the district seem to have had one or two bubbles closed recently due to confirmed Covid-19 cases but nothing extreme to report.

## 8. Topics for discussion at the next full Youth Council meeting 3 Aug

Confirmation of Chairman and Vice-Chairman – Lauren and Natalie

IAG feedback by Sonny & Martin

Guest Speaker at next meeting – Munaza Ali from MIND

## 9. Updates from Di and Wendy – IMPORTANT DATES

**Opening of the new Civic Offices** – this has been delayed. Di will keep the Youth Council advised of when the first Full Youth Council meeting will be held at the Civic Offices.

**Museum visit** – 20<sup>th</sup> July – The Museum will be opening on this evening specially for the Youth Council. We will visit 'The Boys' exhibition and the garden where the photographs that the Youth Councillors took for the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition, are displayed. **Uniform to be worn.**

**Lambourne End Team Building Day** – 27<sup>th</sup> July – More information will follow on email. **Non uniform.**

**Heritage Day** – 28<sup>th</sup> July – at Lambourne End. There will be abseiling in the morning. Rib Davis and Angela Cohen (Judge Robert Rinder's mum) will attend the afternoon session, Youth Councillors will talk about their family history stories. Youth Councillors to prepare a 2-minute speech about an interview they held with a family member. Di offered to help any

Youth Councillors with this. Di has also bought a world map and part of the day will be spent plotting where their ancestors came from. **Uniform to be worn.**

**Brighton Beach Clean-up** – 17<sup>th</sup> August - this will be with the Brighton and Hove Youth Council. There will be 2 pickup points (Epping and Loughton) before the coach leaves for Brighton. **Uniform to be worn.**

**CanalAbility Away Day** – 19<sup>th</sup> August – Wendy has decided to use her Jack Petchey Leaders Award money on an away day on a canal boat. This is a social activity. There will be two boats. Youth Councillors will experience working the locks along the river and how the boat works. It is a four-hour trip along the River Stort, departing from Harlow. **Non uniform.**

**Limes Farm litter pick** – date to be arranged.

## **10. Any other business**

Di announced that Max has resigned from being a Youth Councillor as he has other commitments. The Youth Council would like to formally wish Max all the best and thank him for his time and effort being a Youth Councillor.

Jack Petchey – Natalie and Bianca have received the award after being nominated by their Youth Council peers– very well done and well deserved.

Sonny has won the EFYC cup this quarter for his outstanding work with the WE R Safe 'Ripple' project as well as his general contribution to the work of the Youth Council – Congratulations to Sonny.

**The meeting ended at 20:25hrs**

**Date of Next Full Youth Council meeting – Tuesday 3 August 2021, 19:00 – 20:30hrs**