



**Youth Council Meeting
Tuesday 11th January 2022**

Minutes

Chair: Finlay Wall-Banks

Vice Chair: Daniel Turner

Apologies: Cllr. Aniket Patel, Matthew Carter, Frank Cullis, Lauren Marks, Sammy Miller, Sydnae Smith, Aliza Zarras.

Attended: Zaara Ahmed, Sonny Bazzoni, Riya Bhargava, Natalie Moffat, Bianca Nedelcu, Martin Prinsloo, Oscar Prosser, Daniel Turner, Finlay Wall-Banks.

Absent: Alec Ivanov, Cameron Khadem

Officers: Wendy Cockbill, Di Gilson-Butler, Isabella Cray.

1. Registration

2. Introductions and Welcome by Chairman Finlay

Finlay welcomed Guests, Youth Councillors and officers to the meeting.

3. Guest Speaker Councilor Aniket Patel

The Chairman had received apologies from Cllr. Aniket Patel.

4. Questions

No Questions for Cllr Patel.

5. Youth Elections 2022

Youth elections in full swing, Di and Wendy will not be visiting schools due to Covid regulations but have decided for the current youth councillors to lead on showing the presentation and film. Schools without a youth councillor will be asked to brief their Head Boy and Girl, or Di can deliver the presentation by Zoom or Teams.

The nominations booklets can be found online at;
www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/EFYCNomination

Closing date for the nominations is Friday 11 February 2022. School elections will be held week commencing Monday 21 February until Friday 18 March. Ballot papers will be produced by EFDC for the schools and ballot boxes delivered for the school election day.

6. EFYC Annual report to Overview & scrutiny committee

The Youth conference and youth elections will be added to this report. Another way to showcase the work and achievements of the youth council.

Action:

Daniel, Sonny, Martin and Finlay expressed their interest in presenting to O & S committee.

7. Feedback from schools

Ongar Academy – Receiving mock results, mask compliance has been low.

Debden Park High – Year 11 have their mocks, masks worn in form time, teachers are encouraging social distancing and is up to students if they want to wear masks in lessons.

Davenant Foundation – Masks are strictly enforced, Year 11 sitting mocks, a meeting being held around the youth elections.

Chigwell – Masks are worn not always worn correctly.

Roding Valley – Masks to be worn all times.

8. Feedback from Di & Wendy

Wendy informed the youth council that she has taken a full-time Community Engagement officer position in the community team. She officially left her Youth Council post on 6 January. Vanessa and Di will be recruiting for the part time post of the Young Person's Assistant.

Di reported that Simran and Jamie have resigned as Youth Councillors due to other commitments.

Di will book the Houses of Parliament visit once visitors are allowed.

Di is also liaising with the River and Canal Trust to do an EFYC river clean up in February half term or at Easter.

9. Any other business

No other business

The meeting ended: 20:30

Date of Next Youth Council meeting on Zoom: Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 19:00 – 20:30