

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 'CHESHAM YOUTH COUNCIL' meeting
held on Monday 15th October 2018 at 4.30 pm at Chesham Town Hall

PRESENT:

George Shaw (Chair), Bridie Essex-Dobson, Leila Langdon, Daniel Abbasi, Gretel Weaver, Leo Clark, Will Nichol, George Corby, Malousi Chinenzura, Jordyn Claasen, Finlay Kirkham & Lizzie van Someren.

In attendance

Emily Culverhouse	Chesham Town & Chiltern District Councillor
Bill Richards	Chesham Town Clerk
Gill Walker	Advisor
Joseph Baum	Advisor

Apologies received from Maya Butt and Robyn Martin.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Group welcomed Malousi, Jordyn, Lizzie and Findlay to their first meeting.

2. **POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS**

Following on from the last meeting, Group members suggested projects to be started/run by the Youth Council. It was agreed to prioritise 3 particular projects:

- 'Clean-Up Chesham' campaign and tackling Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Developing more social opportunities for young people to the Elgiva and Chesham generally
- Christmas Project to assist those in financial difficulties

The Youth Council then split into 3 sub-groups to look at how to progress these projects.

Forthcoming from them were the following suggestions:

'Clean-Up Chesham' campaign and tackling Anti-Social Behaviour.

- Youth Council to work with Chesham Society and be involved with the 'Clean-Up Chesham' day on the 1st December. Look to develop an incentive scheme to engage young people – e.g. shop 'credits' for each bag collected.
- Daniel to be invited, through Emily, to the Chiltern Community Forum meeting.
- Police representative to be invited to a future Youth Council meeting.

Developing more social opportunities for young people to the Elgiva and Chesham generally

- George C to meet with Elgiva Manager to discussing programming and investigate the possibility of being co-opted onto the Elgiva Board.
- Malousi to be nominated as a link person from the Youth Council to liaise with the Youth Club management. Emily to contact the administrator there about this.

Christmas Project to assist those in financial difficulties

- Agreed sensible to liaise with the Toy Bank rather than duplicate. Daniel to liaise with organisers
- Look to fundraise through schools and perhaps with Rotary Club.
- Importance of ensuring those who received help were kept anonymous and were in no way made to feel embarrassed about getting support at Christmas. Further discussion required on this in respect to engagement.

3. **OTHER MATTERS**

All agreed that the youth of Chesham needed and deserved a better image. It was suggested therefore that someone write an article for 'YourChesham' about the Youth Council and the local press be invited (again) to attend a future meeting.

4. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

While Project Sub-Groups arranged to meet separately, it was noted that the next full meeting will take place on the 26th November at 4.30pm at the Town Hall.