

YOUTH COUNCIL

MINUTES

7th January 2019

Attended: George, George Corby, Bridie, Lizzy, Leila, Will, Gretel

Emily Culverhouse & Gill Walker

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Matters Arising

- (i) The lack of apologies and lack of YC's present. After some discussion it was decided that those missing should be written to to ask whether they're still interested in being active on the YC and reminded that if they do not attend 3 times without giving apologies they will be removed from the YC. If they have a specific reason for not having been in touch then the YC will decide whether that reason is acceptable on a case by case basis.
- (ii) George C reported on his attendance at the Elgiva Board of Management. It's felt that his presence at this meeting is not necessarily a good thing on a regular basis but would like to maintain the links with the Manager. David Cooper has offered YCs a tour of the building and YCs would like to visit. EC/JB to arrange a suitable Monday before a YC meeting to do this and all YCs meet at the Elgiva before returning to the Town Hall (or explore having the whole meeting at the Elgiva). GC (& others) is also still interested in

developing a 'Chesham's got talent' event possibly with the Elgiva for the young folk.

3. Oral report on Christmas project(s)

The project went well and two families were assisted with varying gifts and vouchers. The shops who contributed were Gerry Martin's, FastBreak, Flix Hair and Beauty, Harvey Johns and Pearces. It was thought appropriate to send each shop keeper a thank you card (perhaps our YC's could make one each?).

4. Litter Pick on 2nd February 2019 with the Chesham Society

It appears the date may be incorrect and EC will check and report back at the next meeting.

5. Youth Awards

The YCs were keen to be nominated as a group and suggested that individuals amongst their number, specifically Bridie Essex-Dobson (Volunteer award) and Leila Langdon (Environmental award) should be nominated individually for leading on the Christmas gift project and the litter pick respectively. The link was forwarded to the YC email address and Lizzy will forward to all YCs to share amongst their peer groups and schools.

6. Report to the Full Council (by the Youth Council)

It was decided that individuals should write a short piece about what their involvement has been with the YC so far. George (Chairman) will write a short introduction setting out what roles have been filled (although it would be helpful to know which YCs are still in those roles and committed to the group), Lizzy will write about the visitors who have come to speak to the YC (police, Mayor etc.), Bridie will

write about the Christmas project and Leila about the litter pick. George C. (although he cannot attend the meeting) will write a short piece about publicity.

All will send their draft pieces to me by 4pm on 28th January for discussion and development at the next meeting.

7. Any other business

(i) George C would like to start a project to fly a Rainbow flag from one of the town's flag poles (possibly by the war memorial) to raise awareness of the young LGBT residents in the area. He is to write a proposal to present to the Council (possibly Rec & Arts).

(ii) Gill proposed taking the YCs on a trip to Brussels to see the European Council. All to discuss and EC to check with Lincoln's Inn about whether they have any links to facilitate this.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th February at 4.30pm.