



Youth Council Minutes 4 February 2009

PRESENT:

Chair – Tracey Higgins

Members of the Youth Council – Lorna Hunter, Dan Callaghan, Liam Devenney, Marc Alderson, James King, Becky Swift, Kate Reynolds-Scott, Sam Young, Adam Ellerington, Jennie (YMCA), Lucinda (YMCA), Emma Wilson, Max Coates, Chloe Beadle, Kelsea Seal-Price, Hannah Meyrick-Smith, Charlie Galvin

Richmondshire District Council – Simon Fletcher, Kayleigh Thompson, Tom Stirling, Cllr Helen Grant, Cllr Melva Steckles

Richmondshire 4 Youth – Edwina Anderson, Dawn Brown

Apologies – None

YC27. Welcome – Tracey welcomed everyone to the meeting

YC28. Election of Chair – Adam and Tracey put themselves forward to be Chair for the period March – May 2009.

It was agreed – The YC voted for Tracey to remain Chair. Adam will be Vice-Chair.

YC29. Minutes – The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

YC30. Richmondshire Museum – Sheila Clarke attended to ask for volunteers to accompany her to the Richmondshire Museum and give their views on what they think can be done to improve it.

It was agreed – Sam, Adam, Chloe and Kelsea will visit the Richmondshire Museum with Sheila, before the next meeting. Kayleigh will arrange.

YC31. Photograph to publicise Battle of the Bands – All Members of the YC took part in a photo to promote battle of the bands.

YC32. RDYC Web Pages – Members of the YC were asked to look at the RDYC web pages at richmondshire.gov.uk/rdyc and provide comments at the next meeting.

It was agreed – The YC will look at the web pages in detail at the next meeting.

YC33. Sub Group Updates –

Battle of the Bands – The posters advertising for bands are now out and several bands have contacted Edwina. PA equipment and hire of the youth halls is being provided free of charge. Rook (from Richmond Live) advised we keep a core group of judges, and he will try and attend the next meeting to discuss the events with us. He also asked that if we charge an entry fee some of the profits be donated to Richmond Live.

It was agreed – The YC agreed to split the proceeds from the Band nights with Richmond Live 50/50. The next meeting of the sub group will be held on Thursday 5 Feb, 5 pm, at Richmond Youth Club.

Health – The sub group would like to hold a Health day, possibly in Richmond Market Hall and in school holidays. Suggested stands included Chlamydia testing and info, nutritionist / healthy diet, fitness, stress, smoking, drugs, alcohol, community safety partnership and blood donors.

It was agreed – The next meeting of the sub group will be held on Thursday 5 Feb, 5 pm, at Richmond Youth Club.

Youth Club Surgeries – The sub group would like to run surgeries once a year in all the Youth Clubs in the district to raise our profile and get views from all young people. They would like to use the 'question time' format and hand out business cards with the YC email address on.

It was agreed – The next meeting of the sub group will be held on Monday 9 Feb, 4 pm, at Richmond Youth Club.

YC34. Action Plan – The YC agreed the action plan for 2009-12.

It was agreed - The agreed action plan will be circulated at the next meeting.

YC35. Plan our Future – Simon explained to the YC that the District Council is currently consulting on the future of the district and how it will develop over the next 15 years. Simon asked he could consult with the YC about this and if they had any ideas regarding how RDC could engage with young people.

It was agreed – The YC are happy to be consulted with. Ideas for engaging with other young people included surveys, a comments scheme on the internet, at Youth Clubs, reward schemes, and a photograph competition.

YC36. Diversity Day – A Diversity Day will be held at The Station in May. Simon asked if the Youth Council had any views on how young people can get involved.

It was agreed – Ideas for the day included live music, question time for the YC, and stalls with different types of food.

YC37. Date of the next meeting – The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held on Wednesday 4 March 2009.