

**BOLSOVER DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL****THE YOUNG VOICE**

Minutes from the meeting at The Arc held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017, at 10:00am.

**PRESENT:**

**Chair:** Heritage School

**Bolsover School:** 7 Youth Cllrs.

**Tibshelf Community School:** 7 Youth Cllrs.

**Shirebrook Academy:** 6 Youth Cllrs.

**Heritage High School:** 6 Youth Cllrs.

**Frederick Gent School:** 4 Youth Cllrs.

**Guest Speakers:** Abi Grocutt, Daniel Oakley

**Bolsover District Council:** R. Gadsby (Customer Service and Improvement), R. Knightley (Partnership and Communications). Cllr T Munro, Chairman BDC.

**1. HOUSEKEEPING AND APOLOGIES**

The Youth Council were reminded of the Housekeeping requirements of the Arc.

Apologies were received from Cllr John Ritchie.

**2. ICE-BREAKER**

An icebreaker exercise was organised by Heritage School. "Beach Ball Game" – the youth councillors had to throw the ball to someone and answer the question on the ball between their hands.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**AGREED** - that the minutes of the Young Voice meeting held on 28/6/17 be approved as a correct and accurate record subject to a minor spelling correction.

**4. SELF-HARM TALK – ABI GROCUTT**

Abi Grocutt, Safeguarding Officer at Shirebrook Academy introduced herself to the Youth Council. Abi gave an update on the work she has been doing on mental health and in particular, self-harm. Abi showed the Youth Council a series of statements on Self-Harm and asked the Youth Council to say if they were "true" or False". Abi

explained the reasons why people Self-Harm and dispelled some of the myths associated with it.

**ACTION** – That the information on Self-Harm be noted.

## **5. YOUNG MINDS FUNDRAISING – UPDATES**

**Heritage** – had been involved with a Shoebox appeal, created posters and plan to fundraise for Young Minds in March.

**Shirebrook** – Held a non-uniform day with donations for Young Minds.

**Frederick Gents** – Holding a bake sale in January.

**Tibshelf** – Held a ‘Hello Yellow’ day to raise awareness and are planning a non-uniform day in the future to raise money.

**ACTION** - Staff to send photos of any of the activities the schools and youth councillors had got involved with to raise money and awareness of Young Minds.

## **6. ARTS DEVELOPMENT – DANIEL OAKLEY**

Daniel gave the background of his role and talked to the youth councillors about how he could be involved and support the Youth Council. A festival for the district was discussed and several other events and opportunities that could be good for the Youth Council.

## **7. STEREOTYPES - EXERCISE**

The Youth Councillors were split into 3 groups to discuss stereotypes and the problems they may cause for young people. Youth Councillors were asked: What can we do to promote a positive image of young people and avoid “stereotypes”?

Suggestions were then fed back to the whole group.

**ACTION** – that Stereotypes will be looked at in further details at the next Youth Council Meeting.

## **8. YOUTH COUNCIL PROJECTS BUDGET**

Richard outlines how the “Piggy Bank Fund” used to work. The scheme had not been used for the last couple of years however money was still in the budget for projects. A discussion took place to whether or not to re-open the Piggy Bank Fund, so schools and Youth Councillors could bid for funding. It was noted the Youth Council Manifesto could be used as the criteria for the scheme. Youth Councillors felt that money should be spent on projects that benefit young people or the local community.

**AGREED** – that: Youth Council support the principles of the Piggy Bank Fund.

**ACTION** – Richard to draw up a proposal detailing the criteria for a re-launched Piggy Bank Scheme.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Feedback forms were distributed to Youth Councillors and were completed and collected in at the end of the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12:00pm.

**Details of next meeting:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 10am – 12:00pm at The Arc, Clowne.