

## **BOLSOVER DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL**

### **THE YOUNG VOICE**

Minutes from the meeting at Shirebrook Academy held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, at 10:00am.

#### **PRESENT:**

**Tibshelf Community School:** 6 Youth Councillors, 1 Teacher.

**Shirebrook Academy:** 5 Youth Councillors, 1 Teacher.

**Heritage High School:** 6 Youth Councillors, 1 Teacher.

**Bolsover School:** 6 Youth Councils, 1 Teacher.

**Guest Speakers:** Jon Tipton (Extreme Wheels).

**Bolsover District Council:** R. Gadsby (Customer Service and Improvement), R. Knightley (Partnership and Communications).

**Apologies:** Stubbin Wood and Frederick Gent.

**Chair:** A student from Tibshelf School.

#### **1. HOUSEKEEPING AND APOLOGIES**

Richard Gadsby went through the basic housekeeping and introduced new members of the Youth Council. A student from Tibshelf School was chosen as chair.

#### **2. ICE-BREAKER**

Shirebrook Academy had organised an ice-breaker for the group called 'Two truths and a lie'. Individuals stood up to tell two truths and a lie, leaving the rest of the group to vote and guess which one of the three statements was a lie.

#### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The chair went through the minutes of the last meeting and asked for any feedback, updates or corrections. A few name errors were picked up and corrected.

#### **4. POSITIVE REWARDS AND LEISURE UPDATE**

Jon Tipton from Leisure Services gave out flyers and leaflets on Extreme Wheels and Adventure quest. A discussion took place on what Positive Rewards are and what they involve. He reminded students and staff that their free reward days needed to be booked and paid for by July.

Jon also mentioned that Extreme Wheels were holding events every Saturday from late May in which any activities were £6 for 3 hours. He also mentioned that

Adventure Fest was holding a free day event on the Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 10am until 4pm (bare in mind water activities will need to be booked in advance).

## **5. CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION**

Certificates were presented by Cllr. Mary Dooley to Youth Councillors who are leaving the Youth Council after a period of service. Photographs were taken.

## **6. YOUTH COUNCIL MANIFESTO**

A lengthy discussion was had between the Youth Councillors on the topics of their manifesto for the next year. They were in agreement that several topics could be interlinked and that 3 topics overall would be enough for them to focus on. They also agreed that mental health would be their main focus within their manifesto.

## **7. PROJECT UPDATES**

Each school gave an update on their recent efforts:

### Tibshelf

- Looking into their bus services as they have been experiencing frequent problems with them, including:
  - Prices going up
  - Smoking
  - Bad behaviour
  - Buses being full
  - Often late
  - Frequently breaking down
- Local non-uniform day coming up for Derbyshire Animal Care – animal themed. This includes other stalls, raffles, count the sweets etc.
- Have been involved with MP Dennis Skinner and the 5 pits Council.
- Review of their current reward system

### Shirebrook

- Bag packing at Tesco
- Assemblies on Teenage Cancer Trust and selling wrist bands

### Heritage

- Raised £640 more for Teenage Cancer Trust (now a total of £1,876)
- Planning future bake sales
- Community Centre for elderly

## Bolsover

- Raised just under £500
- Tombola

Richard then gave an update on the Teenage Cancer Trust Visit, explaining that it may be more difficult than originally thought due to ongoing refurbishments and cross contamination issues. It was suggested that as an alternative a patient/recovered patient could come and speak to the students at one of their next meetings.

### **8. NEWSLETTER – DISCUSSION AND GROUP WORK**

Richard reminded the Youth Council that it is time to start their annual newsletter. He asked the Youth councillors to talk to each other and think of something they could write an article about, these include; Raising money, Teenage Cancer Trust, their experiences in Youth Council etc.

It was decided that the schools would decide and write their articles before the next meeting getting them sent back to Richard to put together.

### **9. PROPOSED FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 2pm, Tibshelf School.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, Team Building, Pleasley Vale (TBC)

### **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A discussion took place about youth councillors attending Council meetings, which was left with Cllr. Mary Dooley. Once the council meetings are accepted from draft the youth council will be informed on any they can attend.

### **11. FEEDBACK FORMS**

Richard handed out feedback forms for the Youth Councillors to fill in.

The meeting concluded at 2:00pm.

**Details of next meeting:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 12pm at Tibshelf School. (Half day Youth Council with lunch provided).