

BOLSOVER DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

THE YOUNG VOICE

Minutes from the meeting at Tibshelf School held on Wednesday 28th June 2017, at 10:00am.

PRESENT:

Chair: Tibshelf School

Schools: Tibshelf Community School, Shirebrook Academy, Heritage High School, Frederick Gent School.

Guest Speakers: Rachel Ridler (Teenage Cancer Trust)

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

Also In Attendance: Brian Marshall (Shirebrook MAT), Sandra Peake (Heritage), Garry Wallis (Tibshelf), Francis Newton (Heritage), Tracie Jenkinson (Frederick Gent).

1. HOUSEKEEPING AND APOLOGIES

Youth councillors were advised to split up into separate groups as agreed at the last meeting. Mr Garry Wallis Advised the Youth Council of the house keeping requirements at Tibshelf School. Mr Wallis will be taking over responsibility for Tibshelf Youth Councillors upon Sue Allen's retirement.

Apologies were received from Bolsover School.

2. ICE-BREAKER

An icebreaker exercise was organised by Tibshelf. The exercise "Ball Of String" involved the Youth Councillors splitting into groups and passing a ball of string to someone in their circle and asking them a question.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

AGREED - that the minutes of the Young Voice meeting held on 15/3/17 be approved as a correct and accurate record subject to the change of misspelling of a name.

4. TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

Rachel Ridler from Teenage Cancer Trust advised the Youth Council of how funds raised helped young people with cancer. The Chair presented a cheque of £3730 to Teenage Cancer Trust and photographs were taken. This was the current amount to date raised by the Youth Council, however some schools are still in the process of raising funds, which will be passed to the charity in due course.

Richard and Rachel thanked the Youth Council for all their hard work in raising such a high amount for the charity.

5. IMPROVING YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Richard presented several options for the selection of future chairs and discussed the proposal of Question/Motions, Discussion and Answer for future meetings.

AGREED - that:

- a) The principle of lead youth councillors be approved
- b) Lead Youth Councillors would be decided ahead of each meeting by schools
- c) Option 1 for selecting the Chair as outlined in the report be improved
- d) Lead Youth Councillors to join the Chair on top table in future meetings
- e) A three step system (Question/Motion, Discussion, Answer) be adopted for future debates
- f) Should the designated chair be absent, one of the Lead Youth Councillors will chair the meeting

ACTION - Richard to make the necessary arrangements for future meetings and advise schools accordingly.

6. YOUTH COUNCIL MANIFESTO

The Youth Council were advised that the manifesto had been discussed in length at previous meetings. After Richard considered each topic proposed, it became clear that the overall theme was Health and Wellbeing. A draft manifesto including this theme was presented to the Youth Council for discussion and approval.

AGREED - That the Draft Youth Council Manifesto 2017/18 be approved

7. YOUTH COUCNIL NEWSLETTER

Richard tabled the latest draft of the Youth Council newsletter. A discussion took place and some articles and information on social media were to be added.

AGREED - that:-

- a) The Newsletter be delayed until September to allow schools to submit late articles
- b) 30 physical copies will be printed for each school in addition to the electronic copies.

ACTION – Schools to send any articles to Richard ready for the new draft which will be agreed at the next meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Heritage and Shirebrook Youth Councillors updated the Youth Council on their recent visit to Derbyshire County Council - County Hall to view the County Council's AGM (Annual Council meeting). Cllr Dooley has invited the Youth Council to also view Bolsover Council meetings held at The Arc. A list of dates for these had been attached to the agenda.

Teachers advised that the proposed June 2018 for the Youth Council dates clashes with exams.

ACTION –

- a) Schools to advise Richard if they would like to view any of the Bolsover District Council Meetings.
- b) Richard to revise the June date for the Youth Council and advise schools accordingly.

9. FEEDBACK FORMS

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: Wednesday 13th September 2017, 10am – 2:15pm at Pleasley Vale Outdoor Activity Centre (Team Building and AGM).