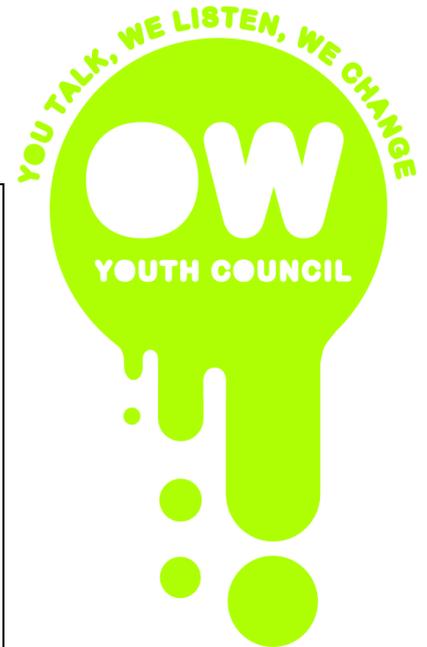


Oadby & Wigston Youth Council

Minutes

Monday, 20 February 2017



In Attendance

Daria Eckert (Chair / Minutes)

Devina-Hannah Amliwala, Ben Avery,
Morgan Burns, Kieran Cooper, Eve Davenport, Bhavin Gohil

Also In Attendance:

Cllr. Richard Morris

Mark Smith (OWBC)

Jane McCormick (Leicestershire County Council)

Minute Ref.	Narrative	Member Resp.
111.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Cllr. Anne Bond, Lauryn Harris	
112.	<u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of January's meeting of the Youth Council were declared true and accurate.	
113.	<u>DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME</u> Following on from the points raised in February's meeting, Mark confirmed that the Youth Council does meet the criteria for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme's 'volunteering' section. Anyone who attends Youth Council who is also undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh's Award can have their award books signed by Mark, certifying their attendance and contributions. Mark will write to the individuals in charge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at both Beauchamp College and Wigston College re. the Youth Council fulfilling the volunteering criteria. Richard also suggested that the Youth Council provide its members, upon request or upon their leaving the Youth Council, with an official certificate or letter documenting their time spent with the Youth Council and highlighting the good work undertaken. This could then be used as evidence with UCAS forms, CV's and job applications by current, and former, Youth Council members.	MS

<p>114.</p>	<p><u>YOUTH COUNCIL SURVEY</u></p> <p>The Youth Council agreed that they were happy for the survey to start being developed with the questions decided upon during January’s meeting included.</p> <p>Mark was asked to clarify where the Youth Council would stand in relation to asking for email addresses from people completing the survey. It was stated that as long as people are asked to voluntarily enter their email address, and it was clearly stated that it would only be used for the purpose of sending additional information re. the Youth Council, there would be no restriction on asking for it to be provided.</p> <p>Morgan has made arrangements for the creation of the survey on the Youth Council’s website (www.owyc.co.uk). Morgan is aiming to have a version of the survey available to showcase during April’s meeting.</p> <p>Richard suggested that, from April, the Youth Council may be able to provide £8.00 p/month to Morgan to part fund the server maintenance in relation to the Youth Council and Supersonic Boom websites. This suggestion will be revisited once the Council’s budget for 2017/18 has been confirmed.</p>	<p>MB</p>
<p>115.</p>	<p><u>COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - FINDINGS SO FAR</u></p> <p>To date the annual Community Safety Partnership survey has had 179 responses. Of these, 56% stated that they feel ‘Very Safe’ or ‘Safe’ within the Borough.</p> <p>The top three issues of community concern, as identified through the survey, are ‘Groups causing Nuisance’, ‘Littering or Fly Tipping’, and ‘Vandalism or Graffiti’. Mark asked the Youth Council what they would perceive as being the best way to address these concerns. The Youth Council stated that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The best tactics were already seemingly in use with the ‘ring leaders’ of these concerns already being targeted, and ▪ That the cause of much of the perceived nuisance behaviour was that young people have nowhere to go in the Borough and, until they do, it would not be possible to tackle the issues as well as they could be. 	
<p>116.</p>	<p><u>ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR / INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES</u></p> <p>The ban on all unaccompanied young people aged 16 or under after 4:30pm at McDonalds has now been lifted. This is due to work undertaken with McDonalds by Mark and the Police in relation to the ongoing anti-social behaviour they are experiencing. McDonalds have now issued banning letters to the young people responsible for the majority of the reported anti-social behaviour. It is likely that additional young people, as they are identified through partnership working, will also be banned from McDonalds.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour in the Wigston area has risen by 50% compared to last year with over 200 new cases reported. The majority of these concern young people aged 13-16. A meeting, including the Council, Police, Youth Offending Service, and other</p>	

	<p>professionals, will be held on 21 February 2017 focussing on the anti-social behaviour issues currently being experienced in Wigston.</p> <p>The Reality Bus has returned to the Borough for its next 10 week block and is still based on the Tesco South Wigston car park.</p>	
117.	<p><u>YOUTH COUNCIL CAMPAIGNS PREPARATION FOLLOW UP</u></p> <p>Letters were sent out to all the high schools and colleges in the Borough concerning recruitment of new members. The schools, alongside Nicky Morgan MP and Sir Edward Garnier MP, also received letters in support of the 'Curriculum for Life' campaign the Youth Council is supporting. To date no responses have been received.</p>	
118.	<p><u>MEETING FREQUENCY / LOCATIONS</u></p> <p>After some discussion about varying meeting locations to potentially enable additional young people to attend Youth Council meetings, it was agreed that the current venue and time of the Youth Council's meetings is to continue without alteration.</p>	
119.	<p><u>WEBSITE CONTENT / WEB PRESENCE</u></p> <p>Morgan has applied for the Youth Council's accounts/pages on Twitter and Facebook to be verified and is awaiting a response. Morgan to update at next meeting. A link between the Twitter and Facebook feeds has now also been created; this means that any tweets sent from @OWYC will now appear as status updates on the Youth Council's Facebook page.</p> <p>The web domain bill for the Youth Council's website has now been paid which means the site should soon be back up and running.</p> <p>The idea of live streaming meetings over Facebook was floated; Mark pointed out that this could not happen due to safeguarding concerns that may arise.</p> <p>Morgan has removed the Supersonic Boom page on Facebook; this is to allow all promotion to take place on its own website (www.supersonicboom.co.uk) and the Youth Council's own Facebook page. Working in this manner will hopefully cause people searching for information relating to Supersonic Boom to 'like' the Youth Council's page and, in turn, see additional updates from the Youth Council appear on their timeline.</p>	MB
120.	<p><u>PROMOTION / RECRUITMENT</u></p> <p>On 1 February 2017 members of the Wigston Academy School Council visited the Council Offices to meet with Mark Hall (OWBC Chief Executive), Cllr. Robert Eaton (Mayor), Cllr. Lynda Eaton (Mayoress), Richard and Mark. At this meeting they discussed issues such as safety around schools and youth provision, and the meeting is said to have been a success with a thank you letter from the school being received.</p> <p>The Mayor, Mayoress, Richard and Mark will, in turn, be visiting Wigston Academy on</p>	

	<p>Wednesday, 8 March to again meet with the School Council. It is hoped that these meetings will forge a greater relationship between Wigston Academy and the Youth Council.</p> <p>Devina and Daria will speak with Miss Wilson at Beauchamp College re. advertising the Youth Council to its pupils via the 'Bee Hive', as well as promoting it as a volunteering opportunity for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Mark will also provide some of the existing Youth Council flyers to aid in promotion.</p>	<p>DA / DE MS</p>
<p>121.</p>	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>The Youth Council were informed that nominations for Young Citizen of the Year 2017 are now being accepted. Full details of the award are available on the Oadby & Wigston Borough Council website. The deadline for nominations to be submitted is, at present, Friday, 31 March 2017 but this could be extended.</p> <p>Planning for Supersonic Boom will start to appear on Youth Council agendas from April's meeting, the first meeting after the budget for Supersonic Boom has been approved by OWBC.</p> <p>Mark was asked about the use of the Jitty's web domain. Referring to previous minutes Mark stated that the domain had been transferred to the team who ran the Jitty, with the intention of it now redirecting to their new website.</p>	

The meeting was closed at 9:00pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday, 20 March 2017

7pm – 9pm

Council Chamber, OWBC