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Hastings Youth Council Agenda

Thursday, 23 November 2017 at 6.00 pm

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6.	Speaker: John Landels (Safe space, contact won from CCG) Social Marketing Analyst, The National Social Marketing Centre	
7.	Current events <ul style="list-style-type: none">Youth awards, Hastings Live	
8.	Community engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">i-RockTime to talk?	
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10.	Youth manifesto	
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HASTINGS YOUTH COUNCIL, FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Date	05/10/17	Time	18:00
Venue	Muriel Matters House	Chair	Huda Caglayan
Membership: Abbie, Kieron, George, Owen, Eric, Kathrine, Aayush, Brandon, Lily, Tenzin, Jordan, Eren, Esraa, Georgia, India, Mae, Megan			
In Attendance: Emile Tambah (Community Cohesion Officer), Grace Clements, Councillor Kim Forward, Councillor James Bacon, Victoria Conheady			
Apologies: Phillip, Harri, Laurence			

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Item	Action	By who	By when
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions Huda welcomed everyone to the meeting. Agenda of the meeting were distributed to all the attendees as well as the minutes from the previous meeting.</p>			
<p>2. Apologies Apologies were received from Phillip and Harri. These were accepted.</p>			
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting The group unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting. George proposed the minutes. They were seconded by Owen</p>			
<p>4. Matters arising from the minutes No matters arose from the minutes of the previous meeting</p>			
<p>5. Hastings Youth Awards Hastings Youth Awards (HYA) is an annual awards evening which celebrate the achievements of young people in Hastings. This year, HYA will be taking place on Sunday 5th November, between</p>	Put HYA video onto Facebook for	George	ASAP

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<p>4pm and 7pm. Nominations for these awards opened on 4th October and are due to close on the 18th October.</p> <p>Roles for the day will need filling; elections for these roles will take place in the near future, though youth councillors were reminded of the roles available. These include: Hosts, award giver, and people to be responsible for reception, security, fire watch, food, drinks.</p>	<p>other members to view</p> <p>Prepare speeches for HYA roles elections</p>	<p>Various – whoever would like to stand</p>	<p>12/10</p>
<p>6. Community engagement</p> <p>- i-Rock</p> <p>The group were updated on the service. The service will be moving to the floor below in their current building (Rock House). A bid has been granted to fund the furnishing and decorating of this. The service is looking to exhibit young people’s artwork as decoration, and have considered holding an exhibition for this. They are also looking into starting a trial block of 4-6 sessions of a wellbeing course – mindfulness in the run up to exams. Additionally, they are looking to link with other organisations such as DoE and NCS as an additional form of support for over-18s who may not be supported through other services that i-Rock tend to refer people to such as CAMHS. There is another Young Persons Advisory Group Meeting coming up soon, date to be confirmed, which youth councillors are encouraged to get involved with if possible.</p> <p>-Time to talk</p> <p>Hastings Youth Council are hoping to create a piece of graffiti art work on the boards near to Priory Square, However, funding for this has not been granted this soon. Therefore, on Monday 10th October, a group will get together to create a piece of artwork which will be graffitied on at a later date. This will be in collaboration with Love Hastings Love Yourself, and 2 sessions will take place between 10am and 12:30pm, and 1:30pm and 4pm.</p>	<p>Attend young person’s advisory group meeting</p> <p>Attend workshop</p>	<p>Anybody</p> <p>Anybody</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>TBC</p>
<p>7. Officer updates</p> <p>- Treasurer</p> <p>No update. Reminder to bring receipts to George for travel to meetings on bus and trains.</p> <p>- Media</p> <p>Potential expansion on social media platforms to the use of Instagram. Will discuss further at a later date.</p>			

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<p>8. Upcoming elections to fill vacancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social The social officer is responsible for organising the social events put on for Hastings Youth Council, including the residential. - Welfare The Welfare office is responsible for ensuring the welfare of members of the group as well as actively seeking an issues which may affect the welfare of young people in Hastings and bringing these findings to meetings. - Campaigns and Events This officer is responsible for taking the lead on campaigns and events put on by Hastings Youth Council, with support from all other members. <p>Other potential roles outside of Hastings Youth Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hastings Pride Director This person would be 1 of 5 directors taking charge of Hastings Pride. They would be part of the community interest company (CIC) which is a not for profit company, and all directors have equal say in how the company and the event is run. This person must be over 18. - East Sussex Youth Cabinet This young person (age 16-18) would attend meetings every 4-6 weeks, they would collaborate with other young people from all over East Sussex, working towards similar goals as Hastings Youth Council. The meetings are held on a weekend day in Eastbourne, and last approximately 6 hours. Travel and food are provided free of charge. 	<p>Prepare speeches for roles elections</p>	<p>Various – whoever would like to stand</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>9. School / College / Community issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some members feel that there are not enough opportunities for art students in the local area, therefore would like to create an opportunity for young people by enquiring about the possibility of decorating the old skate park, which anybody could be part of. This would also benefit those who cannot afford to go to skate parks which charge a fee. - Some young people feel that public transport, in particular buses, are far too expensive and are not affordable for young people, and would like to enquire if anything could be done about this. - Roadworks are leading to traffic problems in the local area. These are necessary, though we would like to enquire about how long these will last. 	<p>-Contact council regarding the potential art project to take place on skate park -Email director of stagecoach -Email to enquire about library</p>	<p>Emile Emile/Abbie Emile/Abbie</p>	<p>ASAP TBC ASAP</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We would like to enquire about the date of expected completion for Hastings Library, as it has been under construction for a very long time. - One member shared that their friend had to wait approximately 3-4 hours for an ambulance to reach them when they required medical attention, this is shocking, though there is not a great deal that can be done to improve the strain of government cuts. - The new company 'Kingdom' who have been employed by the council to enforce regulation regarding litter, have been known to be very rude to the public. This should be reviewed. Additionally, people feel that the fines should be payable in instalments to make them more manageable. - Students have raised the issue that school days are too long to allow students to study effectively. Students are not finishing until 4- 5 on some days, and within the day, only get a 45 minute break. This is negatively affecting students' ability to learn and to revise, and students would like to change this. 	<p>opening date and ask whether there is a section for young people</p> <p>-Email headteacher of Helenswood / director of ARK to discuss timetables</p>	<p>Emile/ Abbie</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>Page 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One member raised the point that she has been rejected from Sussex Coast College Hastings, due to the fact that she is pregnant. We feel that this is discriminatory, and should not have been such a quick decision. Though it may not have been possible to complete a year long course, alternative options should have been given. SCCH do run short courses, these should have been offered rather than simply telling this student that they cannot join. - Another member of the group commented that the course they had applied to study at Sussex Coast College, Philosophy, had been cancelled at short notice, leaving him unsure of what to study for the next two years. Better communication is needed within the college and more potential teachers for each subject, to ensure that courses remain available to students. - Several members of HYC have had experience with individuals who have been taking drugs, in particular heroin, and heroin needles have been found both round the back of Hastings college and also in the toilets at Mcdonalds. We feel that something needs to be done about this, potentially asking companies to install blue lights in toilets which will ensure that individuals are unable to see their veins, making injecting more difficult. - We feel that SCCH should provide recycling bins on all floors rather than simply in the atrium, to encourage recycling more. 	<p>Talk to college about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promoting short courses more - potentially increasing security, making back of college area for students only - Potentially having recycling bins on other floors 	<p>Emile/ Abbie</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samaritans suicide helpline requires callers to pay, this may put people off of calling – can anything be done? - 	<p>Email Samaritans</p>	<p>Emile/ Abbie</p>	<p>ASAP</p>

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<p>10. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hastings Live is an event for people age 14+ put on by Brass Monkey which allows local bands to play. Hastings Youth Council have discussed putting on a similar event, and so are now collaborating with Brass Monkey to put on a 'Hastings Youth Council presents Hastings Live'. In preparation for this, members will attend a Hastings Live following this meeting, to get a sense of what it is like, and what we could do for ours. - The youth manifesto was looked at and needs some updates before it can be signed off 	<p>Attend Hastings Live</p> <p>Update Manifesto</p>	<p>Various – whoever is available</p> <p>All</p>	<p>05/10</p> <p>31/10</p>
<p>11. Action summary Abbie summarised the actions from the meeting.</p>			
<p>12. Meeting close Huda closed the meeting at 8:00pm</p>			

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