

HASTINGS YOUTH COUNCIL, FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Date	23/11/17	Time	18:00
Venue	Muriel Matters House	Chair	Huda Caglayan
Membership: Abbie, Kieron, George, Eric, Kathrine, Aayush, Brandon, Lily, Tenzin, Jordan, Eren, Esraa, Georgia , India, Mae, Megan, Phillip, Ally, Harri			
In Attendance: Emile Tambah (Community Cohesion Officer), John Landels (Social marketing company), Michael Hambridge (Stade Saturdays)			
Apologies: Maria, Lawrence, Owen			

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<p>1. Welcome and Introductions Huda welcomed everyone to the meeting. Agenda of the meeting was displayed on the screen.</p>			
<p>2. Apologies Apologies were received from Maria, Lawrence and Owen. These were accepted.</p>			
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting The group unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting. Huda proposed the minutes. They were seconded by Abbie.</p>			
<p>4. Matters arising from the minutes In regards to the potential art project involving the old skate park, Emile contacted Keith Duly who suggested that Youth Council would have to source a budget and agree a time for this to take place. However, since then, a new space opportunity has become available in town, near to the old toilets where there is already a budget set for something to be done with the space. Youth councillors who would like to be a part of this project include: Lily, Tenzin, India, Katherine, Brandon, Ally and Georgia. In regards to the concerns raised previously about expensive bus prices, an email has been sent to</p>			

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<p>the manager if Stagecoach however has not yet been replied to. A suggestion was made regarding a potential student/ young person ticket which lasts the whole week and can be used within East Sussex, to benefit students coming into college from further away.</p> <p>In regards to concerns about 'Kingdom', under 18's may have their fine dropped if they take their ticket into the information centre at Muriel Matters House.</p> <p>In regards to concerns about Samaritans charging for their service, they have been contacted, and the price is in place because Samaritans are a charity which needs funding. Having a charge for calls also prevents prank callers, and those who are in need of the service generally do not mind paying a small fee.</p> <p>There were some actions which have been postponed, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emailing Helenswood in regards to concerns about long days for students with minimal breaks. (Megan and Mae to take on this action as they are students at the school). - Emailing Sussex Coast College regarding specific points of interest including <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>Speak to management at Helenswood Academy</p> <p>Bring up these issues in student rep meetings</p>	<p>Megan and Mae</p> <p>Jordan / Abbie</p>	<p>Next full council meeting</p> <p>Next student rep meeting</p>
<p>5. Guest Speaker – John Landels (social marketing company)</p> <p>John is working with a not for profit organisation which aims to help vulnerable young people in Hastings, the name 'safespace' is proposed to be used for the service. The service would be held in Hisplace church, though has no input from the church, and is proposed to begin on the 16th December 2017, and will run every Saturday between the hours of 21:00 and 4:00 on Saturday nights/ Sunday mornings. The service will be aimed primarily at people between the ages of 17 and 25, though others outside of this age range would not necessarily be turned away.</p> <p>John visited the Youth Council in the past to enquire about our opinions regarding what services would help young people in the community who are out at night, perhaps in bars and clubs. As a youth council, we agreed that the essentials would be a confidential service that provides first aid, food, drink, and potentially help to get home if necessary. Considerations have been made to link with taxi services to ensure young people are able to get home, although this service would not be made free of charge. A mini bus was considered, however, there is no budget for driving insurance, and this could be very expensive.</p> <p>When asked what may prevent young people from accessing the service, youth councillors suggested that young people may be embarrassed about using the service and concerns about</p>			

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<p>their parents finding out. The response to this is that it is not possible to say parents will never be contacted, due to parents being a potential choice to ensure young people get home safely. However, this will never be the case without the permission of the young person. Volunteers must be 18 or over, and would be expected to volunteer approximately once a month. Volunteers will receive training in safeguarding and challenging behaviour. Young people are expected to be referred to the service by other organisations who the service are working with including street pastors, police and bar staff. Volunteers will also offer an outreach service. Advertisement is planned to be in the form of digital flyer on social media, and paper flyers to be distributed into taxis, takeout restaurants, bars, college and street pastors. Youth councillors suggested that staff could also visit groups completing NCS.</p>			
<p>6. Guest Speaker – Michael Hambridge (Stade Saturdays) Michael from Stade Saturdays has visited Youth Council before, and youth councillors have attended a Stade Saturday event, after which, distributing questionnaires to young people on their opinions of the event. The number of young people (35 years and below) attending the event has risen in the past year. For the future, Stade Saturdays management wish to advertise the event digitally in order to appeal to more young people. In regards to programming for the next event, youth councillors watched clips of different acts in order to decide which acts we thought would appeal to young people. The acts included dance groups, circus groups and theatre groups. All youth councillors will make a decision as to which act/s we think is best, and vote using the poll on the closed Facebook group. There is opportunity for youth councillors to work at this event – stewarding and / or surveying.</p>	Vote on the Facebook Poll	Everybody	ASAP
<p>7. Manifesto Youth Council read through and adjusted their Manifesto to ensure it reflects the attitudes of the group as a whole. Changes were made accordingly, and the manifesto was confirmed.</p>			
<p>8. Officer updates - Treasurer No update. Reminder to bring receipts to George for travel to meetings on bus and trains. - Media Potential expansion on social media platforms to the use of Instagram. Will discuss further at a later date.</p>			

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<p>9. School / College / Community issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some members feel that young people should be encouraged to clean their litter. - Some members who attend Sussex Coast College Hastings are concerned about the fact that teachers do not always take registers in class, resulting in losing attendance which for some, is resulting in a loss of their bursary which is necessary to complete their studies. This will be bought up with the college in student rep meetings. 	<p>Look into ways to reduce littering</p> <p>Discuss the need to take registers in every class</p>	<p>Everybody</p> <p>Jordan/ Abbie/ Huda</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>Next student rep meeting</p>
<p>10. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Huda will be opening the White Ribbon event in the town centre on 24/11/17. Youth councillors are asked to attend and support the event. - Hastings Youth Council intends to hold a 'Hastings Live' event on the 7th of December, more meetings must be put in place in order to be prepared in time, or the event must be postponed. 	<p>Attend White Ribbon event</p>	<p>Anybody</p>	<p>24/11/17</p>
<p>11. Action summary</p> <p>Abbie summarised the actions from the meeting.</p>			
<p>12. Meeting close</p> <p>Huda closed the meeting at 8:00pm</p>			