

HASTINGS YOUTH COUNCIL, FULL COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes

Date	24/05/18	Time	18:00
Venue	Muriel Matters House	Chair	Abbie Cameron
Membership: Jordan, Lily, Harry, Phillip, Georgia, Fran, India, Kieron, Milicent, Maria, Abbie			
In Attendance: Emile Tambah (Community Cohesion Officer)			
Apologies: Huda, Aayush, Ally, Brandon, Katherine, Eric, Robin, Tenzin, Owen, Mae, Megan			

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<p>1. Welcome and Introductions Abbie 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 Huda, Aayush, Ally, Brandon, Katherine, Eric, Robin, Tenzin, Owen, Mae and Megan. These were accepted.</p>			
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting The group unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting. India proposed the minutes. They were seconded by Harry.</p>			
<p>4. Matters arising from the minutes There has been no update in regards to the conversation with management at Helenswood Academy about the long school days. There have been no student representative meetings at Sussex Coast College Hastings in which to raise the issues of increasing security and the implementation of recycling bins on all floors. As the college year is almost over, there is unlikely to be another meeting. Nevertheless, these issues may</p>	Email St Leonards Academy	Jordan	

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<p>be raised with staff and management. The following actions are also to be continued into the following term: Email St Leonards Academy regarding wheelchair access. Email St Richards College regarding disabled access.</p>	<p>regarding wheelchair access. Email St Richards College regarding disabled access.</p>	<p>Abbie</p>	
<p>5. Manifesto Update The group were reminded of the updated manifesto, which will be used in a way as a checklist. Each meeting, the group will discuss current objectives and how these relate to our manifesto. Recently, the group have been working towards a number of the points on the manifesto, including: A focus on life skills of young people such as financial capability - Hastings Youth Council have taken part in training sessions with Citizens Advice Bureau around budgeting skills and have given feedback on these sessions, which will potentially be offered to other young people. A focus on young people's engagement in politics – Hastings Youth Council has run a campaign to encourage young people to vote. This involved meeting with democratic services to learn more about the voting process and then meeting with and interviewing local councillors about issues that affect young people in Hastings and what their particular parties would do to support these. The hope was that young people could engage with politics and how it can affect them, and encourage them to be a part of this democratic process. A focus on the misuse of alcohol among young people – Hastings Youth Council have representatives at Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) meetings and these young people have undertaken training to support young people who are affected by alcohol misuse. A focus on promoting diversity in terms of sexual orientation – Hastings Youth Council has a representative on the board of directors for Hastings Pride, which is on-going.</p>			
<p>6. Upcoming elections to fill vacant roles - Residential The residential will take place at the end of June, where elections will be held. All roles will be open, including: chair, secretary, media (potentially a small group could take on this role), campaigns and events, social, welfare and treasurer. Members are encouraged to consider which roles they may like to stand for.</p>			

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<p>7. Project updates</p> <p>Several projects are being planned currently, in small working groups. These are as follows:</p> <p>Group 1: A project to raise awareness of the great work by Pestalozzi and to raise money for the charity. Ideas include writing a newspaper article to raise awareness and holding a leavers' party / festival which is open to the public to encourage people to get involved.</p> <p>Group 2: A 3 week project focussing on the decreasing the disparity between generations and improving relationships, in line with the manifesto. Week one would involve visiting a foster home to engage with young people with activities. Week two would involve volunteering at a food bank, to engage with people of all ages. Week three would involve visiting an elderly person's care home, perhaps the organisation of a party there, to engage with members of older generations.</p> <p>Group 3: This project is currently still in its early stages of planning. Ideas include: a recruitment event to take place in schools, a 'play day' or open PSHE type session for young people and a fundraiser.</p>			
<p>8. Community engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women's voice event – A women's voice march will take place on the 23rd June this year, to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women getting the vote. Our video (from our campaign encouraging young people to vote) will be shown on the day and members will attend to speak about the campaign and the event, and to show support. - Citizens Advice Bureau event - As discussed earlier, members of Youth Council have engaged with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in line with the manifesto. - Community Alcohol Partnership – As discussed earlier, members of Youth Council have engaged with Community Alcohol Partnership in line with the manifesto. - Opportunity area engagement – Some members visited London to voice their opinions on the opportunities for young people in Hastings and what they felt was needed to improve the opportunities for young people, as Hastings has been selected as an 'opportunity area' meaning that funding will be available to improve opportunities for young people in regards to education and employment. 			
<p>9. Officer updates</p> <p>There were no updates from officers.</p>			
<p>10. School / College / Community issues</p> <p>One member, who attended a senior student meeting at their school, shared the content of the meeting with the group. By switching off projectors after use, the school saved 50% on the electricity</p>	Write email to schools to encourage them to	Fran	ASAP

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<p>bill. Such an economical and environmentally beneficial action could be implemented across all schools and other organisations, to make a big impact. Hastings Youth Council will contact schools to encourage such actions.</p>	<p>save electricity.</p>		
<p>11. AOB One member enquired about the response of Katie Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, regarding our proposed actions in a previous meeting. Member discussed the impact of having no blinds in their school library (Hastings Academy), in that their learning is disrupted. An email may be formulated to request these, to improve students learning experience. Youth Grants were discussed, they are likely to take place in September/ October. Members would like to be actively involved in Pride this year as we have been previously. Hastings Youth Council plan to have a stall present at Pride. The idea of photo booths was discussed, as well as the possibility of providing some educational content. One member suggested the idea of having an ‘open session’ for young people to discuss ‘taboo’ topics, to break stigmas and raise awareness. This is to be discussed further and in more detail at a later meeting. Discussion of HYC 20 year celebrations took place; these are to be discussed further at a later meeting. A member of HYC helped to run the PRIDE talks at the Hastings Academy, a series of presentations took place on various topics and sessions on these topics were held. On the 11th July, a member of HYC will be involved in an event to raise money for RSPCA. HYC will support this, and the possibility of a HYC stall will be discussed at a later meeting.</p>	<p>Email Katie Bourne</p> <p>Email Hastings Academy</p>	<p>Emile</p> <p>Emile/ Abbie</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p>12. Action summary Abbie summarised the actions from the meeting.</p>			
<p>13. Meeting close Abbie closed the meeting at 8:00pm</p>			