

May 29th 2012

Breckland youth Council MINUTES



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4:30-6:30PM

Norfolk room Elizabeth house, Dereham

1. Welcome and Apologies including Role call

Welcome: Anita Beckett, Mandy Allen, Vickie Bond, Jack Fendley & Molly Beal

Apologies from: Hannah McNicol, Katie Harrington, Charles Mead, Kelsey McTaggart. Jenny Faherty was absent without apologies.

Role was called

2. Mary reminded the Council of the house rules

3. Minutes were signed and agreed from previous meeting. Mary also reiterated from the Minutes of the disappointment in the lack of interest for the Jubilee, Thetford Youth Day.

4. Visit from Anita Beckett Senior Youth & Community Development worker with the Benjamin Foundation who also visited the BYC in May. AB up-dated the BYC on the work she had been doing, including consultation with young people on setting the priorities and identifying the hot spots for the YAB to focus on. AB gave a presentation on how the BYC would be utilised as the main hub for communication to be disseminated down to other youth groups across the district throughout the towns and villages.

5. Visit from Mandy Allen a Community Development Officer with Norfolk Police. MA advised the Youth Council about the new 'Virtual' Youth Advisory Group (12 – 21) that was being set up and asked the youth councillors to join if that was something that interests them. MA gave the reasons and the background for this group.

6. Visit from Vickie Bond a Youth Development Worker from Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service, Vickie talked to the Youth Council about the Princes Trust and the work that they do and how BYC could possibly get involved.

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7. Visit from Molly Beal. Molly advised the BYC about her recent achievement of obtaining a place to attend a trip to Japan with the Girl Guides. SB elaborated further about the achievement of Molly being only one of eight from across England, the only one from the Anglia region and consequently Norfolk, Breckland and Dereham. SB went on say what a fantastic example and inspiration this is for young people and how proud Breckland were that she is a Breckland resident. Molly has been asked to become an ambassador of BYC and will represent the BYC on her trip to Japan and feedback about her experience to other young people on her return.

8. MY advised the BYC about the Extraordinary meeting that was held to discuss the use of Mosquito devices in Dereham and the outcome of that meeting where Lewis Hanrahan LH had been voted in as a the project/campaign leader. Matthew Sibley had written a letter to the Morrison's store manager where the device is currently in use, which had been amended by the Communications team at BDC, which the Youth Council then discussed. LH said he was happy with the letter. SB asked the Youth Council to agree on what approach they wanted to take with the letter on whether it was just asking the store Manager at Morrison's for a meeting to delve deeper. SB suggested that at this stage perhaps a softer approach should be taken which can then be built on. Paige Viner agreed with this approach. MY suggested taking out two paragraphs of requests and to save them for the meeting with the Manager. LH said that perhaps getting him on more of a friends level may be a better strategy. Sophie Malby said the letter needed to show the level of discontent with the use of these devices. Joe McLoughlin suggested leaving all the information in the letter but to take out the requests which could be seen as demanding. The BYC voted and agreed to send the letter with paragraph 6 & 7 removed.

9. SB reminded the BYC of the protocol for representing themselves as Youth Councillors and the safeguarding issues.

10. SB told the BYC about a scheme called 'TerraCycle' which is for items that can be recycled in bulk and could be an idea for their schools to get involved with. SB will send the link to BYC who will in turn discuss with their schools. All agreed that the stationery recycling would be a good idea for schools.

11. SM talked about the use of Quad bikes in a safe environment. SM asked for her fellow Youth Councillors to talk to their peers about this and to bring to next meeting.

12. SB asked the BYC for support on the 13th June to deliver leaflets around Dereham, Kristina Fox and Paige Viner volunteered to help. SB has also asked for help on the 22nd July to get involved with the organising and delivery of Dereham 5K run, SM, KF & PV have volunteered to help.

13. SB explained a change to her role and the impact this would have on the Youth Council. SB gave letters to those that use taxis to give to their parents with a consent form explaining that the BYC would need to be responsible for the confirmation of their taxis.

14. SB thanked Aaron Protheroe and Sophie Willis for their articles and showed everyone the Voice magazine.

15. AOB – None

Meeting close

Date of next meeting – June 26th 2012 - 4:30-6:30PM Norfolk room

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