

20<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Breckland Youth Council

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Norfolk Room, Elizabeth House, Dereham

2.30 - 4.30 PM



## Minutes

1. Welcome & Apologies including role call – SG & SB
  - Apologies were received from: Matthew Sibley- Hospital appointment, Joe Mcloughlin- On Holiday in Australia, Jordan Bailey- Unknown, James Whitehead- Unknown, Sophie Willis- Unknown
  - The role was called.
2. House Rules – SG
  - The Chairman ensured that all youth councillors were aware of the house rules.
3. Minutes of previous meetings:
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011
  - No meeting held in October
  - The minutes were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. CAG Meetings
  - Community action groups that are organised by Norfolk Constabulary. Steph Barnard told all youth councillors about the CAG Meetings. She suggested that all youth councillors get involved with their local group. During her one-to-one sessions with the youth councillors she will be able to give more information. The Chairman told the council about the Dereham CAG he was involved with and how beneficial it would be for young people to attend.
5. Jubilee/Olympic Events including forthcoming events
  - Steph Barnard made the council aware of potential forthcoming efficiency savings. She then told the youth council about a forthcoming Youth Fair in March at the Ecotech Centre, Swaffham. The youth council will be able to have a stand at this event and promote themselves to other local youth groups and encourage affiliation. The Breckland Olympic torch project will also be taking place in the New Year. Stephan Clifford should be contacted for more information. The youth council were keen to continue with the existing Intergenerational Project. Sophie Malby raised the point that she had made contact with a residential home and had received positive feedback about the idea. Jennifer Faherty said that she works in a residential home in Swaffham and they recently opened a new wing. She said it would be very

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beneficial for the youth council to visit the home and interact with the residents whilst celebrating the opening of the new building. Steph Barnard proposed the idea of a photography project that could tour the district. This would interact with Sixth Form colleges to produce finished pieces. Sophie Malby added that her Father may be able to assist in the Project as he has Photography experience. Another project that is happening in 2012 is the Face Britain project where people aged 3- 16 are being encouraged to produce self portraits in any media. These are then submitted and will be displayed on Buckingham Palace. Steph would like to create a Breckland Version to be displayed at the Gressenhall farm Festival. Steph also gave information on a possible tour around the Archant print works which would show the youth councillors how a modern newspaper operates. Other projects such as: Trees for life, The Jubilee Wood project & Climate Week Challenge were also proposed. The Environmental awareness officer at Breckland Council should be contacted for more information. Charles Mead suggested that the youth council should start volunteering. Sophie Malby expanded upon this by suggesting that the youth council support a local charity each year. Steph said she would look into this point to check that the council will be able to support this initiative. With regard to a project where older people would be taught how to use computers, Steph suggested that the model office at Dereham or local libraries could be locations where this training could take place. The youth council were reminded that their chief source of funding is from the public sector and that they are closely affiliated with Breckland Council. The youth council however may still apply for grants to support specific projects that the Youth council is undertaking. Steph also informed the youth council that they are all entitled to work towards ASDAN awards and Voluntary Norfolk Accreditation. The Chairman reminded the youth council that if they ever have any project ideas they should email them to Steph at their soonest convenience.

#### 6. Knettishall Heath

- Knettishall heath is located within Suffolk however it benefits many Breckland residents. Suffolk Wildlife Trust is currently looking at purchasing the site. The wildlife trust has asked if the youth council would be interested in supporting them.

#### 7. Visit from Tim Eyres for Jan's meeting

- Tim is head of commissioning strategy 11- 19 year olds for Norfolk County Council. He is interested in visiting January's youth council meeting. Steph asked any youth councillors to prepare questions to put forward to Tim in January

#### 8. Writing an effective article – Lisa Green

- Lisa was unable to attend the meeting. Steph However asked young people to still prepare articles that could be put into the Voice magazine which is published 4 times a year. Any articles would then be

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passed onto the communications department and put into the magazine

Pluse is a magazine produced by the Sustainable Communities Department. It is distributed to all district councillors. Steph told the youth council that they could also submit articles for this.

9. AGM date & Constitution.

- The AGM will be held in February. This will be the time when a new chair will be elected. The new constitution will also be discussed and approved.

10. CCCW Money. £268.63 was raised at the Christmas Community Car Wash on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. Steph suggested that half of the money is donated to Childline and the other half to the fire-fighters association. This motion was passed and approved by a unanimous vote. Jennifer Faherty suggested that the youth council assist the Fire-fighters again in the summer to show their gratitude for their assistance and allowing us to use the fire station.

11. AOB – All

- Steph did remind the youth council that if they do have any agenda items that they should be emailed to her at least a week before the forthcoming meeting.

- Affiliated Youth Groups. Steph and the Chairman made the youth council aware that youth groups can become affiliated with Breckland Youth Council which would allow them to use the youth council logo, visit youth council meetings and become involved in youth council campaigns.

- Charles Mead made the youth council aware of the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme.

- The youth councillors were reminded that if they are users of Facebook that they should "like" the Breckland Youth Council Page.

## **Meeting Close**

Date of next Meeting – 31st January 2012 – 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm– Norfolk Room

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