

**East Hampshire Youth Council**  
**6.30-8.45pm, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, East Hampshire District Council**  
**Minutes**

**Present: Jake, Elin, Harriet, Hannah H, Matt, Sarah, Harry, Lisa, Kirstie, Heidi, Joanna, Bob and Lara**

Items	Action
<b>Icebreaker – Easter Egg Hunt</b>	
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and aims of the meeting</b> – Jake welcomed and introduced everyone. he also read the aims of the meeting.	
<b>2. Apologies</b> – Jake read apologies from: Charleigh, Tilly, Danielle, Hannah and Becca	
<b>3. Agree minutes of last meeting</b> – agreed	
<b>4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting</b> – none	
<p><b>5. Events/meetings attended since last EHYC:</b></p> <p><b>Show off auditions</b> – Lisa said it was fun. She marked the acts on how they were, but as there weren't many this year, all of them were put through to the live final anyway.</p> <p><b>Presentation to Horndean Parish Council</b> – Charleigh and Lara attended a meeting and were asked lots of questions. Lara said that they gave us a leaflet to look at and improve. They were a nice group of people.</p> <p><b>Briefing re Meaningful Engagement of Young People</b> – Harriet and Elin presented the toolkit to a group of councillors and other adults. It went really well and they all seemed very enthusiastic. Some of them were a bit intense and didn't seem to understand what the briefing was about.</p> <p><b>Youth Debt Project Meeting and Delta Radio interview</b> – Lisa, Kirstie, Joanna and Hannah did an interview. It was only briefly mentioned on the radio during the newsbeat. During their meeting, they practiced phone calls to other groups, such as connexions and citizen's advice bureau, so that they knew what to do if they had a YP with a difficult question.</p> <p><b>Candidacy Briefing</b> – most of the YC went. Lisa said it was fun. The 9 new candidates seemed shy but interested. Harriet mentioned that some of the new candidates from Eggar's were worried because they</p>	

hadn't heard anything since the meeting. Lara said that she would be sending out letters to the new candidates soon.

**HCYC – DVD feedback** – Hannah and Becca went to Eastleigh. They don't want to go again because the meetings still seem chaotic and unfocused. They are considering writing a letter to express their disappointment. They were also put in a bad working group. The DVD was a hoot! At first they couldn't get it to work, then they couldn't hear it and it was on a small screen. Everyone was just talking over it and laughing at it.

**Youth Beat Launch Party** – No-one went, because it was in the middle of the school day. Lara said that it was just to see their website, which she thought was no better than the YC. She asked the YC to check it out and feedback their thoughts.

**Panels at Eggar's And Ditcham Park** – Both schools did a Panel Debate with MPs from the Liberal Democrats, Labour and Conservative Party (Damian Hinds). They students came up with lots of random and interesting questions about climate change, finance etc. There were some really good ideas that came up, that Lara thought would be good for the YC's projects for 2010-'11

**Proof of Age Cards** – Lara said that the project has had to go through an application process to be accredited. There is now a mock-up card and the real cards will be given out in schools in May/June.

**ADYC** – ADYC were involved in a meeting about a development in Alton, where their arguments won. However, some of the residents complained about the YP's attitude and manner at the meeting, and this ended up in the local newspaper, and EHYC was mentioned. ADYC discussed this at their recent meeting. Lara has decided not to complain about us being mentioned in the article, as this would only bring up the problem again. The paper was released on the same day as the interview with Delta Radio, and the radio said that if there was ever anything said about the YC again, it would be checked and corrected.

**CAT mark for EHDC** – Bob said that they had to get permission from the Chief Executive of EHDC. They would also need to get the heads of each department on board, in order to assess the whole council. This would also mean getting the time about right, which would be around May.

## **6. Working Parties**

**Money Pot** – the YC split into 3 groups to look at 10 applications.

**Residential and Proof of Age Card Publicity** – YC split into 2 groups to look at the residential in April/May and how to advertise the Cards.

## 7. Break

**8. Project Groups, Presentations and Vote** – The YC looked at whether they wanted just 2 projects to vote on at the AGM or more/all of them. It was voted that 4 would be an appropriate amount to vote on. The YC then looked at each project individually.

Nobody had any positive points about the community cinema.

Jo said that the Band/Party Nights would end up like snap. Matt said that it could be done well like Liquid but Elin added that at liquid YP are let in even though they are obviously drunk! Heidi said that she liked the band nights, as there is nothing like this in Bordon yet. Everyone agreed.

Matt and Hannah said that it would be difficult to get enough companies on board for the discount card, but there could be huge benefits. Harriet asked whether the card would be for under 16's or under 18's. Elin said that students at college already had the NUS card, so it would be better for school students. It could be put on top of the proof of age scheme. It was pointed out that if the card was for under 16's then 16 year olds who haven't started college yet wouldn't benefit from it.

It was pointed out that the Youth Action Forum in Bordon was already sorting out a community transport scheme, and so if the YC wanted to do this as a project they could use that and develop it for the rest of EH. The funding has already been approved for YAF, and they are now just looking at legal approval. The scheme in Bordon could be used as a pilot and base for the YC scheme. This seemed very popular in Bordon and most of the YC liked the concept. It could be expensive though.

Hannah said that the young volunteer scheme would look good for the image of YP and would be helpful for YP doing their Duke of Edinburgh. Matt said it would help with bridging the gap between adults and YP. Harriet said it would benefit everyone and would certainly look good on CV's. It would help groups to find YP, which ties in with the Involvement of YP toolkit. Bob said that we would need to make sure that nothing else like this is already in place before the YC started to organise it.

The YC agreed that more jobs and apprenticeships would be good, as lots of YP are struggling to find jobs at the moment. Harriet said that there should be more jobs for under 16's, although there are a lot of legal complications with this. Jobs for under 16's should at least be better advertised. Elin said we would have to be careful about any similar schemes already in place. Sarah said it would be good to help YP with interview techniques etc, as they don't have much help at school.

Hannah said that the spring cleans would be good for the environment. Jo said it would boost the image of YP and Harriet added that it would be intergenerational.

The group voted on each project individually (yes, no or abstain). The Young Volunteer Scheme got 11 yes votes, The Band/Party Nights and More jobs and apprenticeships got 8 yes votes, and spring cleans

got 7 yes votes. The group decided that the young volunteer scheme and spring clean projects should be combined, and so the fourth project was changed to young person's leisure and discount card. These will be voted on at the AGM.	
<b>9. Dates for your diaries and volunteers</b> – group referred to list and confirmed	Lara to send reminders
<b>10. AOB</b> (schools, youth forums and councils) – none	
<b>11. Next meeting</b> – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April, EHDC (set up from 5pm)	Lara to send reminder