

**East Hampshire Youth Council**  
**6.30-8.30pm, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, East Hampshire District Council**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Lara, Harriet, Alyssa, Lauren, Edward, Freyja, Michael L, Michael C, Charlie, Alex and Elin

Items	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Jake, Esther, Anna Lee, Joanne H, Heidi, Charleigh, Matthew. W and Hannah H</p>	
<p><b>2. Welcome, introductions and aim of meeting:</b> Decide on youth priorities and questions for joint meeting</p>	
<p><b>3. Icebreaker</b> – 2 truths and a lie. Lara took this opportunity to tell the group she was pregnant and will be going on maternity leave in February for a year, but she will be covered. Ed’s truths and lie fooled everyone: he has been electrocuted by an electric fence, his Great Nan was one of the first people to be tested on for penicillin, or his Dad is a priest and he met the Arch Bishop. The lie was that he has not met the Arch Bishop.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters arising and agree minutes of last meeting</b> – Alyssa and Lauren mentioned that they were happy to write a Money Pot bid, The prospective MP’s and our EH MP were unable to attend the Youth Conference, so a Councillor from each of the main areas of East Hampshire has been invited instead to be on the panel for question time and judge the campaigns ‘Dragon’s Den’ style.</p>	
<p><b>5. Events feedback</b>  Michael fed back on the 4 projects the work experience team from TPS has worked on: encouraging young people aged 18 and over to vote, encouraging young people along to the community forums, a local band night in Petersfield and the main one involved clothes shops for young people in Petersfield town. Lara mentioned that a Cllr was keen to help the group develop the project.  Lara mentioned that the BYC Convention included a Parliament workshop, whereby we won a quiz and got to put forward a bill to debate. We chose the idea of getting points on a drinking licence due to drunken disorderly behaviour. Once you reach a certain number of point then you would not be able to get served anymore. Ed did a great job defending the idea as others rose to put forward tough questions. We also found out more about BYC’s international work and participated in a panel debate.</p>	<p><b>TPS group to be asked about sub group</b></p>
<p><b>6. Community Forum Youth priorities</b>  <u>Whitehill/Bordon</u>  Transport: no buses to train station- must rely on lifts, no buses to Liphook, Haslemere, Basingstoke and Peterfield  Environment: general clear up required re litter issues, vandalism  Education: lack of school funding including: educational trips  Leisure: lack of activities and facilities</p>	<p><b>Lara to send the priorities to Head of Service</b></p>

<p>Community Safety: too much anti Social behaviour</p> <p><u>Horndean/Clanfield/Rowlands Castle</u>  Leisure/ facilities: cinema needed, shopping centre needed, Horndean has a great recreation ground- this could be used for outdoor music events or sport matches, improve the library in Horndean, there are a lot of take-aways. Encourage more businesses to the area.  Housing: stop building houses and protect the countryside  Transport: not enough bus stops- a long walk to get to many of them  Education: more Youth Councillors are needed from Horndean, only 2 Youth Councillors are currently from this area and they are 17 and 18 years old, target year 6's from the local junior schools  Roads: only have 1 set of road works in an area at a time, lots of pot holes, some roads should be completely re-surfaced e.g: Frogmore Lane and Merchistoun Road</p> <p><u>Petersfield, Liss and surrounding areas</u>  Environment  Litter- Heath, around Tesco, Avenue, open public areas, high street, field, vandalism and graffitti  Transport: disproportionate: Square-Clanfield = £1.50, Square-Nyewood = £2.60 (boundary issues with West Sussex), youth fare would be useful as fares are too high  Leisure/ facilities: more events needed aimed at young people, reduced prices for young people at eateries, maintain/ improve parks- Heath, Bell Hill, bad internet connection- internet cafe could be useful in the town centre</p> <p><u>Alton and surrounding villages</u>  Leisure; more safe places needed for young people as there are lots of young people in the park at night, Alton sports centre- upgrade facilities, particularly the pool, advertise offers and promotions for young people.  Employment/training: more job opportunities for young people required on the high street and further a field, more apprenticeships required</p>	
<p><b>7. Questions for Joint Youth Council Meeting</b>  1) What cuts have been made in East Hampshire and Havant so far and what groups in the community have been affected by these?  2) What do you think the issues for young people are?  3) What are your plans for both Youth Council's in terms of a vision for the future?  4) Can you give us a brief description of what you do?</p>	<p><b>Lara to send to Tracy (Havant)</b></p>
<p><b>8. Break</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Talent Show and Youth Conference Update</b>  <b>Talent show</b>  Ignition-Ignite your talent! Studio@TPS has been booked for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Young people can be judges for the auditions and final, but it would be good to think of other people we could invite for the panel, for example: musicians etc. Young people asked to give out flyers and posters in school to promote the event.</p>	<p><b>Lara to remind YP</b></p>

<p><b>Youth Conference</b>  The schools invited include: TPS, Bohunt, Mill Chase, Amery Hill, Eggar's, Horndean Tech, Ditcham Park, Churcher's, Alton Convent and Bedales. Teachers from schools have been asked to invite the pupils who they feel would engage and enjoy the day at their own discretion rather than us targeting School Councillors or gifted and talented. The format includes: welcome and EHYC presentation, what age can I quiz, panel debate with prepared questions from each school, campaign selection and preparation, followed by the Dragon's Den style campaign competition. Campaign choices include: compulsory education or training until the age of 18, lowering the voting age to 16, abolishment of the educational maintenance allowance, increase in tuition fees, national service for young people, additional sex education for girls aged 13-16 which must include information and advice on the benefits of abstinence from sexual activity., cuts to youth services for young people and removing Citizenship from the set curriculum. Lara has given parents and schools/colleges consent forms- both permissions are needed in order for young people to secure the day off.</p> <p><b>10. Dates for your diaries and volunteers</b>  Lara to contact young people at college re new timetables and possibility of attending EH Sports Council during the college day.  Most young people able to attend joint meeting. Lara highlighted importance of this meeting and that transport will be provided from 2 pick up points.  Young people asked to be sent HCYC date  Michael and Ed volunteered to attend Community Forum Petersfield  Lauren and Alyssa to check if they can attend Community Forum Bordon  Freyja and Harriet to check if they can attend Community Forum Alton</p>	
<p><b>11. AOB N/A</b>  <b>Youth Centre for Petersfield-</b> not required due to Kings Arms and not a priority from Citizenship consultations. Will put our efforts in to the shopping project.  <b>Screaming Out Loud roles-</b> Michael L and Michael C are one pair and Tylah and Lauren are the other. All asked to prepare questions.  <b>Youth Voice award-</b> Portfolio to accredit 10 hours of varied activities as part of the existing Youth Councillor role- Lara has sent off the applications.  <b>Sironko Town Youth Council-</b> The email re help following the mud slides was read. Ed had concerns that it could be a con and Lara agreed she was unsure. Ed said he would ask his Dad to check his Red Cross connections in Uganda. Freyja will check the scout badges and neckerchief to find out if these are also from Uganda.  <b>Youth Council trip-</b> Lara to email re voting either activity day or 1 night residential.</p>	<p><b>Lara to email Nigel Wells</b></p> <p><b>Lara to remind YP</b></p> <p><b>Lara to send out vote</b></p>
<p><b>12. Next meeting-</b> Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30-8.30pm, Alton Maltings Centre</p>	