

East Hampshire Youth Council
6.30-8.45pm, Thursday 17th June, Alton Maltings, Alton
Minutes

Present: Dani, Elin, Hannah G, Harry, Hannah H, Jake, Lisa, Kirstie, Heidi, Joanna, Ellen, Charlotte, Charleigh, Esther, Vicky, Caspian, Matt, Elyssia, Cllr Hilary Ayer, Karen, Lara and Bob

Items	Action
Icebreaker – Action Name Game	
1. Welcome, Introductions and aims of the meeting – Dani welcomed everyone.	
2. Apologies – Dani read apologies from: Charlie and Harriet	
3. Agree minutes of last meeting – agreed	
4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting – none	
<p>5. Events/meetings attended since last EHYC:</p> <p>Lodge Hill Residential – Hannah said she was able to get to know everyone else better. Lisa told the YC that they did team building and trainings, for example building mountains out of spaghetti and marshmallows.</p> <p>CAT mark for Havant Borough Youth Council – Charleigh attended this and the CAT mark was passed. One thing she picked up from the CAT mark that EHYC could implement to improve its service would be a form spring account, where YP could ask questions anonymously.</p> <p>HCYC – Charleigh said that she found the meeting silly because there seemed to be no real goals. Elin explained that the meeting was about changing the structure of the meetings and that they were looking to do 4 meetings that would be day events possibly during term time – would this be appropriate for a youth council. Jake pointed out that there was no majority vote at the AGM and so due to budget cut-backs they had to go for 4. Lara said that the YC should still write a letter regarding progress and projects.</p>	<p>YP to write a letter to HCYC</p>
<p>6. Community Safety Discussion:</p> <p>Cllr Hilary Ayre began by saying that she would like to see the YC being more involved in district actions, for example through this project. The Questionnaires that are sent out are often filled out by adults and parents but not by YP. The fear of crime comes up as one of the highest ratings – groups of intimidating ‘youths’ on street corners – but would this be the same for YP. Hilary asked us if we would like to choose one person on the YC to report a YP review of community safety. Charleigh said she’s like to put a survey on the YC website and Caspian suggested putting it through schools.</p> <p>Karen began by explaining the 4 areas of East Hampshire, and that meetings are held at each of those areas once a month (4 a month in</p>	<p>Lara to put this on the agenda for next meeting</p>

<p>total throughout the district). These meetings are during the day, which will make it hard for YP to attend. This system has been improved and implemented since April '10 but there are still no YP, which is not so good. At the meetings they discuss problems with safety, which are passed on to an officer who can find ways to solve the problems. Karen suggested that the YP could find another way to suggest difficulties that they are experiencing and that information could be given to the YC too so that they can work on ideas.</p> <p>Hilary suggested appointing an officer who could deal with this. Lara offered the idea to the YC and said that they could elect someone in a following meeting. Jake suggested that the YC appointed 2 people to make sure there is enough support.</p>	
<p>7. Youth Debt and Proof of Age Card Update:</p> <p>Joanna said that the representatives from Mill Chase went to the Youth Debt drop-in sessions for a couple of weeks but no-one turned up, then they had exams and are no longer at school, which made it difficult. Elyssia said that she meant to go but kept forgetting. It was clear that the drop-in sessions were not going to work. Hannah asked would a 15/16 year old actually ask a 12 year old for help with finances. Caspian said could we find an alternative method, such as using a robot etc?</p> <p>Lara pointed out that the DVD will work as it can be used by schools in PDL and citizenship lessons, but the drop-in clearly hadn't worked, so we should probably leave it.</p> <p>Charleigh suggested colleges, where people are more aware of their finances, and Elin added that a drop-in wouldn't work at college either but maybe a one-week help-desk would. Caspian suggested that we put together a group of YP to do a day-event at schools around finances and enterprises etc. Ellen pointed out that a lot of schools already do many of these sorts of days and they are usually done by one company or individual projects. Elin liked the idea of a finance day. Caspian said the YC should make people aware of money if they aren't as Charleigh suggested. Dani said year 10/11 students do start to worry about money but perhaps not that much. Hannah said the YC should be careful not to be patronising. Elyssia said she will test the DVD in her PDL class in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Lara talked about the proof of age card project. The company has sent a 13 page document stating measures that need to be put in place. Lara has found an alternative company and outlined the company. They would ask that the YP paid £3 towards to card but this would ensure that it was used. The YC would need to check that the card will be accepted by bus companies etc. Charleigh mentioned that at HCYC, a YP approached her and Elin about a similar project he was involved with.</p>	
<p>8. Swap Day:</p> <p>Caspian explained the idea of the swap day, which is now going ahead between TPS and Ditcham Park. 15 students from Ditcham will go to</p>	

<p>TPS for the day, and then 15 students from TPS will go to Ditcham the following day. Caspian is currently attending meetings about the swap day. He outlined the timetable for the day and the cost. There is a budget and they would hope to fund for TPS too. He also mentioned that Ditcham would be looking to put on a 'laser quest' style activity. Elin asked Caspian whether this was a good idea, as it could have a reverse effect on the TPS students who may feel intimidated by it.</p>	
<p>9. Break</p>	
<p>10. Working Parties</p> <p>Money Pot and YOF bids – The group wrote YOF bids for the BYC convention and Butserfest. They also looked at money pot bids.</p> <p>EH Leisure card/jobs for young people in EH – Charleigh reported that the group thought the card should be aimed at all 11-18 year olds, allowing them to have a price somewhere between children and adult (concessions). It would be photo ID. The scheme could be accessed through schools, post offices and the district council. For leisure services the card could give 11-14 year olds 10-15% off and 15-18 year olds 20-25% off. This should include fast food etc. Lara added that a student working at EH created a letter to send to leisure facilities. Bob asked Noni to be copied in to these letters.</p>	
<p>11. Dates for your diaries and volunteers – group referred to list and confirmed</p>	<p>Lara to send reminders</p>
<p>12. AOB (schools, youth forums and councils) –</p> <p>Election of Roles – moved to next meeting</p> <p>Revision of code of Conduct – Dani asked for this to be put on the agenda for the next meeting</p> <p>Meetings in Horndean - Charleigh pointed out that there hadn't been a meeting in Horndean for quite some time and she and Elin were struggling to continue to come to meetings as it was difficult to get to Alton etc. Lara said that each year there were 2 meetings each at Alton and Bordon, 1 at Horndean and the rest at Petersfield, as this was representative of numbers. Elin said that she felt hard done by because just because she and Charleigh are the only representatives from the area, there are never meetings in their area. Lara clarified that it was difficult as it would cost a lot to get so many people to Horndean, where it isn't as expensive to get just the 2 from Horndean to other meetings.</p> <p>Liberal Youth Service – Caspian has been helping the local Liberal Democrat to set this up in Petersfield and asked the YC if anyone wanted to get involved.</p>	<p>Lara to add these to the next agenda</p> <p>Lara to book a meeting in Horndean in September?</p>
<p>13. Next meeting – 6.30-8.45pm, Thursday 22nd July, EHDC</p>	<p>Lara to send reminders</p>