

HUNTINGDON YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Youth Town Council was held at the **Commemoration Hall, High Street, Huntingdon on Wednesday 5th October 2011 at 4.30pm.**

Present: Youth Councillors H Buttriss; K Gillman; S Harris; R Harrold; Josh Marshall; C Morgan (Chairman) ; C Parkinson; & E Walker.

In attendance: Councillor A Mackender-Lawrence, Town Mayor of Huntingdon & Claire Tunnicliffe, Deputy Town Clerk

63. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

Apologies of were received from Youth Councillor A Moreton.

64. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the Huntingdon Youth Town Council meeting held on 6th September 2011 (M811) had been circulated following their informal approval by the Chairman, it was therefore

RESOLVED that the minutes were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

65. **FINANCE**

Youth Councillor Marshall, as Treasurer, referred to a report before Youth Councillors showing total income and expenditure to date and a balance available totalling £3,001.16.

It was

RESOLVED to note the report with thanks.

66. **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

The Chairman informed Members that she had attended Huntingdon Community Radio's 'Over to You Tonight' programme with Youth Councillor Harrold to promote the event and had been invited to discuss the event on 'Community Matters' on Friday 14th October 2011.

Youth Councillors were informed that to date eight acts would be taking part and that Simon Dartford of Violent Bones had been confirmed as the guest act.

With regards to judges, Mr Richard Allan of Allans Promotions, Mr John Orchard, a song writer who works for a major record label scouting for new bands, Scott Whitehill and Kaya Williams, both from HCRfm 'Student Zone' had all confirmed their availability.

Members were advised that Kieran Reed of Reed Events would be at the Commemoration Hall at 1.00pm to begin setting up the PA system would manage the sound check for the bands between 4.00pm and 6.30pm.

The Chairman offered to make laminated passes for staff and performers to show to security for back stage access.

Youth Councillor Harrold offered to put together the running order for the evening. It was highlighted that the band Varla Guns had requested to be first on stage as one of the band members had to leave straight after their set.

Youth Councillors agreed a list of responsibilities for the evening, such as the box office; greeting event visitors; back stage and front of house support; and serving refreshments.

Youth Councillor J Marshall offered to purchase soft drinks and plastic cups from Sainsbury's on Tuesday afternoon with the Deputy Town Clerk. The drinks would be purchased on a sale or return basis.

Members were informed that the Parks Manager, Mr Dennis Smith would pick up the drum kit from Huntingdon Youth Centre and return the drums the next day. It was

RESOLVED to thank Mr Smith for his assistance.

Security was discussed and Members were advised that Omni Security would be at the Commemoration Hall at 6.30pm to carry out an assessment of the Hall.

The Chairman asked Youth Councillors to be at the hall no later than 5.00pm and thanked Members for their involvement and hard work to ensure that the event would be a success.

67. **YOUTH AT THE TABLE**

Youth Councillors had before a report from the Deputy Town Clerk on a one day training workshop offered by the British Youth Town Council. The course had been designed to give Members the skills to become an effective member of a committee, at a cost of £350 plus the trainer's expenses.

It was

RESOLVED not to book any of the training.

68. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mackender-Lawrence informed Members that he wished to speak on behalf of the Oxmoor Community Action Group (OCAG).

Youth Councillors heard how the Group had worked hard to raise the profile and image of the Oxmoor and were working with other community groups in the area to ensure that the success continued.

Councillor Mackender-Lawrence informed Members that OCAG had began to explore the possibility of holding a community music festival in Coneygear Park, summer 2012, and asked if the Youth Council would consider organising the event with support from OCAG.

Members agreed that the Youth Council could become involved by some means but were unsure if they could take on the responsibility of organising the event. It was agreed that more detailed information should be presented at a future meeting before making a commitment. It was

RESOLVED to note Councillor Mackender-Lawrence's report with thanks and look forward to receiving further details on the event.

62. **DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 2nd November 2011, at the Commemoration Hall, Minerva Room, Huntingdon at 4.30pm.

CHAIRMAN