

HUNTINGDON YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Youth Town Council was held at the **Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon** on **Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 4.30pm.**

Present: Youth Councillors H Buttriss; J Chapell; K Gillman; R Harrold; M Hudson (Chairman); Josh Marshall; C Morgan; A Moreton; J Munn & C Parkinson.

Absent: Youth Councillor E Walker & Councillor K Sumner

In attendance: Claire Tunncliffe, Deputy Town Clerk.

143. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Youth Councillor C Richardson.

144. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the Huntingdon Youth Town Council meeting held on 8th December 2010 (M17) had been circulated following their informal approval by the Chairman, it was therefore

RESOLVED that the minutes (M17) were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

145. **FINANCE**

A report before Youth Councillors showed total income and expenditure to date and a balance available totalling £4, 424.93. It was

RESOLVED to note the report with thanks.

146. **HUNTINGDON HAS TALENT**

Members were advised that the Commemoration Hall was not available on the suggested dates of 7th & 14th April 2011. Members suggested a Wednesday in April or May 2011. It was

RESOLVED to book the Commemoration Hall for the next available date.

Youth Councillors were reminded that to perform in the show, entrants should be aged between 11 and 21 years and had to be in full time education. Any bands that entered would automatically be put forward to compete in the Battle of the Bands competition.

Members discussed the idea of having local personalities to judge the talent competition. The following names were suggested:

- Luke Folwell
- Louis Smith
- Daniel Keatings
- Emma Noble
- Spencer from Big Brother 4
- Dane Bowers
- Ricky Groves
- Peter Bottley from Scenique (winner of Battle of the Bands 2010).

Members agreed to finalise a list of local celebrities that they wished to invite for consideration at the next meeting.

Youth Councillors considered whether there should be one large cash prize for the winner of the competition or if this should be split between 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. Youth Councillors also discussed the offer of an alternative prize such as meeting the cost of advertising for posters or flyers for the winner's next performance. On this issue it was

RESOLVED to defer the decision to a later date.

Members were reminded that the winner would receive exposure in the local press, websites and radio.

Youth Councillors discussed how the event should be advertised and it was

RESOLVED that a poster/flyer campaign should start immediately advertising for acts to register their interest.

The Chairman reminded Members that students from Cambridge Regional College had offered to install and man the PA system.

147. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Youth Councillor J Chapell announced her resignation as the Youth Town Council Press Officer.

It was proposed, seconded and with a majority vote

RESOLVED that Youth Councillor C Morgan be appointed to the post of Press Officer.

Youth Councillor C Morgan asked Youth Councillors for their opinion on creating a Youth Town Council twitter account. Members agreed that this was an opportunity to advertise the Youth Council to a wider audience and this was popular form of communication for a variety of ages. It was

RESOLVED to set up an account which could be monitored by the Deputy Town Clerk.

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

The date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 9th February 2011, at the Town Hall, Huntingdon at 4.30pm.

CHAIRMAN