

HUNTINGDON YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Youth Town Council was held at the **Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Wednesday 13th July 2011 at 4.30pm.**

Present: Youth Councillors R Harrold (Vice Chairman as Chairman); Josh Marshall & C Morgan.

Absent: Youth Councillors H Buttriss; J Chapell; K Gillman; A Moreton & C Parkinson.

In attendance: Councillor Alan Mackender-Lawrence, Town Mayor; Claire Tunnicliffe, Deputy Town Clerk; Linda Roberts, Business Development Manager, Papworth Trust, Learning for Life & Work; Jessica & Charlotte, members of the Papworth Trust, Learning for Life & Work Youth Club.

45. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Youth Councillors C Richardson & J Munn.

46. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the Huntingdon Youth Town Council meeting held on 8th June 2011 (M6) 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.

47. **FINANCE**

A report before Youth Councillors showed total income and expenditure to date and a balance available totalling £3,241.92. It was

RESOLVED to note the report with thanks.

Youth Councillors discussed the 2011/2012 budget which had been agreed at the previous meeting and noted that as the expenditure brought the reserves to less than £100 that the Youth Town Council should apply for £2000 in funding from the Huntingdon Town Council and it was

RESOLVED that representatives would report this to the Leisure & Community Services Committee on Thursday 14th July 2011 for the Town Council's consideration.

48. **THE PAPWORTH TRUST, LEARNING FOR LIFE AND WORK**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Linda Roberts from the Papworth Trust Foundation and Charlotte and Jessica from the Youth Club run by the Papworth Trust Foundation and invited them to address the meeting.

Linda Roberts began by explaining that members of the Youth Club had been

working on ideas on how to express their opinions on what was happening in the local community and who the group should speak to for their voices to be heard. The Youth Club had been looking at ways in which they could meet other young people who had developed ways to make choices and express their view points.

Linda then asked Jessica and Charlotte to introduce themselves and to read out some information on the Papworth Trust Foundation.

Youth Councillors heard that Papworth Trust Foundation ran the Youth Club for teenagers aged 13-19years who had disabilities and additional needs. Youth Councillors were then shown a DVD which had been made by the Youth Club on their thoughts on the local community and the issues that were important to them.

Jessica and Charlotte explained to Members that they wished to be treated the same as other young people and wanted the same opportunities to express themselves and work with other youth groups in the area.

Mrs Roberts informed Youth Councillors that in her role as Business Development Manager she was keen to build relationships with local youth organisations, who could work together on solving the issue of how young people could be heard and express their opinions in the local community.

Youth Councillors heard that the Youth Club were holding a drama and film making workshop on Thursday 18th August at the Commemoration Hall in Huntingdon, 10.00am – 3.30pm. The workshop would be run by the 'Get Creative Team' from the organisation 'Young Lives' who would be working with the Youth Club to produce a DVD that would address some of the issues raised in the DVD presented at the meeting.

Mrs Roberts then gave a list of questions that would be addressed at the workshop;

- "How can young people with learning difficulties be supported to be included at meetings"
- "What could be done to make sure that young people get the answers they need"
- "What can we do to make sure everyone talks clearly so that young people understand what's being said at these meetings"
- "How can we make young people heard?"
- "How do we change the way that people in these meetings see young people?"
- "How can meetings that do it well help others?"

Mrs Roberts invited those present to attend the workshop and extended the invitation to all Youth Councillors.

It was

RESOLVED to note Mrs Roberts, Jessica and Charlottes' presentation with thanks.

49. **RIVERSIDE GALA**

Youth Councillor C Morgan who had been present at the Riverside Gala advised Members that the HYTC stall had generated a lot of interest from young adults. Two young people from local schools in Huntingdon had registered their details as being interested in joining the Youth Town Council. A suggestion had been made that the Youth Town Council should organise an event in the Town Park.

50. **HUNTINGDON HAS TALENT**

Youth Councillor C Morgan informed Members that she had received positive feedback from everyone who had taken part. The performers had welcomed the platform to showcase their talent while providing an evening of entertainment for the youth of the Town.

Members noted that the quality of the PA system provided by Mad4Sound had been an improvement to that of Battle of the Bands 2010, but felt that the sound engineer could have been more flexible with the timetable for the sound check.

As the evening had been successful it was

RESOLVED that the event be placed on the calendar for 2012.

51. **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

Youth Councillors were informed that the Commemoration Hall had been booked for 29th September 2011, 12.00 mid-day to 12.00 midnight.

Members discussed the need for a sound engineer and PA equipment and agreed not to ask the company Mad4Sound who provided the equipment and labour for Battle of the Bands 2010. It was agreed to obtain a minimum of three quotations so that a decision could be made on the best value.

Youth Councillors next considered professional security and agreed to ask Omni Security who had worked at Battle of the Bands 2010 and Huntingdon has Talent 2011. It was

RESOLVED to appoint those Youth Councillors present to the 'Battle of the Bands 2011 Working Party', who would meet at the Town Clerk's Office on July 14th to obtain the various quotations.

Youth Councillors next discussed advertising the event and it was

RESOLVED to place a 'wanted posted' in the local press, the Youth Town Council Facebook and Twitter page which would direct readers to an application form on the Youth Town Council page of the Town Council website.

52. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Mackender-Lawrence informed Youth Councillors that as Huntingdon Town Mayor he would be hosting a reception in September for visitors from Wertheim to celebrate the 40th year twinning anniversary. The Youth Town Council would be welcome to have a display promoting the work and campaigns of the Youth Council at the reception.

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

The date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 7th September 2011, at the Commemoration Hall, Minerva Room, Huntingdon at 4.30pm.

CHAIRMAN