

HUNTINGDON YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Youth Town Council was held at the **Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Wednesday 24th March 2010 at 4.30pm.**

Present: Youth Councillors M Hudson (Chairman); C Richardson; A Brennan; K Gillman; H Butteriss; J Chappell; J Marshall; E Walker & C Morgan.

Absent: Youth Councillor A John; J John; J Munn; S Morkel and K Pulford.

In attendance: Claire Kane, Deputy Town Clerk;

70. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Youth Councillors J Watkin-Tavener; R Harrold; C Parkinson & M Hyde.

71. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the Huntingdon Youth Town Council meeting held on 24th February 2010 (M7) had been circulated following their informal approval by the Chairman, it was therefore

RESOLVED that the minutes (M7) were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

72. **FINANCE**

A report before Youth Councillors showed total income and expenditure to date and a balance available totalling £4,564.06. It was

RESOLVED to note this with thanks.

73. **GRANT APPLICATION REPORT**

Members were asked to consider a report by the Deputy Town Clerk, which advised Members to be mindful that when awarding funding this should be done by a process that can be demonstrated as being fair and open to Town Councillors and Members of the Public.

Youth Councillors were reminded that if an individual Youth Councillor puts forward an application for funding on their behalf or on behalf of a group to which they are a Member, this must be declared as a personal interest and because the grant is a financial matter the interests become prejudicial.

Youth Councillors were advised that applications should be considered on

merit and not by the individual or organisation who had submitted the application and would need to consider the criteria they would want the application to meet. It was

RESOLVED to note this with thanks.

74. **GRANT APPLICATION**

A request for a donation of £500 had been received by letter from Youth Councillor J Chapell on behalf of the Student Group for equipment and training Huntingdon Community Radio (HCRfm). Youth Councillor J Chapell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter and left the room.

Youth Councillors went on to discuss the application and agreed that the station would provide a service for the residents of Huntingdon with their plans to be a community focused station, sharing community news and features . Members discussed how the station offered work experience to young people offering them the opportunity to learn new skill sets and aimed to allocate regular airtime to young people. It was therefore

RESOLVED to approve the application.

Youth Councillor J Chapell then came back into the room.

75. **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

The Chairman presented Members with a quotation that had been received from a sound engineer for his time and equipment at a cost of £400.00. It was agreed to seek further quotations for comparisons before a decision could be reached.

A Battle of the Bands entry form was presented to Members for their consideration. It was

RESOLVED to publish the form on the Town Council website and hand out copies around local schools and colleges.

Youth Councillors considered if there should be professional security at the event. It was agreed that money was available in the bank account for this service, but quotations would be sought by Youth Councillor C Richardson to present for Members consideration at the next meeting.

76. **PICNIC DAY**

No update was received as the Picnic Day Working Party had been unable to meet. It was

RESOLVED to meet before the next Youth Council meeting.

77. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Youth Councillors M Hudson and C Richardson were asked to set a date with the Deputy Town Clerk to make arrangements to become signatories for the Youth Council bank account. It was

RESOLVED to meet on 26th March 2010.

Members were reminded that a mobile phone had been reported missing at the end of the last meeting. Youth Councillors were asked to make sure they did not leave their personal belongings on display and to be vigilant.

Following a complaint from the Caretakers after the previous meeting, Youth Councillors were asked not to drop litter on the floor and make sure that all rubbish is placed in the bins provided.

Youth Councillor C Richardson informed Members that she had received interest from pupils at Hinchingsbrooke School in joining the Youth Council and would be contacting those pupils individually to discuss the matter further.

78. **DATE AND AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 28th April 2010, Town Hall, Huntingdon at 4.30pm.

CHAIRMAN