

HUNTINGDON YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Youth Town Council was held at the **Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon** on **Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 4.30pm.**

Present: Youth Councillors H Buttris; K Gillman; R Harrold; M Hudson (Chairman); J Marshall; C Morgan; J Munn; C Parkinson; and C Richardson.

Absent: Youth Councillors A Brennan; H Duckworth Porter; M Hyde; A John; S Morkel; and K Pulford.

In attendance: Councillor K S Sumner and Karen Cameron, Town Clerk.

106. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Youth Councillors, J Chapell; J John; and E Walker.

107. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the Huntingdon Youth Town Council meeting held on 28th July 2010 (M12) 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.

108. **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

A report of the Deputy Town Clerk gave details of arrangements to date.

The Chairman circulated a list of responsibilities for the evening, such as checking and selling tickets; greeting event visitors; back stage and front of house support; and serving refreshments. Members volunteered for the various roles and the list was retained by the Chairman. Councillor Sumner offered to attend as an adult supervisor and it was

RESOLVED to note this with thanks and to encourage parents to attend as adult supervisors.

A schedule of timings for the event had also been prepared by the Chairman, who explained to members the outline plan. It was noted that an application from "Roses of Humanity" received at the Council's Office had not yet been included in the schedule and that a band listed as "Only Venice" had changed its name to "Lipsticks". It was therefore

RESOLVED that Roses of Humanity would be added to the Schedule and that Scott Jones would be advised that no further bands were required, but that his band would be on the reserve list.

With regard to promotion, the Chairman mentioned that "Wanted" posters were now revised to advertise the event, listing the bands and it was

RESOLVED that the revised poster supplied to the Town Council Office should be distributed to Members to replace "Wanted" ones, and re-distributed by the Town Council office, with each Member posting at least three posters to promote the event.

Security was discussed and the Members were advised that the Omni Security offer to provide five security staff no longer included one member of security staff, free. It was therefore

RESOLVED to note and accept this with regret.

It was agreed that tap water would be made available in jugs and that cans of soft drink would be made available for sale. Councillor Sumner offered to enquire with Bookers whether they could provide cans on a sale or return basis. It was therefore

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of 150 plastic cups for water and to purchase sufficient soft drinks, consisting of Sprite, Fanta and Coke, to meet the needs of 200 potential guests, providing these could be obtained on a sale or return basis.

During the meeting, a call was made to Youth Councillor Chapell, who agreed that promotional material could be brought to the event by Huntingdon Community Radio, since the organisation was to benefit from the proceeds. It was therefore

RESOLVED to arrange for the provision of a small table for the purpose of promoting Huntingdon Community Radio.

Youth Councillors Richardson & Hudson offered to make laminated passes for staff at the event. There was some discussion about tickets. The Chairman emphasised that the Hall was licensed for a maximum number of people and that those selling and checking tickets would be responsible for ensuring that this number was not exceeded. It was therefore

RESOLVED to ensure that a system of control was in place to manage visitor numbers and communicated to event staff in good time.

The Chairman told the meeting that he had received an offer from a Photography Student, who was willing to take photographs on the night. There was some discussion about press involvement and it was

RESOLVED to note photographer arrangements and to arrange for a press release to encourage press attendance.

Finally, the Chairman advised that prize cheques would be collected from the Town Council Office by the winning bands after the event and that the St Ives Youth Town Council's Battle of the Bands event was due to take place one week before the Huntingdon one. It was therefore

RESOLVED to note this with thanks.

109. **BIG SWITCH ON 2010**

A report of the Deputy Town Clerk advised Youth Councillors about arrangements. Ideas for a stall were discussed, such as the lucky present dip

of the previous year; guessing the number of sweets in a jar; and guessing the teddy's name. In conclusion it was

RESOLVED to support a Youth Town Council stall at the Switch On and to check how many presents from the previous year were available, before further discussion at the next meeting.

110. **YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL TEAM BUILDING DAY**

The Chairman reminded Members about a suggestion at the previous meeting that Youth Councillors should take part in a Laser Tag session. A suitable date was discussed and it was

RESOLVED that a booking would be made for Monday 20th December, between 12.00noon and 2.00pm by the Chairman/Vice Chairman and that final details should be discussed at the next meeting.

111. **YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL TEE SHIRTS/POLO SHIRTS**

Youth Councillor Marshall advised that he had discussed with suppliers Impressions and Premier Logo the costs of tee shirts and polo shirts embossed with a Youth Town Council logo in vinyl. These were £12.50-£12.95 for polo shirts, for which Members expressed a preference and £8.95 for tee shirts.

There was a discussion about budget availability and a policy for clothing issue, which Members agreed should be on the basis that shirts were handed back when they became too small or when Youth Councillors left the Council. Youth Councillor Marshall offered to return his existing shirt in exchange for a larger one and asked other Youth Councillors to e-mail him details of their respective sizes.

All agreed that for Youth Councillors helping at the Battle of the Bands Event, it was important that Youth Council shirts would be worn. It was therefore

RESOLVED that Youth Councillors Hudson and Richardson would check the stock of shirts at the Town Council office after the meeting and that Youth Councillor Marshall should continue to progress an order within reasonable budgetary limits.

Clerks Note: The subsequent check revealed that there was one large polo shirt in stock and that of a budget of £100 for badges and shirts, there was £25.00 remaining.

112. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman told the meeting that whilst the agenda indicated otherwise, the date of the next meeting should be noted as Wednesday 29th September 2010, at the Town Hall, Huntingdon at 4.30pm. Members were reminded that this meeting was the day before the Battle of the Bands Event.

CHAIRMAN