



Holmes Chapel Youth Council

Notes of the meeting on 11 March 2019 5pm



The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA

Attendees: Matthew Bayley
Charlotte Braka
Theodore Castle
Laura Henderson
Sam Oliver
Frances Welsh
James Wild (arrived 5.40pm)
Ben Knowles (arrived 6pm)

Also present to support:
Cllr S Ranger
Cllr M Street
Cllr M Ranger
Mrs S McKay

1. Apologies for Absence

Bella Mac, Eliza Cantello, Will Bagley

2. **Chairmans Welcome** – Theodore welcomed the members to the first meeting of the Youth Council
3. Youth Council Constitution – The Council noted and accepted the constitution of the Youth Council, taking time to read through the document.
4. Discussion of future projects: The members raised many ideas on future projects which could be pursued by the Youth Council, including
 - Local Cinema, showing films for the younger generation
 - Allocation of a space or area to “hang out”, indoors in winter, outdoors in summer. Other ideas for this included incorporating a homework club, with older children helping the younger, and the possibility of incentives for this eg Bistro Pass. Also talked about separating the age groups somehow, to avoid intimidation.
 - Advertising the Youth Council on social media – the following platforms were agreed – Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat
 - An event to help the “image” of the kids in Holmes Chapel eg an outdoor concert or talent show in the precinct, turning an area known for negativity into something positive. Could also be used as a fundraising event to support older people – eg AGE UK or Dementia
 - Activities to connect the older and younger generations – eg an art competition
 - Larger community event – eg Dane Meadow picnic, along with a nature walk and a scavenger hunt. This could also be used to promote the theme of “DO NOT LITTER”. Or this could be held at the community centre to allow more equipment to be brought in – eg hook-a-duck and inflatables.

- Time capsule – to which the whole community contributes and to be dug up at a point in the future.
- Active Kids – Outdoor gym area, outdoor climbing wall, bouldering, campaign for a swimming pool – to support that campaign, improved park facilities for basketball / netball
- Table tennis – investigate whether the facility at St Lukes Church Hall could be used by a wider group.
- Advertising and publicity of events and areas where kids can go.
- STEM – (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) – promote this to a higher level than is currently entered at school/local clubs
- A survey of what the kids in the village would like to see – set up a survey monkey.

5. Projects to be chosen for next agenda:

The Council decided to focus on

1. The Youth Cinema (Ben Knowles, Frances Welsh, Charlotte Braka to pursue)
2. Family Fun Day at the Community Centre (James Wild and Laura Henderson to pursue)
3. Social media for the Youth Council (Sam Oliver to pursue)

6. Any other business

The way that the Youth Council communicates with each other and with the Parish Council was discussed. It was agreed that the Youth Council would communicate via a whats app group chat. The Parish Council will communicate with Matthew Bayley (secretary) via e.mail, for him to send on to the other members. He is collating e.mail addresses for all members. The Youth Council were invited to the upcoming Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 19 March 7pm. This is a good opportunity to meet the community and the Parish Council.

7. Date of Next Meeting was arranged for Monday 29 April at 5pm, in the Academy Suite.