

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD YOUTH COUNCIL

MINUTES for the meeting held on Wednesday 5 March 2008 at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, starting at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Youth Councillors:

Anna Leyden - (Chair)
Natasha Blakesey
Katy Holmes
Crystal McDaid
Tove Pearce
Kirsty Potter
Claire Turton
Alex Walker
James Walker
Louise Wilkinson
Cllr Penny Swallow
Carrie Lloyd – Town Clerk

Town Council Representative
Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Fiona Paul and Ben Lewy. Claire Turton apologised for non-attendance at the previous 3 meetings.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2008

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2008 were received and signed as a correct record,

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2008

- a. **INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH AUTHOR** - Jason Cook had written the script and was trying to get funding to make the film. He would keep the Council informed of progress.
- b. **BE THERE DO IT!** – The Secretary was requested to pass on comments regarding the difficulty in being picked up from late night events, although the actual events were much appreciated.

Action: Secretary

- c. **TWIN TOWN ASSOCIATION** – A meeting was yet to be held to discuss the response to the letter received from Steve Madden, Youth participation Officer for the Youth Opportunity Fund and other matters regarding the visit. Cllr P. Swallow advised responding as soon as possible so that everything could be put in place for a trip in October. The Chair undertook to email Mr Madden.

Action: Chair

- d. **SKATEPARK SUPERVISION** – Members noted the reply from Hertsmere Borough Council and noted that there would be a better service than before.
- e. **UNDERPASS AT OAKLANDS AND GRAFFITI ART** – The Secretary had contacted Fiona Paul at Hertsmere Borough Council. Although she had had involvement with Graffiti walls etc in the past, she had no budget currently for such a project. Hertfordshire County Council were responsible for the cleansing of the underpass and

comments on the state of the area had been forwarded to them. A response was awaited.

- f. **YOUTH COUNCIL INITIATIVES** – The Secretary was requested to chase up Hertsmere Borough Council regarding their new initiatives suggestions that related to parks.

Action: Secretary

- g. **THE LIST** – The sub group had yet to meet.
- h. **YOUTH ADVOCATES** – It was noted that more advocates were needed in Hertsmere. Tove Pearce, Claire Turton, Alex Walker and James Walker all expressed an interest. The Chair advised that she would pass their names on.

Action: Chair

4. **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

- a. **YOUTH GAMES** – Members noted the training session schedule for those wishing to enter the Hertfordshire Youth Games as part of the Hertsmere team.
- b. **FREE COMPUTER** – Following a lottery, Claire Turton was selected to receive a free second hand computer.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

- a. **YOUTH ADVOCATES** – The Chair advised of the Terms of Reference for Youth advocates.
- b. **FUND RAISING** – The chair advised that she would be going to Uganda with Open Door in 2009. To raise funds she would be holding a performance evening including a performance by Chicken Shed. The Council offered to help the Chair with this event.
- c. **WATFORD YOUTH COUNCIL** – the Chair undertook to discuss setting up a meeting with the person responsible for Watford Youth Council. Of particular interest was the accreditation awarded to Youth Council Members and the Secretary undertook to follow this up.

Action: Chair & Secretary

- d. **FREESTYLE MUSIC FESTIVAL** – Connexions were holding a Music Festival at Batchwood Hall on 20 July 2008, entrance would be free of charge.
- e. **HERTSWOODSTOCK** – This would be held on 16th April at Hertswood School. Claire Turton would be in it and requested that as many as possible come along and support her.
- f. **T-SHIRTS** – The Secretary was requested to look into the cost of providing Youth Council T-Shirts to be worn at events such as the Festival Parade, Families Day etc. to heighten the profile of the Youth Council.

Action: Secretary

OUTSIDE BODIES

- a. **FESTIVAL COMMITTEE** – Five of the Youth Council Members had attended the meeting. It was proposed to have an ice rink and inflatable toboggan run at Families Day. The banner advertising the Festival would be changed to black writing with yellow background. The Youth Council decided to have a stall at Families Day, preferably bigger than before. It was suggested that bags with sweets and a Youth Council leaflet be distributed from the stall. Crystal McDaid offered to organise media makeup (e.g. bruises, cuts etc) from the stall instead of face painting.

Action: Secretary & Crystal

- b. **CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PANEL** – The Secretary was requested to find out the dates of future meetings of the CDRP for the Chair.

Action: Secretary

- c. **HERTS CHILDREN'S TRUST PARTNERSHIP** – The Chair advised that she now sat on the Youth Shadow Board.
- d. **YOUTH PARLIAMENT MEMBER** – Members undertook to ask the Hertswood Youth Parliament Member to contact the Chair and also ask her if she wished to become a member of the Youth Council.

Action: Members attending Hertswood School

- e. **PUBLICITY** – It was recognised that more publicity should be given to the Youth Council. The Secretary advised that the Council's website (www.elstreettowncouncil.org.uk) had just gone live. Mention had been made of the Youth Council and it was hoped that a whole page would be devoted to the Youth Council shortly. It was suggested that a My Space page should be created for the Youth Council and a Youth Council email address. The Youth Council leaflet needed updating and some posters created to put up around the area. A Sub Group would meet one Sunday to look at other work by Youth Councils (e.g. Leicester Youth Council) and creation of a My Space page.

6. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

- f. **YOUNG CARERS** – A 40 week programme was being run at Hertswood School for young carers every Thursday from 7pm – 9pm.
- g. **ALLEYWAYS** – The alleyway running from Manor way into Featherstone Gardens and Norfolk Gardens was full of dogs' mess. The Council requested that consideration be given to putting up posters/CCTV to stop this happening. The Chair undertook to raise this with the CDRP. It was also noted that the alleyway at Kenilworth Park was very badly lit. The secretary undertook to raise these issues with Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council.

Action: Secretary & Chair

- i. **TOMMY'S CAMPAIGN** – A performance was being put on at Monksmead School to raise funds for Tommy's Campaign. More information would be given at the next meeting.

Action: Crystal McDaid

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 30 April 2008 at 6.30pm.

Date:

CHAIR