



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
YOUTH FORUM**

**MINUTES OF A MEEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2019**

PRESENT;

Cllr C Whelan, Cllr A Whelan, Cllr S Bellow, Cllr R Denness

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

In his absence, Cllr C Whelan proposed that Sgt. Phil Priestley of Cambridgeshire Constabulary was co-opted onto the Youth Forum Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Denness and agreed by all.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH JUNE 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 25th June 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Item 6, Page YF 32 – Cllr Denness reported that she had not yet contacted Ely College because she wanted a clearer idea of what the Youth Forum was proposing. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Cllr C Whelan reported that Sgt. Priestley would soon be leaving Cambridgeshire Constabulary but that he is hoping to continue working with the East Cambs Youth Consultation Panel, as a volunteer. It is also hoped that he would be happy to continue to attend Youth Forum Committee meetings in order to provide updates and to maintain contact.

4. ROLE OF THE MAYOR'S CADET

The imminent introduction of a Mayor's Cadet was discussed and the possible process for their appointment. It was suggested that invitation letters to the various organisations should be sent out on behalf of the Youth Forum Committee. The organisation leaders would propose candidates and they would be then interviewed by the Mayor. The successful cadet will be appointed at the Mayor Making in May. It was agreed that this would be proposed at the next Full Council meeting.

5. EAST CAMBS YOUTH CONSULTATION PANEL - UPDATE

No update was given as no members of the Panel were in attendance.

6. LETER FROM 1ST ELY BROWNIES

The Council had received a letter from 1st Ely Brownies, detailing things that they liked and disliked about the Market Place in Ely. Initially this was discussed by the Environment Committee. A thank you letter of acknowledgement was sent and their original letter was forwarded to East Cambs District Council.

This Committee agreed that writing the letter to the Council was a good idea and that their sense of community spirit should be encouraged and it was agreed that Cllr C Whelan would attempt to make contact with the local packs. Cllr Bellows suggested that a poster competition could be arranged in which the Brownies designed a poster about littering.

7. YOUTH STRATEGY QUESTIONNAIRE

During the summer, a young person's services questionnaire was devised and sent out to youth groups and schools by East Cambs District Council in order to aid the development of a youth strategy. Cllr C Whelan felt

that the survey had been sent out at the wrong time of year due to school holidays and youth group breaks. Also, the survey didn't allow you to make comments at any point which was frustrating. Cllr C Whelan has discussed this with the relevant officer at East Cambs District Council.

It was agreed that it would be useful to see the results for the parish of Ely if possible and a request would be made.

8. A.O.B.

A discussion took place as to how young people could become more involved in their communities. Members are very keen that this Committee should not attempt to define what young people want but to somehow, find a way for young people to inform the Council.

It was agreed that East Cambs District Council would be contacted to find out what happened to the traditional May Fair. It has not been organised for several years and the reasons for that are not known.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th October.