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YOUTH FORUM

MINUTES OF A MEEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT;

Cllr C Whelan, Cllr A Whelan, Cllr D Warman, Cllr R Denness, Cllr R Morgan, Cllr S Bellow
Mrs M Pickering

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH AUGUST 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 20th August 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages YF 33 and 34 refer. There were no matters arising.

3. EAST CAMBS YOUTH CONSULTATION PANEL - UPDATE

No update was given as no members of the Panel were in attendance. Cllr C Whelan is keen for the Committee to maintain contact with the Panel and to be kept informed of what it is doing. The Committee is particularly interested in the progress of the Florida project as it has donated funds.

4. ROLE OF THE MAYOR'S CADET

Cllr M Rouse, the Mayor, was unable to attend the meeting but has forwarded his thoughts on how the cadet could be elected. He advised that the usual practice is for the Air Cadets or Army Cadets to choose their own cadet, with each organisation taking turns. He felt anything more would be complicated. Members were in agreement that this process was not inclusive enough and should be opened up to other organisations such as the Scouts or Guides or even Schools. It was agreed that a list of potential organisations would be compiled by the end of November 2019.

5. VISIT TO YOUTH GROUPS

Cllr C Whelan has not been able to make contact with any group leaders as yet. Cllr Denness is intending to speak with the Principal of Ely College but again, would prefer to do this when there is a clear reason for doing so.

A poster competition was once again discussed and Cllr Bellow suggested that the competition could be linked in with the Council's litter pick, planned for April 2020. It was agreed that this was a good idea and planning for the competition should start in January 2020.

6. YOUTH STRATEGY QUESTIONNAIRE

Cllr C Whelan informed the meeting that Stage 1 of the ECDC's youth consultation is now complete and 212 completed surveys were received from around the district. Stage 2 will be starting soon, but we do not know what that involves yet. Once the surveys have been evaluated ECDC will be in contact to share the findings.

7. FUTURE PLANS FOR THE YOUTH FORUM

Cllr Denness suggested that the Council could carry out a survey in the parish. It was agreed that this was a good idea, but the Council should wait for the results of the district wide survey.

Contact should be made with relevant youth groups. Cllr Denness has a contact connected with a youth group in Cambridge and agreed to approach them for direction. Cllr Bellow will contact the Cambridge Bus Project and Cllr C Whelan will make contact with the Scouts and Guides.

8. A.O.B.

After much discussion, members decided that a small budget of £500 would be requested for 2020. The Ely Fair was discussed once again. It had been noticed that this had not taken place for a number of years. East Cambs District Council has advised that finding a suitable site, with hardstanding, was the reason why the Fair had not taken place for several years. Cllr C Whelan agreed to raise this with the relevant officer at East Cambs District Council.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th January 2020.