

UTTLESFORD YOUTH COUNCIL held at COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES, LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN, CB11 4ER, on TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2018 at 5.30 pm

Present: Councillor M Wolter (Chairman)
Councillors H Ataparmakova, J Balchin, T Birkbeck, N Davies, A Haus, E Reid and F Wolter.

Officers in attendance: B Ferguson (Democratic Services Officer) and J Starr (Community Officer).

Also present: District Councillor P Fairhurst (UDC) and PC Glenn Braden (Essex Police).

YC41 GUEST SPEAKER(S)

PC Glenn Braden gave a presentation to the Youth Council on the power of the Police to 'Stop and Search'. He provided an overview of the law and the rights of the public if they were to be stopped and searched by a police officer. Members discussed their own experiences with PC Braden and provided feedback on how they perceived this aspect of policing.

YC42 INTRODUCTION TO UTTLESFORD YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Fairhurst was invited by the Chairman to address the new members of the Youth Council. He said the Youth Council was a great opportunity for young people to stand up and speak for what they believed in. As the representatives of young people in the District, youth councillors had real power to make a difference and he asked that they took this opportunity.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Fairhurst and he left the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed H Ataparmakova, J Balchin and F Wolter who were seeking co-option to the council. They were asked to leave the meeting whilst the Youth Council deliberated on their co-option.

RESOLVED to co-opt H Ataparmakova, J Balchin and F Wolter as full Members of the Youth Council.

YC43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Youth Councillors R Davey, W Evans, A Mchugh and E Wilson.

YC44 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The minutes of the meetings held on 8 May, 4 July and 11 September were agreed as true and correct records.

YC45 **HOUSING SEMINAR**

Councillor Birkbeck presented a report summarising the Housing Seminar for young people that had been held on 1 December. Those that attended the event participated in workshops, question and answer sessions and debate. It had been a worthwhile experience and had raised interesting questions on how young people could engage with the planning process going forward.

Members discussed the recommendations in the report. It was agreed that advice would be sought from senior planning officers who had been involved in the seminar, to ascertain what would be the best way to involve young people in the planning process in future.

A letter was tabled that had been received from the Chief Executive of Uttlesford District Council, praising the work of Councillor Birkbeck and the Youth Council that had led to the Housing Seminar taking place.

YC46 **CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP**

Members discussed the need to update the terms and refresh the membership of the Constitution Working Group (CWG). Councillor Birkbeck had produced a revised constitution but matters such as term limits, co-option, and deputies required further work.

The Youth Council agreed to hold a meeting of the CWG on Friday, 14 December.

YC47 **WORKING GROUPS**

The Youth Council discussed working groups and the following were considered to be active:

- Housing
- Mental Health
- Communications
- Police
- CWG

Members exchanged contact details and agreed to hold regular working group meetings, so work could continue before the next Full Youth Council meeting.

YC48 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

Members agreed to reschedule the meeting on 7 January 2019 to 5 February 2019.

The Democratic Services Officer informed the Youth Council that a Prospective Candidates' Day was being held at the UDC offices on 21 January 2019. Although they would not be eligible to stand for election in 2019, they were welcome to attend and learn what being a district councillor would entail.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.