

AGENDA 15, Enc ix) Youth Advisory Committee - Report of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th August, at 5:00pm

PRESENT

Cllr Caroline Ball, Cllr Louis Brown, Cllr Matthew Cuthbert, Cllr Lynne Grimshaw, Cllr Graeme Wright, Sarah Eden, Sharon Parmley

1. WELCOME BY CHAIR

Cllr Caroline Ball welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for items on the agenda.

4. DISPENSATIONS

N/A

5. REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 11TH JULY 2024

The report was received, noted that it was received earlier as part of FGS meeting where recommendations were received and approved.

6. OFFICERS UPDATE ON ACTIONS

- The meeting noted the email sent to Cheryl Wilson - Early Help Locality Manager at the Family Hub, to seek the results of the Northumberland survey, to ask for information from multi-agency meetings, and to introduce the Youth Forum. *Survey Results were later received on 15th August and will be shared at next Youth Advisory meeting.*
- The meeting noted the email to Youth groups and Ian Lavery MP to launch the Youth Forum.
- The meeting noted the Press Release for the Youth Forum.
- The meeting noted the Directory editorial for the Youth Forum and Pride Picnic and was pleased with inclusion being given of Town Council meetings, event and stories.
- The meeting noted the Press Release for summer activities. Sharon confirmed that Pride NE had delivered activities at the market on 30th July and had engaged with over 40 young people. Northumberland Wildlife Trust on 6th August, and Mortal Fools that day. All feedback was very good with some good engagement. Break NE was scheduled for 20th August. Following discussion, the health, safety and risks associated with this activity were flagged. Sarah confirmed that all activities were being delivered by parties that are responsible for their own health and safety, and risk assessments, which Sharon had requested alongside copies of their PLI. The Council's due diligence is in ensuring this is provided. Sharon advised that NE Fusion had not got back but efforts were ongoing to book an activity for the final Tuesday. Members thanked Sharon for arranging these activities at such short notice.
- Sarah updated that Cramlington TC had responded that use of their youth bus would not be possible due to it being used to capacity by Cramlington Youth Initiative. The meeting was updated on ASB diversion work being carried out by the NCC Community Safety Team and a meeting had been arranged with Zola Nicholls and Grant Urquhart who would also be attending the Council's September Full Council meeting.

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7. YOUTH FORUM

The following was discussed and **AGREED**:

- That the event would have an opening address by Cllr Caroline Ball, and Cllr Graeme Wright.
- To approach the Crossroads Community café to provide food and refreshments, as first choice, but to look at other options if this wasn't possible. ATC to buy sweets to have on table.
- That the event would be an informal set-up with Cllrs moving around the room to talk to young people. That Cllrs Caroline Ball and Graeme Wright would facilitate and help Cllrs in their engagement with young people.
- That the first event would be Town Council only, with the possibility of inviting other groups in the future.
- It was agreed that in line with regulations those young people 13 and older would not require written parental consent, but those 12 and under would.
- It was agreed the youth event would be open to all young people up to 18, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), up to the age of 25.
- The specifics of engagement would be discussed at the next meeting, in September.

8. SWIM SESSIONS DURING SUMMER

Following a successful meeting with Places Leisure, it was agreed to proceed with the booking for each following Saturday of the summer holidays, as offered by Places Leisure. Full pool hire at Ashington Leisure Centre 15:30-16:30 on Saturday 17th, 24th & 31st August 2024 at a cost of £72/session. Sarah had purchased an example of the meal deal available. It was agreed not to include the meal deal at an additional cost of £5.50 as this wasn't considered value for money. The total cost of this activity which is free to families and young people is £271. With a pool capacity of 80 for each session, it was agreed this represented a great opportunity that the Youth Forum would like to explore for other school holidays, with the addition of a week day if possible. It was agreed to book sessions for October half-term, Christmas and February. It was agreed the publicity would be shared immediately.

9. HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – OCTOBER HALF-TERM

The budget for October half-term activities, delegated to the group is £2,000. It was agreed that in addition to the swim session(s), to have a trick or treat trail, similar to the Bunny Hop and Christmas trail. Sharon fed back that the collection at the library on a Saturday did not seem to work well, so it would be a better idea to have token prizes as part of the trail. It was agreed to have a pumpkin give-away at the market and to try to get supplies from Asda, or another locally. This was agreed.

Additionally, due to the success of the Tuesday market stall, it was agreed to take the maximum six stalls on the market on 29th October, and to book hands-on activities. It was discussed that the weather would be a factor in October but confirmed that NCC agree if weather conditions dictate the market does not operate.

10. DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th September at 5:00pm.