

## Minutes MKYC Formal meeting: 8 June 2024

### 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair Carrera Welcomed everyone to the following meeting in the Chamber.

Expected visitors to the meeting are Deputy Mayor James Lancaster and Mayor Marie Bradburn

We will also welcome Tiyapo Ndhlovu who will introduce the Stay true to you campaign.

We will also welcome Noah from Q Alliance who will introduce the service and what they offer for MK young people, additionally YC will participate in one of the workshops that Noah is keen to deliver across the city, here the YC will give feedback.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies received for late attendance for today's meeting have been from Tanisha and Maggie

### 3. Minutes

Jace's name was missed from the last meeting notes this needs to be added, however minutes were approved and signed.

### 4. Chairs Monthly Updates

- I. Rishi Sunak has called for a General Election to be on Thursday 4 July 2024. A reminder that the DPO will be assisting the election and we will therefore see some changes to our meetings. The next formal meeting has changed to Saturday 13 July; however, the planned action group meetings will be the same, but the rooms have changed, you will be notified of room numbers in the group chat. As always John B and Donna W are available to contact if you are unable to get hold of the DPO during this time.  
Also, can the YC remind young people who are eligible to register to vote at the election.
- II. At next Formal meeting on the 13 July, we will welcome Michael Bracey the chief executive for MKCC and will attend from 10am to 10:30am. The room was asked to share their collective thoughts on how this meeting might look. Suggestions shared were a presentation / conversation on MKYC campaign recommendations or a Q and A session. YP were advised to use the chat group if they wanted to make any further suggestions or share questions to put forward to Michael Bracey.
- III. On 6 June Mary-Oliver and Carrera were invited to attend a discussion in London about the future of youth Parliament and wider youth engagement due to its uncertainty since the closure of British Youth Council (BYC). However, this was cancelled last minute due to the calling of the General Election. They have been informed that this meeting will be postponed but will reconvene after the elections have happened.
- IV. Please remember to bring in your Offset post boxes and postcards that you took into your schools as the deadline have arrived for this project.
- V. Reminder that the mayors bike ride is on 11 June, and we have been invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please complete the link in the chat group. Additionally, if you would like to attend but need a bike or some ability training, please let DPO know, and we can arrange for this to happen.
- VI. It is expected that the youth mayor attends the upcoming CYPSC meeting on Wednesday 26 June from 7pm. Other representatives are invited to accompany the Youth Mayor, and at

previous meetings this has been Bisam. So, if you would like to attend, please let the DPO know.

- VII. Some MKYC representatives have completed their A levels and will be going on to university. MKYC have mentioned they would like to hold a social event to say goodbye. The group discussed what this looked like, the group was not in favour of it being after the next formal meeting, however majority wanted this to be a separate event away from their formal or action group meeting. There was also conversation of celebrating MKYC diversity by hosting an event where they could share cultural clothing and food etc. Additionally, a showcase event for the campaigns on mental health and wellbeing and Youth crime in MK It was suggested these themes could be combined into one event.

Suggestions for what this event looks like were.

- Awareness event with stands and information that people can go to
- Invite Cllrs, Mayor, YP and services.
- This could be a big event where we could identify funding such as (Mk community foundation/Red bull/Santander).
- Venues – Could mention this at the Parish forum to see who has a venue that could be used for the event.
- Youth Mayor awards – To include categories where YP have been part of their communities in celebrating, and raising awareness of diversity in MK.

Deputy Mayor James Lancaster shared advice to the YC on how to make the event more inviting to YP and Cllrs. Cllrs are usually best engaged between Aug/ Sept and a Save the date works particularly well to achieve greater turn out. James mentioned that there used to be two Mayor events 1) Mayor recognition day and 2) Mayor's reception, these events were amalgamated to make one large event, this is what he thinks YC should do is make a big event. YC could also challenge their schools to seek funding of supplies to assist with the event. James mentioned that he helped set up the MK inspiration awards with 5 other people, and they went out to seek funding from big companies in MK and YC can utilise the same companies to access sponsorship to host a big event.

It was suggested that a working group is needed to bring these ideas together and to consider a timeline for this event.

- VIII. YC roles - Cody identified the topic of upcoming availability of roles on the YC that will be left vacant when some of the older YC representatives move on to university. A discussion was had to identify when the best time would be to re appoint representatives back into these roles. Identified vacant roles are deputy YM, action group lead and deputy lead for the Youth crime campaign and vice chair. All will be on the agenda for September's formal meeting for reappointments. Further conversation was had on the appointment of the deputy mayor role and what this looks like moving forward as to whether the role would be appointed via a city-wide election or from within the YC. YC representatives objected to the city-wide appointment and felt that it should continue from within the YC elected group. James shared how MKCC elect their mayor and suggested he was in favour of the YC continuing to elect a YM from within the YC as a city-wide election might become too political.

- IX. Thursday 13 June the YC have been invited to speak at the Parish Forum. Four representatives will attend and to develop the presentation for this event with the DPO. These will be Cody, Zara, Bisam and Ellie S. The group have been asked to request venue opportunities within the parishes and considerations of inviting the YC or Youth Mayor to attend events or meetings that are important to YP.

- X. MKYC report 2023-24 It is expected that Maggie will attend full council 17 July at 7pm and share the highlights of this report. The report is still in the planning stage from the residential and it was suggested that a working group could support Maggie put this together. Some suggested highlights could be Campaign recommendation outcomes and actions, Make Your Mark results, AG250 schools' event to consultations with departments of MKCC and services within MK.

## **5. Youth Mayor Update**

Maggie gave an update on her engagements.

- 12 May 2024 – Save Wolverton's swifts and Martins event.
- 16 May 2024 – Attended world green roof day at the MK YMCA, this engagement included lunch and opportunity to go on the green roof. Maggie met with Taylor and Emma from the YMCA they would like to host hustling at the YMCA in the run up to the general election.

Upcoming Youth Mayor events:

- 1) 13 June – Attending Falcon Hurst school for Aspirations week for students in year 5 and 6. Maggie has been asked to attend the whole day to participate in workshops, deliver speech and to be part of the QA panel.
- 2) 15 June – Scarecrow trail put together by Loughton's scout group.

## **6. Updates from Action group leads**

Update from the Wellbeing and Mental health action group:

Cody shared an update on behalf of the Wellbeing and Mental health campaign, representatives Cody, Bisam, Tyrelle and Carrera attended for the opening of the MIND YP sanctuary. Tyrelle gave a speech on behalf of all the YP voices gathered from within the survey. Representatives participated in networking with services in the hope they can consult with them on the challenges YP have with service engagement and delivery and focus on reforming some areas, such as MIND lowering the access age to their service from 15yrs to 14yrs as the MKYC WB&MH report identified YP as young as 11yrs had been experiencing poor MH.

DPO shared positive feed back from the engagements the YC were having across the city such as MIND now using social media to promote their services to YP. Collaborative working between services MIND and Q Alliance where they now open a space together, this helps with staff capacity, skill set and service provision. And by looking at waiting lists CAHMS oversee a central referral list that is distributed between key services that best fits the referrer, this method is helping the waiting list move fluidly.

Maggie gave an update on the Wellbeing and Mental health group. Some of the representatives from the youth crime group have been helping the WB&MH action group with their report as the leads have been concentrating on their exams.

Update from the Youth crime Action group:

Maggie shared an update on the Youth crime group. The group have completed their report and have started looking at the recommendations. The recommendations will inform what their campaign will now look like and there is hope that some of the outcomes can be shared to YP in

the summer holidays in an activity or workshop form to promote the finding from the report. The group will use the next few action group meetings to plan.

## **7. Forward Plan of MKCC and Committees**

## **8. Update / Announcements from the democratic participation officer**

- I. The National Youth Agency (NYA) were successful in their bid for Youth Parliament, in addition they have also employed Danny Brown (our regional worker from BYC) who will now oversee the same role but in the NYA.
- II. The Make Your Mark (MYM) data has been saved from being lost when the British Youth Council (BYC) closed. Data will now be verified before it can be shared.

## **9. Safer Mk – Stay True to You Campaign**

Tiyapo was unavailable to attend, so DPO shared the slides and video with the group on the Stay True to you campaign. The YP felt like this was something they would like to be involved in and DPO to reach back out to reschedule the meeting.

## **10. Q: Alliance – Gender Identity Policy Consultation**

Noah the community engagement worker attended, for this session we changed rooms and went into room 1.06. Noah consulted with the group on the new gender policy and the work he is doing in schools to help them provide the correct spaces for YP who are transitioning. Noah has reached out to schools to offer certificates and a reward for those that are able to show they are working towards the priorities in the report, this is a working process and Noah asked the YC if there were any points from the report that would support this work.

The report identified that groups of LGBTQ+ YP were asking for more training to be delivered in schools and safe spaces that they can access.

The group took part in an activity that Noah was looking to deliver in schools and gave feedback. This activity was well received as challenged the YC to ask questions and receive answers from this professional.

## **11. Meeting Close 2:30pm**