

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Keynes Youth Council

5 October 2024

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair Ellie Starkey welcomed the Youth Council and officers to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Jade, Jace, Aidan, Maggie, Careera, Larry, Zara, Jonty, and Tyrelle.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 2 Sept 2024 were agreed by the Youth Council.

4. Chair's Monthly Update

The Chair gave an update on the following matters:

- Attendance request from Tim Simmance from integrated care board to attend seminar on Sustainability Health and Care system on 15 March 9:30 to 13:00. YC interested in attending will then attend a training session before the event. YC discussed the plan and what this looks like and how they will be able to implement and be part of the discussion tables in an effective way. It was discussed that the YC attending will share the information with the YC to obtain wider voice for the event.
- At the action group meeting on Monday 7 Oct YC will welcome Chris Row the Chair for the Milton Keynes Bus users' group. The bus users' group are seeking youth voice on the local bus services in MK. This is something the YC have been working on in addition to their campaigns and welcome the opportunity to share their experiences with the group.
- The YC will vote for their new deputy action group leads at the next action group meeting on 7 Oct.
- Minute taking for formal meetings. A request was asked of YC reps for someone to take the minutes for the formal meeting to support the DPO in completing them on time.
- Reminder about Youth Con date on 30 November 2024. This will be a full day and we would like to take between 9 to 12 YC reps.
- Cllr Robin Bradburn Leader of the Liberal democrat group – Cody shared an update on the passing of Cllr Bradburn in addition Cody read a short reading and informed the group that he attended the memorial in the Chamber. We held a minute silence and wrote in the memorial book.

5. Youth Mayor Update

The Youth Mayor gave an update on her engagements throughout September:

- 7 Sept - Hive community centre opening event.

- 17 Sept - Herongate primary school - Democracy week and British values
- 19 Sept - Summer reading Challenge volunteers Thank You Event 2024
- 21 Sept - International Day of Peace - MK Rose Trust

Maggie will be attending the following:

- 5 Oct - MK Open Young Artist 2024 Westbury Arts Centre
- City of code and light event

6. Action group Update

Youth crime group

- Aiden action group lead informed that the group are still in the process of developing posters and other resources for their campaign topic. The group feel the posters will hold the information that young people need to make informed decisions in keeping themselves and other safe.

Wellbeing and Mental Health

- Tyrelle action group lead informed that the report is on track to be completed by the end of the month. Tyrelle and Jonty attended a meeting at great Linford parish council and was able to share some of the group's important information with Cllrs on YP MH.

7. Youth Council Election

Lisa Thompson shared information on the school elections on what has happened so far.

- Lead contacts have been identified for each secondary school.
- Teachers were invited to one of four introduction and information sessions via teams to look at the school election plan.
- School to receive a resource pack on the 25 October ready for the school election Launch on the 4 November.
- New Nomination forms have been created these will be available to YP via their school in paper copy and in addition accessible on our webpage.
- School election day will be Wed 5 February 2025
- YC representatives can deliver assemblies and manifesto support.
- Slight change in seat numbers, we will now offer 31 seats instead of 29.
- Democratic services have put aside two dates to support YP with Manifesto writing these sessions appear on the nomination form.

8. Forward Plan

The YC identified a few topics and meetings of interest.

- The decision on play areas on 22 Oct

- Biodiversity MH hub 29 Oct – Delegated decisions
- 5 November Budget meeting
- 5 November full council
- 16 November corporate parenting panel

9. Youth Summit 2024

Lisa Thompson shared an update in the Youth Summit

Venue – Unity place, this venue was kindly donated to the YC for the event therefore no cost. However, we will be working in partnership with the venue who will help promote and organise the day.

Attendance – Schools have been emailed all the information they need to attend the event. A google form has been sent to obtain attendance information. We would like to obtain attendance from 80 to 100 YP aged 11 to 16yrs to attend the event.

Food – This is provided to all student on the day and any dietary will be supported. A grab bag containing sandwich, can water and sweet treat in addition break time refreshments will be offered in way of Juice and biscuits.

Comms – Branding for the Summit has been sent to the MKCC comms team who will put something together so the group can order branded merchandise and use on the power point slides for the event. A request has also been sent for photos of the event to be taken.

Agenda – The current agenda was shown to the group and decisions were made on the YC involvement throughout the event. Maggie and Ellie will host the day and time will be put aside to work on the power point and speeches for the day.

10. Getting Help Commissioning

The YC have been asked to submit a question for the tender process for the early help services. The YC discussed and developed the question and Lisa Thompson will share this with the commissioning team.

11. Update / Announcements from the Democratic Participation Officer

Lisa Thompson gave an update on other topics of interest.

1. MYP annual conference which will be held in Warwick university from Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 Oct and will be attended by Adeola and Mary.

The outcome of the weekend is for the Youth Parliament to network and to debate on topics that will become the manifesto. In addition, the topics will inform the work of Youth Parliament for the house of commons sitting in 2025.

12. Safeguarding Guidance

Lisa Thompson shared both safeguarding guidance with the YC. This highlighted the dos and don'ts when engaging with the YC. This guidance was also shared with Cllrs and we hope that this guidance will offer clear working boundaries and enable safer working conditions when working with Cllrs and YC.

13. Meeting Close