

South Holland Youth Council Meeting Minutes – Monday 18th February 2008

1. Apologies and Absences

- Hannah Pearce, John Potter, Sam Allen
- Stella Morgan from EBP (Education Business Partnership) and Steve Jackson from Intergen sat in on the meeting.
- David Tully sent Sarah and Graham a letter of resignation. He apologised for his absence from recent SHYC meetings. Everyone thought it was a nice sentiment, and Graham volunteered to write him a reply.
- The only members of the Council present were Alistair, Oliver, Graham and Stacey. There was a general disappointment at the lack of attendance.

2. Matters arising

- No matters arising

3. Elections/John Potter

- South Holland District Council will pay John Potter on behalf of SHYC. SHYC will transfer £4000 to John Potter. It was decided that South Holland District Council are better equipped to deal with legal problems in the event of any ever arising.
- John Potter's duties were read out from his contract and were agreed to. Stacey suggested publishing the contract on the website. Graham will email it to Oliver.
- John would like reference to trans-national work by SHYC. There is an initiative by the EU Youth in Action fund until Sept 2013 with 885mn Euros worth of funding available.
- Cross region liaison on specific issues e.g. migrant worker families. Bid for money in £95000 Community Cohesion Fund this year. Other issues include youth entrepreneurship, youth unemployment and youth democracy.
- John would like there to be a formal link between SHYC and South Holland District Council. A member(s) of SHYC could attend South Holland District Council meetings and present issues. This could be annually, biannually or at every meeting. There was general approval for this idea.

4. Youth Garden

- Graham talked to the contractors. The fencing contractor and the footpath contractors are both due to start this week. The ground will be rolled out and the areas where the fences and footpaths shall be installed will be marked out. Everything is dependent on prevailing weather conditions. Hopefully, the groundwork will be finished in the next few weeks.
- Before and after photos of the garden were suggested.
- The Hungarians are visiting from the 28th April to the 7th May. There will be a planting day with SHYC and the press present.

5. Youth Opportunities Fund Party

- Oliver was contacted by the YOF. They have received additional funds and have decided to have a celebration. All members were invited including

SHYC. It is to be held at the Embassy Centre in Skegness on Feb 29th.
Transport will be provided from Donington and Spalding.

- Out of all present, only Oliver was able to attend.

6. Stationary Budget/Other Resources

- Alistair was sent a letter informing SHYC that the YOF cut off for funding is 31st March. They need accounts for all expenditure with receipts, including the Youth Garden.
- A quote from Abbey Print for A4 letter headed paper came in at 500 sheets for £250, 1000 sheets for £257, and 2000 for £272. Paper quality of 400gsm.
- Oliver will look into getting 500 plain white envelopes at the same time. It was decided that they should be windowless as this is more environmentally friendly. The invoice should be sent to Graham through SHYC.
- A quote for business cards from Vista_Print.com has been received. 1000 for £28 without p+p. The address of the South Holland District Council Offices would be used.
- Stella Morgan suggested getting a quote from Abbey Print for the business cards as it might be possible to cut out the postage and packaging costs since they are based so close to the South Holland District Council offices.
- Oliver also had a quote for a 4GB memory stick for £28 from www.vibrantcolour.co.uk. It will be used to store the database, minutes and other important documents.
- A4 notepads to be bought.

7. AOB

- Employment 4 Students is relaunching its site to enable young people to see job opportunities.
- Questionnaire passed out to SHYC. Given out to members present. Needed back in this week. Should be put in an envelope and marked FAO Graham Scorthorne.
- Steve will send electronic logos to Oliver to be put onto website.
- The EBP is putting a bid in to the lottery. SHYC is offered the chance to participate, and put forward our views on what we think should happen to improve services for young people in our area.
- The next meeting is 17th March.