

1) Apologies: David Tully, Ross O'sullivan, Andrew Burns, Paula Horrell

2) Introduction of Dennis Bell

- Spoke about the development of modern built provision for active leisure.
- Dance classes for younger people were suggested.
- The need for more green, open areas in Spalding was addressed along with suggestions for new "small wheel areas", skate parks and possible development of existing skate parks because youths skateboard ("terrorize" in the words of Mr Walsham and he gets pink writing because he's special) around sainsburys.
- 412 young people participated in a survey promoted by SHYC. This was the largest number of people answering the survey ever!
- Possibly some money is available to be spent in unison with SHYC and Leisure-net to encourage sports.
- "Burger and chips not favourite food! Pasta was!"
- It was agreed unanimously that SHYC can approach youths and conduct another survey to help with more research on activities which could be provided.
- Saying about how research will be conducted, it was agreed by all that questionnaires should be given to teachers to hand out to students. We think there are 11 possible schools which we can contact to participate in the survey. It was agreed Sarah King will contact Spalding High School and St. Pauls Primary school and Oliver Needham will contact Gleed Boys and Girls. Stacey Jackson (viewing) said she could get questionnaires to Thomas Cowley as well.

3) Vicky Thomson spoke about the Draft Cultural Strategy. This wasn't on the agenda but as she had not heard from any young people she asked SHYC for our opinions.

- Heard that culture is being defined as anything which we do in our free time.
- The Cultural Strategy aims to get more people involved in cultural activities such as arts and sport.
- The second priority was to create cultural infrastructure, for example supporting and preserving important buildings such as churches, village halls etc.
- The final priority was to understand and meet the changing cultural needs of people living in South Holland. This involves the integration of migrants who have different cultural needs and it was suggested that maybe some activities could be organized at already established events to inform people about different cultures. (at this point Alistair claims "this is all written in a leaflet! I was not told!!")
- Leaflets were handed out regarding The Pumpkin Festival and The Lincolnshire Fenland LEADER+ Showcase Event.

4)

- Details of members updated
- Youth café meeting didn't go ahead.
- The youth café can't apply for funding from the Prince's Trust but can apply for a lottery grant.
- First-aid training will be scheduled for after Christmas.

5) No portfolio meetings have been done as none were necessary as of yet. Alistair needs to meet Graham to collect finance stuff.

6) Youth Garden

No one has seen plans or anything yet. Paula needs to send them to everyone and the fund is now £5500.

7) The opportunity was missed to join the skills market in November as all places have been filled.

8) An undisclosed number of leaflets were given to members to distribute, informing people about the aims and achievements of the youth council.

9) Oliver and Hannah (viewing) gave information about the August exchange. Sounded like it was fun and both are going again but don't know when.

10) Website is up and running and people MUST LOG ON or Oliver can't help improve it.

11) AOB

- Co-opting: Stacey Jackson and Hannah Pearce were both co-opted on after all members agreed. (get in!)
- Graham spoke about putting forward a judge for the Community Spirit Awards. Stacey asked to be the judge and all voted for her.

Dates for the rest of the year

Monday 15th October

Monday 19th November

Monday 17th December