

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH
2016 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor R E R Morris – Chairman

Councillors L A Bentley, Miss M V Chamberlain, Mrs S B Morris,

Also in Attendance:

M Smith (Young Persons Co-ordinator, OWBC)

B Gohil (O&W Youth Council)

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83.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Cllr Ms A R Bond</p>	
84.	<p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u></p> <p>Following the deferral of the Forum scheduled for 20 January 2016, due to absences resulting in it not being quorate, members queried if attendance at the deferred Forum had been recorded. M Smith confirmed that attendance for that particular Forum had been noted but no minutes from it were required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Forum held on 28 October 2015 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.</p>	
85.	<p><u>POLICE UPDATE</u></p> <p>Due to a Police representative being unavailable this agenda item was deferred until the Forum taking place on 25 May 2016.</p>	
86.	<p><u>SEA CADETS PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Due to a representative of the Sea Cadets being unavailable this agenda item was deferred until the Forum taking place on 25 May 2016.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Forum that the intention of the Sea Cadets presentation was to raise awareness of the group and, where possible, seek nominations of locations from where they would be able to operate in the future due, in part, to the lack of storage space for their boats and other equipment at their current meeting location of Wigston College.</p>	
87.	<p><u>YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE</u></p> <p>The Chair, M Smith and B Gohil updated the Forum on the current actions of the Borough's Youth Council. These included;</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Focussing on the recruitment of new members, from schools and youth clubs, to replenishment membership following the departure of long standing members to university in September 2015. This approach will include direct presentations to schools, and school councils, by Cllr R Morris, M Smith and Youth Council representatives, ▪ Commencing planning of 2016's Supersonic Boom youth festival (details covered later in the meeting), ▪ Working on continuing the positive relationship fostered between the Youth Council and Arriva by inviting Shaun Bloxam, Arriva's General Manager based in South Wigston, to attend the Youth Council's meeting in May 2016. It is the intention of the Youth Council to provide Shaun with a list of questions, developed during April 2016's Youth Council meeting, in advance in order for specific answers to be received should the invitation be accepted, and ▪ Developing an 'eNewsletter' that will be sent via email to every pupil in the Borough's secondary schools and colleges detailing opportunities for young people within the Borough. 	
88.	<p><u>COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT SCHEME</u></p> <p>M Smith informed the Forum that from 1 April 2016 there will be no Community Public Health Grant Scheme funding made available from Leicestershire County Council following the latest round of budget reviews.</p> <p>The monitoring returns for projects funding during the 2015/16 financial year are now being received meaning a full report on this expenditure, specifically young people's projects, will be available for May 2016's Forum.</p>	MS
89.	<p><u>SAFEGUARDING UPDATE</u></p> <p>M Smith talked members through the reasoning behind the redesign of the Council's internal 'Safeguarding Incident Referral Form'. The driving factor behind the redesign was the level of information required by the County Social Care teams in order for a referral to be effectively handled; the existing form did not enable the capturing of all of this information which often resulted in delays in investigating a referral whilst additional information was obtained from the initial reporter. In safeguarding matters such delays were unacceptable and could result in the subject of the referral being placed at a greater risk of harm.</p> <p>M Smith stated that, whilst the redesigned referral form was now significantly longer than previous versions, in making referrals not every section of the form will be required to be completed depending on the circumstances of each incident or concern.</p> <p>Included in the agenda pack provided to members was an updated copy of the Council's safeguarding poster. This poster details who the Council's 'Designated Safeguarding Officers' are, how to contact them and who to contact in an emergency or outside of normal working hours. Members requested that this poster be distributed to all elected members and not just those present at this Forum. M Smith agreed to arrange this.</p>	MS

	<p>M Smith went on to discuss the provision of safeguarding training for elected members. The development of training package for all Council staff, volunteers and elected members will take place once the revised safeguarding policies M Smith has developed have been formally adopted by the Council. The revised children and young people safeguarding policy has already been submitted for adoption whilst the adult safeguarding policy now requires further amendments, before submission, following new legislation adopted by the Government in March 2016.</p>	
90.	<p><u>YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2016</u></p> <p>Due to the deferral of this Forum's meeting in January 2016 the Chair and M Smith, as organisers of the Young Citizen of the Year civic award, have elected to extend the deadline for nominations to be received in respect of the award from elected members by a further two weeks. This extension takes the deadline from Thursday, 31 March 2016 to Thursday, 14 April 2016.</p> <p>At present there have been five nominations received for young people who are thought to be excellent candidates for the civic award. Following the passing of the extended deadline Cllr R Morris, M Smith and the current Young Citizen, Lara Taylerson-Whyte, will meet to discuss the received nominations and select a winner for this year's award.</p>	
91.	<p><u>SUPERSONIC BOOM 2016</u></p> <p>Following confirmation of a budget for Supersonic Boom to take place in 2016 the Youth Council were approached, at their March 2016 meeting, to discuss potential dates and locations for the festival to take place on. The Youth Council were unanimous in stating that Supersonic Boom should again be held on Blaby Road Park, South Wigston with a proposed date of Wednesday, 17 August 2016.</p> <p>The first full planning meeting for Supersonic Boom 2016 will take place on Monday, 18 April 2016 at 6pm; these meetings will then be held monthly, or as required, immediately prior to the monthly Youth Council meetings.</p> <p>Nominations for charities, or local groups, to benefit from the monies raised through Supersonic Boom 2016 can be made to M Smith for consideration by the Youth Council. In previous years the event has benefitted the Alzheimer's Society, Wishes4Kids and the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist in the running of Supersonic Boom 2016 should indicate their availability to M Smith. Formal requests for volunteers and marshals shall be made at a later stage of the planning process.</p>	
92.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>None raised.</p>	

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THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:34PM.



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