

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
FORUM HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON WEDNESDAY
4 DECEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor R E R Morris – Chairman

J Kaufman, Mrs J M Gore, L Bentley and K Loydall

Also in Attendance: M Smith, Glen White (Impact Team)

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24.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Inspector Stephen Bunn (Wigston LPU Commander)</p> <p>M Chamberlain, S Haq, S Morris, R Thakor</p>	
25.	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Forum held on 4 September 2013 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.</p>	
26.	<p><u>POLICE UPDATE</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that the Police were unable to attend but Inspector Stephen Bunn, the new commander for Wigston LPU, has stated that he wishes to personally attend a future CYP Forum meeting.</p>	
27.	<p><u>YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2014</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained the process and rationale behind the Young Citizen of the Year award and asked other councillors present for nominations of any young people they feel are deserving of the award. It was also mentioned that the nomination process has been running since July 2013 and that the schools, at present, do not seem to be willing to nominate pupils.</p> <p>Councillors present discussed several young people they are aware of that they may choose to nominate and, after discussion, The Chairman confirmed that all those discussed are eligible for nomination.</p>	

	<p>Glen White spoke of good news stories through the work of the IMPACT Team that may qualify some young people the team have been working with for nomination.</p> <p>The role of the Young Citizen was also discussed with comments on how the lack of funding for the role is a disadvantage. Further discussion occurred about how the nomination is awarded; Councillor Morris explained how the award process varies between the council's sports awards ceremony and the mayor making ceremony. The forum queried if the Young Citizen could have a chain to wear at formal events.</p> <p>Councillors were encouraged to approach any schools they may be governors for and advised that the nomination form for Young Citizen is also available in electronic format.</p>	
<p>28.</p>	<p><u>PAYP FUNDING AND PROJECTS UPDATE</u></p> <p>A breakdown of the outcomes from the recent round of PAYP funding was presented to the forum by Mark Smith, the Council's Children and Young Persons Co-ordinator, outlining which bids had been successful, which bids had been unsuccessful and impact this has had on the remaining PAYP budget.</p> <p>The forum queried the decision of the Locality Partnership Group to refuse to support the Youth Council's bid for a stall at the upcoming Christmas Capers event. The forum also queried how the Youth Council will be notified that their bid had been unsuccessful. Mark explained the process of the Locality Partnership Group in regards to PAYP bids, the reasoning given behind their decision and how the Youth Council will be notified.</p> <p>The forum made it clear that they wished to express how unfortunate it is that the Youth Council did not receive the funding they requested for their stall. It was suggested that the forum support the Youth Council directly and enquired about the possibility of using the underspend from Supersonic Boom to fund the stall. Mark agreed to bring this notion to the attention of his line manager the following morning.</p> <p>Mark then invited the forum to ask any questions they have regarding the funding update document circulated between them prior to the forum meeting. Clarification was sought on the source of the funding and Mark</p>	

	<p>explained how it is allocated via Leicestershire County Council and the Leicestershire County Youth Council (CYCLe).</p>	
29.	<p><u>YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE</u></p> <p>The Chairman voiced concerns raised at the Youth Council regarding traffic at Beauchamp College and encouraged Oadby councillors to speak with their local beat officers.</p> <p>Councillor Kaufman gave an update on the recent traffic calming measures put in place around Beauchamp College. The Youth Council were then invited to present ideas on how to improve the road safety at Beauchamp College at their next meeting.</p> <p>The forum suggested that the Youth Council could approach the Police and Leicestershire County Council Highways; The Chairman explained that this is already planned by the Youth Council to take place. The forum also heard how the Youth Council are looking into delivering a safety message at local schools and colleges themselves.</p> <p>The forum spoke of the importance that this issue is tackled by multiple partners and not just by the Youth Council.</p> <p>The Chairman moved on to speak about the Youth Council's ongoing Grit Bin and Arriva campaigns, the YouTube promotional video and the discount card scheme. The Youth Council's bag packing and youth conference ideas were also presented.</p> <p>The forum suggested that the Youth Council liaise with the Wigston Traders Association in order to forward their discount scheme.</p>	
30.	<p><u>HALLOWEEN EVENT REVIEW</u></p> <p>An update was given to the forum by Mark Smith on the success of the Halloween event at Elizabeth Court and the positive outcomes generated from it including, but not limited to, a higher level of involvement at the Boulter Crescent Community Flat.</p>	

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IMPACT TEAM UPDATE

Glen White spoke of the IMPACT Teams recent work on Blaby Road Park and informed the forum that they are currently based in the South Wigston and Oadby areas.

Glen stated that the IMPACT Team has, in October, undertaken 6 sessions in South Wigston and 7 in Oadby. In both areas the main issues are anti-social behaviour, street drinking and cannabis use.

The IMPACT Team were also running a BMX scheme on Blaby Road Park which, as of its end due to weather conditions on 4th October, had 34 young people registered with the project and actively involved with it. Moving forward the IMPACT Team are looking at hiring Blaby District Council's mobile skate park for several sessions as well as referring young people on to PAYP funded projects.

Glen mentioned that Halloween was a quiet period for the team but they are having to tackle underage drinking much more frequently, especially at Blaby Road Park. The IMPACT Team are currently liaising with the Community Safety Partnership about test alcohol purchases.

In November the IMPACT team started a new round of working with the Re:Active Youth Club in the Bobbin Factory, South Wigston; this is currently continuing. The IMPACT Team have also commissioned services to join them at Re:Active in January 2014 for several sessions.

The IMPACT Team are also delivering 'Building Positive Relationship Training' with shop staff in the borough, particularly McDonald's. The training was previously delivered with great success to staff at Tesco, South Wigston.

Hayes Park, Wigston has also been on the Police and IMPACT Teams radar due to ongoing anti-social behaviour issues.

The forum enquired about how the IMPACT Team publicise events etc. Glen explained how Leicestershire County Council restricts the use of social media for advertising but does focus on posters etc. in shops, schools and youth clubs.

A query was also raised about the IMPACT Teams

	presence at Beauchamp College at the end of each school day. Mark Smith answered and explained that due to ongoing Police work the presence of the IMPACT Team cannot be discussed.	
32.	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> Councillor Bentley wished for it to be noted that the Youth Council should be treated equally to other groups and forums in regards to room bookings.	

The Meeting Closed at 8:06 p.m.