

SWAFFHAM YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Swaffham Youth Council meeting of the 2nd June 2008 at the Town Hall, Swaffham.

In attendance: Chris Babey, Morgan Creed, Mário Goncalves,
Lewis Hanrahan, Sasha Helstern, Sophie Willis,
Emily Wright.

Deputy Town Clerk: Michelle Meyrick
Youth Worker: Sally Palmer

1. Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1. Ryan Duke - Air Cadets
- 1.2. Lauren Sinclair
- 1.3. Becky Balls

2. Minutes

2.1. The minutes 21st April 2008 were agreed by the Council and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

3. Voting for Chairman & Vice Chairman

3.1. There was a discussion related to how the voting would be done. Whether there would be open voting or closed voting. If a nomination for Chairman is not successful they will be submitted for Vice Chairman voting.

It was agreed with 5 votes for and 2 against to have closed voting for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

4. Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

4.1. There were 4 nominations in total and each nomination gave a brief speech as to why they think they should be voted for.

a) Sasha Helstern - I think I would be good because I am a very good listener and talker. I had got the Head of Hamonds High school interested in the Youth Town Council. I am a confident person and have already asked young people in Swaffham about what they would want.

b) Mário Concalves - I think I should be chairperson because I feel that I can encourage everyone in this room to do the best we can during the 2 year term we are serving. I think you should elect me because I feel that I have leadership qualities, like being able to listen to you and not be shy to talk in front of people. Also I promise to provide my full attention and make your ideas count. Because the Youth Council doesn't just work with 1 person, it works with all of us as a group. We have volunteered ourselves to persuade

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young people that they are valued and can make a difference. That's why I think I should be chairperson.

c) Emily Wright - I didn't prepare a speech so must improvise which shows initiative. I am good at talking and listening, processing and interpreting information, debating issues, considering other points of view with tact and diplomacy. I am committed to using organisational skills etc to help organise our Youth Council to effect change.

d) Chris Babey - I think you should vote for me because I have had experience in previous schools. My mum works in the Council in Narborough, we could have a lot of activities with Narborough.

4.2. Voting for Chairman

It was agreed with 3 votes that Emily Wright would be the Chairman for the Youth Council for the year of June 2008 - June 2009.

4.3. Voting for Vice Chairman

It was agreed with 4 votes that Mário Concalves will be Vice Chairman for the Youth Council for the year of June 2008 - June 2009.

5. Planned Bingo event.

5.1. There was a lengthy discussion relating to the bingo event. The venue was discussed whereby it was established that the Community Centre and the Assembly Rooms would make ideal locations. The cost to hire them are as follows: -

- Community Centre - 10.30 per hour
- Assembly Rooms - 10.81 per hour plus 7.5 per session

It was agreed that the Assembly Rooms would be the preferred venue with the Community Centre being 2nd choice.

5.2. The date for the event was also discussed. Timing of the event was discussed whereby it was thought that the doors could open at 7pm with eyes down at 7.30. This issue could be discussed at the next meeting when more information would be available.

It was agreed that the event would take place on Friday the 19th September.

5.3. There were various other issues discussed such as:-

- Prizes
- Raffle
- Donations
- Advertising

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Ideas for prizes could be cakes, fruit basket, wine, chocolates etc. Local businesses could be asked for donations and their names could be advertised on the night.

Some businesses that could be approached are: -

- Impson
- Woolworths
- Kings Arms
- Cape Amethest
- Pedlars Gold
- Ceres Bookshop
- Hughes Electrical
- Gem Shop
- Netto
- Waitrose
- Starlings

5.4. The following people agreed to carry out some tasks: -

- Sasha and Emily - Publicity
- Michelle - Book the Assembly Rooms
- Lewis - Bingo research
- Morgan - Draft a letter to request donations

It was agreed by everyone at the meeting that Michelle could send e-mail address details to everyone at the meeting.

This will enable members to contact each other in between meetings.

6. Any other issues for information only.

6.1. At a previous meeting it was reported that the Swaffham Lionesses had stated that they would give a donation to the Youth Council. It was agreed previously to request some assistance for the Bingo evening. Sally reported that Amy Head wrote to the Lionesses giving details about the bingo event, a reply is awaited.

7. Date of next meetings

7.1. The next meeting will be on Monday 14th July at 6.30pm.

7.2. The next meeting after the July meeting is the 1st September.

Meeting finished at 8.00pm

Chairman _____