

Berkhamsted Youth Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting – 29 April 2009

Present:

Youth Council – Alistair, Tom, Will, Gemma, Lorna, Ella, Jim, James, Ed, Ben, Elliott,

Clare Muir, PCSO's Kate & Ben, Sandra Jenkins, Peter Broderick

Apologies:- Emily, Natalie, Eleanor

Elliott explained to the group that he is standing down due to work commitments and he wishes the group well in the future.

Clare thanked Elliott on behalf of everyone for the time and effort he has given to the youth council over the past four years.

1. The minutes of the meeting on 18 March 2009 were approved.
2. **Matters arising.**
 - **Feeling Good Night at Ashlyns Thursday 30 April.** Arrangements were made for who is doing what and noted by Sandra but not minuted as it will have taken place before the minutes go out.
 - **Hemel & Kings Langley Youth Councils.** As Peter arrived late, he was not here to report back. Will carry forward to next meeting.
 - **Sunnyside Fete, George Street Playground 30 May, 2-5pm.** Clare will take a display for Swan / BYTC and Alistair will arrange for another stall to sell cakes etc for the Wamba fund. All members to turn up and help if they can even for an hour.
3. **Treasurers Report.** James handed out our annual accounts and members were free to ask questions. There is a balance of £1466.96.
4. **Gigs.** Next gigs:- This Friday 1 May. Please turn up to help if you can. Next gig will be Friday 19 June. Members then voted to take a two-month break from gigs and resume again in September.
5. **The Big Tidy Up.** Ella reported that this event went well and there was a good turn out of Youth Council members and Swan Skaters. Alistair said that sadly it didn't help some young people to take responsibility for their rubbish as one of the helpers was caught littering the skate park the next day. Members were encouraged to challenge any friends they see chucking litter about.
6. **Sponsored Walk in Aid of the Children's Society – Sunday 10 May.** Clare will post sponsor forms to those wishing to attend and confirm meeting times.
7. **Police 10 Minute Slot.** Kate reported back on questions asked at the last meeting regarding the use of fireworks and left information for members to read. Questions were also asked about cycling / skate boarding laws on footpaths, and discussions about adults buying alcohol in children's company. For all members to put in their phone, the police non-emergency number 0845 3300222.
8. **Any Other Business.**
 - **Video Project.** Peter asked if members are still interested in carrying this project on. Members felt that too much time has been put into it already to let it go and they wanted to finish it. It was agreed to spend a day in May half term getting through as much as they can. The date is **Wednesday 27 May 10.30 - 4pm.** Pizzas for lunch. Anyone who wasn't involved from the beginning is also welcome to attend.
 - **Pro-Action.** Peter asked members if he could invite Nicole from Pro-Action, an organisation that supports voluntary youth groups, to our next meeting to inform members of activities they can get involved in. Members agreed.
 - **New Head of Ashlyns School.** Sandra reported that the new Head Mr Shapland, is interested in attending one of our meetings and asked members if it was ok to invite him. Members agreed.
 - **Basketball Net at Skate Park.** Sandra reported that she has had a request from a young person for a basketball net and small court to be sited near the skate park. Clare said members

have been discussing this for sometime and we need to re look at it. Peter will find out some info on equipment and bring to the next meeting.

Next meetings

4.30-6pm

Wednesday 3 June 2009

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Wednesday 8 July 2009