

**KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH 2012 AT 8.30 pm
AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Dunford in the Chair

Cllrs M Atkinson, R Burton, K Dunn, I Lumb, P Pankhurst, R Thomas, S Triggs and C Whittingham.

In attendance: Mrs R Perry and Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllr Cooper, the reason for which was accepted. Cllr Dunford apologised for having to leave early.

**YE1 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following declarations of interest were received:

Cllr M Atkinson in Shelley College as Mrs Debbie Lumb (Assistant Principal of Shelley College) has been a close personal friend since January 2011 and her son is a student there;

Cllr K Dunn in King James School, as his wife is a Governor and his son is also a student there; and in Kirkheaton Primary School as his wife is Chair of Governors.

Cllr I Lumb in Shelley College as he is married to Mrs Debbie Lumb, Assistant Principal.

Cllr P Pankhurst in Kirkburton Middle School, as he is a Governor, his son is a pupil there and his wife also works there.

Cllr Whittingham in Grange Moor Primary School, as she is a Governor.

There were no members of the public present.

**YE2 Public
Participation**

Resolved: To hold all the items in the public session.

YE3 Public Admission

Members noted the report of the pilot meeting held on 23rd January 2012 and Cllr Triggs delivered a verbal report from the pilot meeting on 28th February 2012. She reported that the young people were very keen to participate in this project. It was hoped to hold a subsequent meeting at Scissett Middle School and a child been nominated to act as Chairman.

**YE4 Shelley College
School Council**

Members considered how to progress with the project. It was reported that the pilot scheme had included Kirkburton Middle School, Scissett Middle School, and Shelley College. Discussions took place on how to involve children from the rest of the Parish Council area.

**YE5 Council
Engagement with
the Youth**

Recommended: To extend the scheme to include King James School and to invite the Head Teachers from Grange Moor Primary, Kirkheaton Primary, Lepton JIN School and Rowley Lane School to nominate one child each from Year 6 to take part.

a) Schoolchildren

It was suggested that Teachers should be asked to inform the children that although places on the project were open to everyone, it may be more relevant and interesting to those who lived within the Parish Council area, since the Parish Council could only legally spend on projects within its geographic boundaries.

Members discussed how to engage with 6th form and university students within the Parish.

**YE6 b) 6th Form and
University
students**

Recommended: To focus on younger members of the Parish for now and revisit 6th form and university students at a later date.

Members discussed who would like to be involved in future meetings.

**YE7 c) PC
Representation**

Recommended: That the next school meeting will be organised by Cllr Triggs and the following members will be involved and invited to attend: Cllrs Atkinson, Lumb, Pankhurst and Whittingham, as well as Kirklees Youth Service officers.

Recommended: The Clerk to give Cllr Triggs the contact details of the Head teachers of the participating schools.

Recommended: That Cllr Triggs will liaise with the above members and the Clerk on the content of the next school session.

Based on the fact that some of the school catchment areas overlap, members discussed how best to involve Denby Dale Parish Council in this project. It was noted that one of the Kirklees Denby Dale Councillors is already aware of this project and is supportive.

**YE8 d) Involving
Denby Dale
Parish Council**

Recommended: The Clerk to discuss this project with the Clerk of Denby Dale Parish Council.

Recommended: If Denby Dale PC wishes to participate, to offer co-opted places on this committee.

Members considered ideas put forward by young people and had a lengthy discussion. It was noted that an inter-school art competition might be a good project for everyone to be involved with.

**YE9 Jubilee
Celebrations**

Recommended: To consult the children on holding a Jubilee Art Competition with all of the participating schools, and to vire £1,000 from the Community Projects budget to a new budget heading of Youth Engagement.

Cllr Dunford left and the rest of the meeting was chaired by Cllr Burton (Vice Chairman).

It was noted that some members have already had CRB checks undertaken due to their other work / professional commitments. The ASO reported on information she had obtained from Kirklees Education Services.

**YE10 Legal
Requirements**

Recommended: That CRB checks are organised for all Committee members and the staff, and that until they are complete, the Council takes advice from the various Head Teachers.

The meeting then closed.