

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, 20th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 8.15 pm AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL

The following minutes are subject to confirmation of accuracy and adoption by Council on 6th March 2014.

Present: Cllr Beresford in the Chair
Cllrs S Triggs and C Whittingham.
Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllr Pankhurst.
Absent: Cllrs D Bradbury and I Lumb.

**YE1 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

There were no members of the public present.

**YE2 Public
Participation**

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

**YE3 Public
Admission**

Cllr Triggs showed the video produced by the students of Kirkburton Middle School, Scissett Middle School and Shelley College, which described the progress of the two youth engagement projects and highlighted what the young people had gained from taking part.

**YE4 King James
School
Pyramid**

A discussion took place as to how the Parish Council could engage in a similar manner with the schools which formed part of the King James School Pyramid.

Cllr Triggs advised speaking directly with the Head and Teachers of the various schools, and if they agreed to give the Parish Council time for a similar project, to give the children ideas for suitable projects. It was acknowledged that it may be best to start with the Primary Schools first.

Recommendation: That the Council considers including members from Grange Moor, Kirkheaton and Lepton on this Committee next year. Also to discuss the project further in the next Council year.

Members noted that the Council had an agreed Aim of encouraging local residents to become involved with the local democratic processes. A discussion took place as to how best to progress this, which would be particularly relevant in the next Council year, as the next Parish Council elections are approaching in 2015.

**YE5 First-Time
Voters**

Recommendation: That contact is made with relevant sections of the University of Huddersfield to explore the best ways of raising awareness of local democracy amongst students. Also to make contact with the Kirklees Elections Office to find out if there are any opportunities of partnership working.

The meeting then closed.