



Youth Council Meeting 20th September

Attendees:

Lawrence Lee, Emily Petken, Joanna Seifert, Charlotte Withyman, Apriya Millen, Isabella Koopman

Cllr. Estelle Samuelson

Cllr. Ben Evans

Claire Larkin

1. **Welcome to any new Members:** Isabella Koopman attended her first YC meeting and was given the relevant paperwork to fill out and return. Isabella is a friend of Joannas and attends Habs.
2. **Update from Aldenham Parish Council:** Estelle updated everyone on the Christmas lights on the trees in Newberries Parade and the possibility of extending the period for which the trees will be lit up. The YC would welcome an extension to this period. We also discussed ideas for a celebrity or well-known person to switch the lights on at the Winter Fair.
3. **Update from Lawrence Lee:**
 - **Winter Fair** – The YC will have a stand at the Winter Fair where they will promote the activities of the YC and hand out the questionnaires which Apriya designed. The Youth Council are also keen to run a stall, maybe a nail/henna tattoo/braiding stall for children.
4. **Future Youth Council Events:**
 - **Q + A session with Oliver Dowden MP:** Lawrence Lee has drafted a letter to send to Oliver Dowden and we will send the letter off on APC headed paper with Lawrence's signature.
ACTION: Claire to liaise with Lawrence about signature and will send the letter off. The YC are looking to hold this event on an evening in Feb/March 2017. Ben Evans is happy to chair the meeting at Edge Grove School. The date needs to be set asap and a panel needs to be decided. The event will need to be promoted to schools and especially targeted at politics students.
 - **Cycle Day** – We are looking to run this next Spring. It was agreed that the event needs to be better advertised this time and organised well in advance. The event could be different from the last one with everyone cycling along a defined route.
ACTION: Claire to contact Jez Cox (Cycling contact at Herts County Council) about this event.
 - **12 month event plan:** It was discussed that it would be a good idea to have a plan of events for the next 12 months to remain focussed on upcoming events and help with the planning.
5. **Recruitment Drive of New Members:**
 - We need to target other schools in the area such as Queens (Ben has a contact at Queens) and also local sports clubs and Scouts/Guides.
ACTION – Apriya to draft a new member letter. Charlotte to design a flyer – Claire to email Charlotte some past flyers.

6. AOB:

- It was suggested that APC post updates to the YC Facebook group of what needs to be done after each meeting and reminders.
- Ben asked whether members of the YC would be happy to fill in a questionnaire for his wife who is on the PPG Committee.
- The YC repeated the need for a bus service from Radlett to Stanmore station and back to improve transport links to and from London.

7. Date for the next YC Meeting:

- CL to send some suggested dates on Facebook for the next meeting to be w/b 17th October.