

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

15 January 2025 (week 1/10)

Participants: Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Recruitment Officer Tej Nundah, Environment Officer Sidney Twum, Thomas Vaciago, Anastasia Filimonova, Darcey Moore,

Apologies: Deputy Youth Mayor Kaitlin Hussey

Facilitators: Linton Sutherland, Natasha Morgan (Services for Young People)
Hannah Neal (Broxbourne Council)

1. Welcome and introductions

The agenda for the meeting was agreed.

2. Reflections & Ice Breaker

The Youth Council took part in an ice breaker activity.

3. Arriva Update

Arriva has sent a response to concerns raised about the quality of the service. Arriva has invited the youth council to visit the depot. Havana has replied suggesting 3 young people, 1 SEND youth councillor and 2 youth workers to attend. Awaiting reply. Havana will resend in a week if there has not been a reply.

4. Guest Speakers

The youth council have identified guest speakers to compliment the meeting and the youth councillors understanding of local issues:

- Nicola McDonnell HCC for Anti Vaping Campaign on 29 January via MS Teams at 7.15pm joined with Welwyn Hatfield Youth Council and Ware Youth Council.
- Nick Daines from Safe Net -date to be confirmed.
- Broxbourne Mayor Sherrie McDaid- date to be confirmed.
- PCSO Jade Penny from Herts Police, Jade.Penny@herts.police.uk - date to be confirmed.

Questions for the Mayor's visit was explored. Some of them are as follows:

- What happened to constables doing street patrols?
- What can be put in place to improve Broxbourne's street rating?
- What can be done about lack of hospital A&E in our area of Broxbourne?

Hollyfields alleyway was discussed and the issue about poor lighting and lack of camera surveillance could lead to serious crime.

5. Aspirations – Youth Plan

Havana suggested the youth council explore what are their collective aspirations and how achievements could be planned using the Youth Council Action plan. This will be explored for future meetings.

6. Debate

The youth council took part in discussions using audio podcasting equipment. The discussions were about whether 16 – 17-year-olds should be admitted to adult wards in hospitals. They also discussed how would they respond to witnessing shoplifting.

7. AOB

The youth council decided they would like to visit parliament and will discuss this with MP Lewis Cocking.

The youth council are concerned by the reduced number of members. They have planned to promote the youth council at Broxbourne school in assembly.