

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

14 May 2025 (week 3/10)

Participants: Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Deputy Youth Major Kaitlin Hussey, Recruitment Officer Tej Nundah, Thomas Vaciago, Liberti Kenny, Anastasia Filimonova, Grace Watts, Zoe Watts, Matthew Pereira

Facilitators: Linton Sutherland, Mike Warby (Services for Young People)

Alessandro Principato (Broxbourne Borough Council)
Minutes by Linton Sutherland

1. Welcome and introductions

The Youth Council and guests introduced themselves.

2. Herts Summer Programme, Faye Lahiffe and Matt Ridley

Faye and Matt from Herts Sport & Physical Activity Partnership run a programme called Herts Summer Parks, a programme designed to provide free activities and food for 12 – 16-year-olds on benefit-related free school meals during the summer holidays.

This summer, the programme will be running at Waltham Cross Playing Fields in Broxbourne throughout August. As we plan this year's activities, we're keen to hear directly from young people to ensure the programme reflects their interests and needs. Matt and Faye spoke with the Youth Council to better understand:

- The types of activities young people would like to see
- The best ways to promote the programme
- Any other ideas to make it as engaging as possible

3. Anti-Vaping Campaign, Jo Necci and Rushma Patel

Jo Necci and Rushma Patel consulted with a select group of the Youth Council about themes for the Anti Vaping campaign:

- What should the focus be
- Campaign name
- Strap Line

Some of the key messages explored are:

- *Many contain nicotine, which is very addictive*
- *Once you are addicted to nicotine, it can take control of you*
- *Vaping can also make you cough, feel dizzy, give you a headache or a sore throat*

- *The long-term effects are not yet known*
- *Don't give in to pressure*
- *If you don't smoke, don't vape*

The Youth Council also recorded video clips and sound bites which will be used in the social media content in the campaign.

AOB.

The last items of the agenda will be addressed next meeting on **21 May 2025**:

- Mental Health
- Fundraising
- Debate

Actions for you:

- Action: Havana to email Patsy Spears to brief her about the LMD event.
- Action: Havana to email Steve Whitlam to confirm school contacts.
- Action: Linton to speak with Ms. Goodes to explore their involvement in LMD.
- Action: All members to speak with their respective schools about LMD focusing on the language department.