

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

18 June (Week 7/10)

Participants: Youth Major Havana Marshall, Deputy Youth Major Kaitlin Hussey, Thomas Vaciago, Liberti Kenny, Anastasia Filmonova, Darcey Moore, Zoe Watts, Grace Watts, Sidney Twum, Bradley Pumfrett, Blake Webb, Rebecca West

Facilitators: Linton Sutherland, Mike Warby, Natasha Morgan (Services for Young People), Alessandro Principato (Broxbourne Borough Council)

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Youth Council introduced themselves and participated in an ice breaker activity.

2. UKYP – UK Youth Parliament

There was a discussion about interest in the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP). Responsibility for elections lies with County and Unitary Authorities, and Hertfordshire is currently one of only two councils in the East of England not taking part. UKYP defines constituencies by council area, and Hertfordshire would be allocated seven MYP seats based on its 11–18 population.

Participation is voluntary, and although the membership fee has been removed, councils are still expected to provide staff time and at least one support worker. A meeting with a staff member is planned soon, with the date and time to be confirmed.

3. Litter Pick

The group discussed plans for a litter pick, which will need to be advertised and held in an area where litter is an issue. There was interest in partnering with Friends of Cedars, and Havana shared that she and Matthew had previously collected two bags of litter at Cedars Park.

As the activity will take place within park limits, less planning is needed, with standard safety precautions in place. Cedars Park was seen as a safer location. The group considered whether to meet at the Young People's Centre and walk down together or to meet directly at Cedars Park for 7pm.

It was agreed to hold a litter pick at Grundy Park on 25 June, followed by one at Cedars Park on 9 July in partnership with Friends of Cedars. DBS checks will be required for Friends of Cedars Park staff.

4. Holiday Activity Programme

Linton goes through [Holiday Activity Programme](#) details with young people.

5. AOB

The group took part in a 10-minute debate about the pricing of public transport.