

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

21 May 2025 (week 4/10)

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

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

1. Welcome and introductions

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

2. LMD (Linguistic Mayor's Debate)

Broxbourne School have said to having the LMD at the school and would like a flyer/poster, Goffs Academy and Goffs Churchgate have also said yes to LMD.

Action: Alessandro to have LMD poster edited with changes ready for 3 June.

Action: Zoe to enquire with Robert Barclay Academy regarding the LMD.

Action: Matthew to enquire with Turnford School.

3. Mental Health

Anastasia shares her experience with the mental health system and the group discussed ways in which the system could improve.

Linton shared ['Wellbeing Champions Pack'](#) which is an opportunity to gain funding of up to £10,000 for projects starting in September.

Projects eligible for this funding must:

- Involve young people aged 10-20-years-old
- Cost a maximum of £10,000, unless other funding already secured
- Be delivered between 1 September 2025 and 31 May 2026.
- Be youth-led, for example by giving young people choices and the ability to decide what to do as part of the project.
- Offer new opportunities for young people to engage in youth social action.
- Give young people the opportunity to learn new skills and develop their potential and confidence

The group agreed to move forward with applying for funding with the closing date being 12 June and discussed how to apply.

In two separate groups, the group discussed ideas of projects they'd like to deliver using the funding, these ideas included...

- Youth crisis line
- Youth mentoring
- Weekly / fortnightly social events
- Health Walks with food/snacks
- Improved pastoral care
- Support hubs with professionals attending
- Academic stress management
- Cooking Classes

4. Knife Crime Survey

The Youth Council took part in a knife crime survey in relation to Operation Sceptre Week, a national week of action coordinated by the National Police Chiefs' Council focused on tackling knife crime. It involves intensified police activity, education, and community engagement to reduce knife crime and its impact.

5. Careers Fair

Action: Linton to share information about an upcoming Careers Fair with young people.

6. AOB

The last items of the agenda will be addressed next meeting on **4 June 2025:**

- Litter Pick and Environmental address
- Fundraising
- Anti – Vaping Campaign
- Debate

Actions for you:

- **Action:** Zoe to enquire with Robert Barclay Academy regarding the LMD.
- **Action:** Matthew to enquire with Turnford School.