

# **Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes**

**5 November 2025 (week 6/10)**

**Participants:** Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Recruitment Officer Ayla Kayaga, Health Officer Anastasia Filimonova, James Vaciago, Zara Djemal, Thomas Vaciago, Amelia Evans

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

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The group introduced themselves and took part in an ice breaker activity.

## **2. 22 October Minutes – Review**

The group reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on 22 October and agreed that they were an accurate record of the discussion.

## **3. Advertising and Promotion**

Alessandro provided an update on the newly produced flyer, which has been circulated digitally across secondary schools, with printed copies also being prepared for further distribution.

Lanyards and business cards are currently in development and will be sourced internally. Roller banners and tablecloths are also being worked on; however, as these will need to be sourced externally, the process is expected to take longer.

## **4. Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group**

Havana received an email from the Chair of the Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group expressing an interest in engaging with young people. Cllr Frank Marshall suggested that the email be forwarded to Havana in her capacity as Youth Mayor.

The group discussed the possibility of inviting a guest speaker to promote diversity but raised questions regarding the Interfaith Group's intentions and the relevance of their involvement.

## **5. LMD**

Student names do not need to be submitted at this stage, as the date of the event is still to be confirmed. The Youth Council would like to begin registering schools' interest. The proposed timeline suggests holding the event in February, allowing students approximately two months to prepare from December to February.

The group discussed potential judging criteria, suggesting a scoring system out of 10 based on fluency, content, and presentation skills. The structure of the judging could also be modelled on that used for the Mayor's Debate.

**Actions: Alessandro / Linton to raise awareness of the Local Mayor's Debate when visiting secondary schools and register schools' interest.**

**Actions: Havana and Tej to collaborate on producing an LMD Guidelines Document containing event guidelines and further groundwork.**

**Actions: Alessandro to explore whether Deputy Youth Mayor Tej can accompany Havana to attend the Mayor's Debate.**

## **6. UK Youth Parliament**

Havana encouraged members to apply for the UK Youth Parliament, as applications are now open and young people can register their interest. She highlighted that this is an excellent opportunity to represent young people in their area, engage with decision-makers, and influence social and political change.

Members of the Youth Parliament must be aged 11–18 and live, work, be educated, or volunteer in Hertfordshire. Successful applicants will receive support from SfYP Youth Workers throughout the process.

For more information, visit: <https://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org/support-for-young-people/the-voice-of-young-people/uk-youth-parliament/>

## **7. Prom Event for Non-Mainstream and Isolated Young People**

Zara delivered a presentation on a proposed prom event for young people who are not in mainstream education, to be held at Waltham Cross Young People's Centre. She will also be meeting with Mark Hughes to discuss the project further.

Zara encouraged members to help raise awareness and spread the word about the event. The prom aims to include SEND and isolated young people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience a traditional prom.

Plans include decorations, photo stencils, and potential partnerships with photographers and FreePrints. A sensory room will be available for attendees who may need a break, supported by youth workers.

Budget and catering arrangements still need to be discussed. Potential funding sources include Tesco donations, Community Champions, and possible support from the Mayor.

The event will be a closed, ticketed evening, held on a weeknight, with attendance capped based on venue capacity. Criteria for participation will be developed, targeting youth groups and local projects. Zara will liaise with Linton to attend relevant youth groups and promote the event.

## **8. Current News Discussion**

The group watched a Newsround segment and discussed current political and governmental issues related to budgeting.

## **9. AOB**

None at this moment in time.