

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

18 March 2026 (Week 9/10)

Participants: Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Recruitment Officer Ayla Kayaga, Health Officer Anastasia Filimonova, Zara Djemal, Declan Twum, Nashaya Benjamin, Edward Odulaja, Ayan Maradia, Thomas Vaciago, Scarlett Robertson

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

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Youth Council began the session with introductions and an ice-breaker activity, then reflected on the Broxbourne Regeneration event held on 17 March at The Spotlight. The group reviewed last week's minutes and provided a brief update for members who were absent.

Linton also informed the council that the SEND Youth Council has invited them to join their upcoming Mental Health First Aid course, which Hertfordshire County Council can provide for the young people.

2. Broxbourne Bus User Group Meeting

Youth Mayor Havana attended the first Broxbourne Bus User Group meeting on 18 March at Cheshunt Free Church, where attendees discussed issues affecting local bus services, including peak-time pressures, ticket prices and variations between services, and the reliability of the Arriva Bus App and its service updates. The meeting was joined by Alek Bright, Arriva Network Manager for Hertfordshire and Essex, who contributed to the discussions.

3. 25 March – Tom Culley

Tom Culley (National Apprenticeship Ambassador Network) will be attending the Youth Council meeting taking place on 25 March at Waltham Cross Young People's Centre.

4. Bake Sale Project

The Youth Council discussed holding a bake sale in partnership with the SEND Youth Council on the same day as the non-Mainstream School Prom, with the aim of raising

awareness and donations for a chosen charity. Members explored ideas around planning and presentation, including using SumUp or a card machine for payments, designing posters for promotion, and ensuring a professional display with tablecloths and well-presented cakes. The group also suggested inviting Councillors and other key guests to increase visibility and agreed that a date now needs to be set to move the project forward.

5. Reflections

The group took part in reflections and completed a survey, with responses to be reviewed at the next meeting. Young people shared ideas for future projects, highlighting youth mental health, improved facilities, greater accessibility, more open projects, and additional drop-in sessions as priorities. Linton also informed members about the 11–5 Hub running at Cheshunt Young People’s Centre on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

6. AOB

None at this moment in time.