

NEWMARKET YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Council

Held on Friday 1st April 2011 at 1:30pm
at the **Town Council Offices, Coach House, Palace Street,**
Newmarket, Suffolk

Present

Jemimah and Huw (Ditton Lodge), Daniel Bristow, Tom Houghton, Marie Avis and Brandon Charlesworth (Newmarket College), Scarlett Neill and Matthew Gibbs (St Felix), Matthew Lynch and Maddie Feahan (St Louis), Paul Francis, Ella Hayward and Aaron Andrews (Paddocks), Keri Bird (FHDC) and Jodie Curtis, Cllr Lisa Chambers and Mark Deer (Suffolk County Council) and Cllr's Jefferys and Turner.

Apologies

Fairstead House

1. Marie Avis welcomed everybody to the meeting.
2. Minutes of the 1st March 2011 meeting were accepted as accurate.
3. Action points from the meeting – A letter from Odeon cinema group was read, indicating that they were keen to bring a cinema to Newmarket.
4. Reports from pupils school councils:
 - 4.1 Ditton Lodge – they are having a royal wedding celebration; a field party will be held the day after. Ben talked about Ghana; fund-raising would include cake-making, toy sale, cocktail sales and dressing up
 - 4.2 St Felix - raised £586 for Red Nose day
 - 4.3 Newmarket College – they have formed a partnership with St Nicholas Hospice, with NB student council making a visit. Dodgeball League had started. They are considering setting up an eco-team to make NC more efficient.
5. Newmarket Town Council website – access for youth council members. This had been discussed by town councillors but nothing could be decided yet. Security for students was the most important thing.
6. Paddocks Primary School – Presentation about Eco schools Paul Preston gave a slideshow stating:
 - An Eco school was an international award scheme, renewable every 2 years.
 - Categories were bronze (where Paddocks were), silver and green.
 - Schools had to review, create an action plan, and make an eco code, whole school involved.
 - There were varieties of topics to choose; like, litter, water, transport.
 - Every school should be sustainable, says the government.
 - There should be whole school environment events, like, tree planting.
 - During winter months, they had a trophy handed out weekly, for the most environmental-friendly class, looking to turn off lights, taps, close doors, etc.
 - Mr Preston and the pupils were thanked for their work.
7. Cllr Lisa Chambers and Mark Deer gave a slideshow explaining how waste is removed from houses in Suffolk.

Not everything can be recycled but most can be reused, like, books, CD's.
Pupils worked in groups to think about their waste and to sort it into groups.
Specialist centres could take furniture, batteries, spectacles, printer cartridges, etc.

Light bulbs DON'T go into bottle banks.

1,000 reusable bags are available to NYC from Mr Deer.

4 areas to look at Reuse Recycle Compost Landfill

A DVD was shown about the future, anaerobic digestion, where food waste is turned into harmless gas and waste.

8. Questions to representatives of Forest Heath district council, Lee Williams/Andy Hobbs about recycling and "Recycling on the Go" Did not show.
9. The next meeting – 1st June – at Newmarket Fire Station – to be confirmed
10. Friday 1st July – day trip to waste sites in Suffolk, with Forest Heath youth forum – programme to be decided.

Close of meeting, 3pm