



EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	6.11.14		
TIME:	6pm – 8pm		
VENUE:	Committee Rooms, Bromley Civic Centre		
Present	Laila Khan	Katie Bacon	Adil Ghani
	Grace Stephens	Reece Savva	Orla Carlin
	Cllr Carr	Cllr Stevens	Cllr Wells
	Cllr Arthur	Cllr Evans	Cllr Lymer
	Cllr Huntington-Thresher	Cllr Tunnicliffe	Cllr Bennett
	Linda King	Paul King	
Apologies	Sarah Bakare	Precious Adewunmi	Bebert Longi
	Aisha Bojang	Charlotte Storey	Cllr Bosshard
	Cllr Smith	Cllr Morgan	Doug Patterson
	Terry Parkin	Nigel Davies	Marc Hulme
Support	Danie Gordon & Ruth Wood		
1.	<p>The Leader welcomed all to the meeting; he was pleased for the opportunity to meet with BYC and hear about the work they do. He was at the safeguarding Conference on Monday and was impressed by the presentation delivered by BYC representative on their 2013/14 campaign. He emphasised the need for the council to get behind the Youth Council and support the important issues they campaign on – hopefully this meeting would be an opportunity for members to do this and to advise BYC in the work they do.</p> <p>Laila thanked the leader for this and opened and gave apologies to the meeting – unfortunately due to exams a number of BYC executive members had been unable to attend tonight’s meeting.</p> <p>Laila asked all present to review minutes of previous meeting.</p> <p>Matter arising:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to minutes made to reflect Cllrs Arthur and Lymer’s attendance at meeting 14/11/14 apologies • Full breakdown of youth election 2014 were distributed with Minutes from 1/5/14 to all BYC exec members and attendees. 		
2.	<p>BYC Campaigns Overview: - Katie gave a brief synopsis of the mid year report and the campaigns to date. Highlighting that Bromley Youth Councillors have dedicated over 800 hours of work across the two campaigns to date. Copies of the Mid Year Report circulated. (Period April – September 2014)</p>		
3.	<p>Young people in Media Campaign: - Orla outlined action taken on campaign to date in more detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initially undertook a survey in schools to see where the primary concerns of young people lay. This backed up the information BYC had laid out in it campaign plan as a result of comments 		

	<p>made at manifesto event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook page for BYC is up and running. BYC hoping to extend use, currently have 180 likes. With significantly more shares. • 38 Young people have worked on the campaign to date • 6 young people met with the editor of the Newshopper to discuss the issues surrounding YP in the media. • BYC had debated what action they could take to start the ball rolling for positive youth stories. Initially looked a 'Flash mob' idea. However this had significant challenges. Currently looking at a short video highlighting positive contributions young people can and do make in their local communities and wider. • BYC members have also met with LLB Communications team to look at raising profile. • Over 480 Youth Councillor hours have been dedicated to this campaign to date 	
4	<p>Domestic Abuse campaign: - Grace and Reece highlighted areas of the Domestic Abuse campaign to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BYC have developed a greater understanding of this issue and how it can effect Young people, as they can be affected by proxy as a result of living in a household where a parent/ carer is a victim/ perpetrator of DA but also as a victim/ perpetrator of Domestic abuse within their own relationships. • BYC had also achieved a greater understanding of the breadth of domestic abuse – beyond physical harm – looking at control, emotional abuse etc... • 10 Young People met with Terry Parkin, Exec Director of ECHS, as a result of the BSCB task and Finish Groups on Domestic Abuse. • They have met with Clair Elcombe Webber and are hoping to work alongside her to reproduce a booklet for young people about safe relationships etc. • At meeting with Terry – young people agreed to deliver presentation to schools to the schools nurses • Young people also spoke to Terry about an extension to the Your Choice Your Voice App to support YP to make appropriate choices and decisions about relationships as well as seek appropriate support when possible • Over 320 Youth Councillor hours have been dedicated to this campaign to date <p>Questions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader asked how do BYC know they are getting the message across how can we measure this? Information on the presentation has been sent to all secondary schools across the borough. BYC have met with key LBB officers to ensure the findings of YP in terms of gaps in services etc. have been shared.. In terms of the information to other YP. BYC has contacted all secondary schools with a BYC rep with an offer to present an assembly to YP about the issue of Domestic abuse. This will also be offered to Youth Clubs. We need the support of councillors; officers etc. to get into schools as the response generally is poor. However this is planned for November/ December. • Cllr Lymer – 180 likes does not seem many on facebook. BYC agreed with this – though the page is relatively new and wanted to ensure running properly before we advertise and actively promote. BYC 	ALL

	<p>have designed a poster to go out to all schools to promote the facebook page in schools to young people – actively encouraging followers and contributions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Steven asked for it to be noted that LBB Comms are currently doing an update on safer Bromley and if BYC contact Susie Clark she will include publicity on facebook page • The Leader stated that the facebook page could be linked with The Bromley Website – Ruth stated that we were working with Bromley Knowledge to try and get this done alongside updates for the BYC Pages. 	Ruth/Danie
5.	<p>Crime Summit: - Adil informed the meeting a group of BYC representatives had attended the Crime Summit on 27th September and presented the school assemblies presentation they had designed on Domestic abuse along with an overview of this campaign. They were then supported by Claire Elcombe Webber to respond to questions from the audience. Adil noted that BYC members were very disappointed in the way this story was reported in the Newshopper – Clare was credited with the presentation and work – despite a photo of BYC reps etc. This was such a shame and a missed opportunity for the primary campaign.</p> <p>Cllr Steven thanked young people for their valuable contribution to the Crime Summit, they did a really good job. He apologised that the press coverage was not accurate. However their attendance will be included in the safer Bromley Newsletter being done by Susie now; this goes to all households in the borough.</p>	
6.	<p>Safeguarding Children’s Board Conference: - Laila shared with group that she, supported by Danie, has presented the Mental Wellbeing campaign at the conference. This keeps the work of the youth council alive in addition is highlighted that the Youth Councils way of gaining information about issues relevant to young people works. This is now a high profile issues and BYC was aware of this prior to it hitting national headlines.</p> <p>Ruth informed group that BYC had been asked for permission to reproduce the flier and film they produced for this campaign by health. This was in process</p>	
7.	<p>UKYP Update: - Orla and Reece updated members and officers. BYC has recently supported the United Kingdom Youth Parliaments ‘Make Your Mark’ Ballot. This campaign allows young people across the country to vote on a key set of issues they feel young people should debate in the House of Commons. The debate will take place on Friday 14th November in the House of Commons and will be televised on the BBC Parliament Channel. BYC collected 3366 ballots from schools across the borough – this is a massive improvement on previous years. The two key issues which were voted for by Young people across the country were Exam resits in maths and English and the living wage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Tunnicliffe asked if this was an issue because many of the private/top schools were doing infinite numbers of resits meaning there wasn’t a level plain field. • Cllr Bennett stated this was happening across a lot of schools, not just those, this meant that YP were doing exams in bits. • Cllr Wells stated this will be an issue for discussion at Education PDS at some point 	
8.	<p>Takeover day: - 24 young people from BYC will be participating in takeover day within the local Authority on 21st November. Young people will be working across services. Jackie Goad is the lead on this from LBB.</p>	
9.	<p>Any other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace added to Domestic Abuse campaign update. BYC are hoping to contact all officers and Councillors in the next week or so asking all male members to pledge to support the White Ribbon campaign. (www.whiteribboncamapign.co.uk). This campaign is run by men for men asking all males to pledge that they will never perpetrate violence towards a female or stand by and watch this happen. They asked that all those who pledge support wear a white ribbon for a few weeks starting from 25th 	ALL/ BYC

November (Eradication of Violence against Women Day) to show their support

- Cllr Arthur asked BYC members as they were all pupils attending academies had they noticed a difference. BYC representative stated in terms of their experience as pupils most had notice minimal difference. However acknowledged this would not be everybody's experience. BYC will look to undertake some consultation and feedback. Adil stated that in terms of BYC the transition to academies had made it more challenging for BYC to work within and alongside schools as an extra-curricular activity or wider engagement of young people was not a school priority. BYC members acknowledge this was a shame as such activities support the personal and social development of young people; which does have an overall effect on their attitudes behaviours and ultimately attainment and achievements. BYC will look into this issue raise by Councillor Arthur Further and will share any feedback...
- Cllr Arthur asked if there is an opportunity for BYC to be consulted on the Education Plan. This did go to PDS at time, approx. 3 years ago, Andrew was the BYC rep, although there was no direct consultation. Cllr Wells stated that this could go to BYC for consultation and it is realistic that it should be reviewed. Cllr Arthur stated BYC should be involved in this. Cllr Wells confirmed those commitments should be revisited and this would be a god opportunity to get involvement of BYC. Agreed that Paul King would follow this up early next year (January) to facilitate BYC involvement in this ahead of next Planning cycle
- Cllr Huntington –Thresher asked how we support young people who are victims or perpetrators of Domestic Abuse and present them getting into those relationships. Adil responded by stating that the presentation to schools included information about healthy/ unhealthy relationships and this would also hopefully be part of the proposed app. Danie added – BYC do not directly support young people – There would be safeguarding issues for those young people under age of 18 who are victims of DA and we would look to refer. The BYC campaign is much more about raising awareness, identifying and reporting gaps as well as getting young people to consider their choices and options.
- Cllr Carr – plea for help – a few people in the room had attended a meeting today which highlighted an emergence of 'gang culture' in the borough. He asked that Youth Councillors speak to and listen to their peers any information they could share on this would be gratefully received and could be dealt with confidentially if this would help. BYC are currently looking as possibly engaging with 'get out of the gang' in the not too distant future. In addition some older members participated in a parliamentary (Labour) consultation groups in the summer about gangs. BYC were the only Youth Council who attended this meeting (lead Steven Reed MP Shadow Home Office Minister)
- Cllr Carr felt members and officers should support BYC in bringing their campaigns to a wider audience. Thanked everyone for attendance this evening and congratulated BYC in the campaigns to date. Looking forward to hearing about end of year campaign report.
- Laila Thanks al for attendance and positive contributions to the meeting and closed tonight meeting – inviting all to join BYC for light refreshments.

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Paul King

**Date of next meeting
May 2015 TBC**

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