

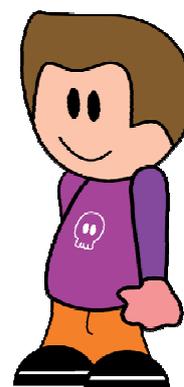


## Minutes of the Meeting 29th February 2012

### Present

Nicole (Chair)  
Claire  
Kira  
Paige  
Megan  
Sophie  
Chris

Becky (Children's Rights Officer)  
Kerry (Children's Rights Assistant)  
Jodie (Children's Rights Assistant)  
Jasmin (Social worker in training)  
Paul (Visitor from the Fire Service)



### Apologies

Geordie  
Aaron  
Matthew  
Ashley

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Nicole chaired the meeting today and thanked everyone for coming along. Everyone welcomed our newest member Sophie, and the group went round and introduced themselves.

The group were reminded of the rules on the board; and how everyone is expected to follow them. We discussed how the vouchers are given at the end as a reward for following rules and participating in the meeting.

Becky explained to the group (for the benefit of the newer members) about YPSG- saying that it is a group that meets monthly and has links to the East Riding Safeguarding Children Board, which is a part of the council. The group discuss issues to do with 'staying safe.' This is sometimes topics brought to the group from other people/agencies or issues that the young people raise themselves and wish to bring to the group for discussion.

## **2. Minutes from Last Meeting**

Some young people said they do not receive these. Becky explained these are sent in the same envelope as the invites. Becky will bring spares to the group in future for those who require them.

## **3. Updates**

Becky explained that the team have a new manager called Janet Gravel. Janet will be invited to one of the YPSG meetings so she can introduce herself.

Jasmin discussed that the Children in Care Council and a focus group have been looking at care plans for looked after children, with the hope of a 'child friendly' version being designed and used.

Jodie told the group how they are starting to interview tomorrow for 'Independent Visitors' for looked after children. The IV's have finished their training and after being successful in interviewing, they can be matched up to young people in care.

## **4. Fire Service**

Paul attended the meeting to carry out some consultation with the group about the fire service. Paul discussed that the young peoples views are very important to ensure that money is spent in the correct way by the fire service; and he is here to find out what individuals in the group would want from a fire service.

Paul asked the group what comes to their minds when he says 'fire service.'

Answers:

- Fire
- Truck – red
- Calendars and muscles
- Fireman's pole
- Yellow suit
- Cats up trees
- Pigeon stuck in chimney

Paul discussed some of these and explained a story about how once the fire brigade were called to rescue a whale off a beach, and wanted to know.....Should the fire service be doing this do you think?

Paul explained there are a total of 31 fire stations in East Riding, (showing us on a map) and out of these there are only 2 fire stations that are full time (24 hours), Bridlington and Goole. Others are part time. The group was surprised by this. Some fire stations are therefore 'retained' which means 'on call.' These fire-fighters will have other jobs, and when alerted will run to the station and go to a fire. Paul

explained that they are able to attend any fire call out in 8 minutes, and the closest fire station will send out a truck.

Paul discussed that due to government cuts there is less money to spend, so consultations like this are being done to make sure the money they have got is spent wisely.

Young 'arsonists' were mentioned, and Paul explained that there have been people trained to speak to young people about this 1:1.

The fire service also work with supermarkets, hospitals and schools to do 'fire safety checks.'

There has been a reduction of 30% call outs thanks to advocates from the fire brigade service doing fire safety checks in homes.

The fire brigade have also been called to assist with flooding in the past. Paul wished to know from the group... should they be doing it or should it be someone else's job?

The fire service operates for free. It was discussed by young people that a lot of false alarms or arson attacks should get charged/fined for. However the group agreed all call outs must be attended to just in case it wasn't a false alarm on that particular occasion.

A fire engine costs a total of £250000 to buy!

Job opportunities were discussed; and Paul explained that the jobs are displayed on the community safety website, and applicants must be fit and healthy to be a fire-fighter, undergoing tests twice a year.

The group had extensive discussions and all filled in a consultation booklet for Paul.

Paul kindly invited the group to the headquarters nearby where they do their training, to do some more formal consultation, look around and look at a fire truck. The group agreed they'd like to attend- Becky will sort this out for hopefully May time.

## **5. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 5-7.**

(Remember that it's first come first served and there's a maximum of 8 young people per group. So don't forget to let Becky know as soon as you get the invites if you'd like to come or not.)



Finally...check out our feedback from Paul. Thanks to your hard work, this has been recorded as a 'compliment' by the council!!!!

Hi Becky

I would just like to comment on the excellent participation of the young people which I met last evening. They were absolutely first class in their friendliness, their interest and views.

I would like to invite them (at their time of choosing) to come along to HFRS headquarters to look around our control room, a fire engine and complete a formal consultation.

Once again, wonderful young people (and staff)

Kind Regards

Paul