

Felixstowe Youth Forum

Felixstowe Town Hall, Wednesday 22nd March 2023
from 4pm-5pm.

Minutes

1. Introductions:

- Colneis Junior School
- Trimley St Mary Primary School
- Level 2
- Felixstowe School
- Sue Faversham
- Holly Miles
- Debbie Frost
- Cllr Seamus Bennett

2. Apologies:

- Langer Primary School
- Kingsfleet Primary School
- Grange Community Primary School
- Mayor of Felixstowe Sharon Harkin
- Cllr Mark Jepson
- Cllr Nick Barber

3. Felixstowe School:

Presentation on Year 13 Community Day in March. Year 13 went out into Felixstowe and took part in our first Community Day. Unfortunately, due to the weather, a few projects were postponed. We had 35 students litter pick from Felixstowe Town Hall as well as a number of students cleaning and sorting the donations at Pushchair Pitstop. Students also invited some residents from Maynell House and Foxgrove Care homes to join them for tea and cake at Broadway House. The feedback we have received from members of the community has been so positive and the students embraced their community day and are keen to become more regularly involved.

4. Trimley St Mary:

The students from Trimley St Mary gave a presentation on what they'd been doing at school. All Year 5 students had taken part in bike-ability awards as many of the school's students' bike to school. They had planted new apple trees in the school and also have a school food bank for any families needed food at a time

when many are facing financial difficulties. This is placed in a private area of the school where you can be anonymous and help yourself, no questions asked.

5. **Colneis:**

Colneis presented in January but added that that they had received a Highly Commended Award from Green Suffolk Awards for all their hard work towards the environment.

6. **Youth Forum – Ideas on how to spend the grant**

All schools and organisations present explained all of their ideas for this grant. There were many wonderful thoughts but bearing in mind the very short turnaround (money to be spent by 31st March 2023) and the fund of just £1,000, many of the projects would be unachievable.

It was agreed by vote that the most popular was to provide a high visibility keyring to every single student on roll in a Felixstowe School – currently 2610 students. A keyring was decided upon as this could be transferable from bag to coat to bike to scooter etc.

This will be accompanied by a road-show from members of the Felixstowe Youth Forum, going into each school and doing a presentation on why staying safe in the dark is so important. Each primary school to design an A5 poster which can be handed out with each keyring. Felixstowe School to design a poster aimed at older students Key Stage 3-5. If designs could be brought to next meeting please.

Level 2 kindly offered their mini-bus to help with transportation for this roadshow. It was agreed the next 2 meetings could be used to plan the roadshow and presentations. The keyrings will be ordered and paid for by Felixstowe Town Council. It would be too costly to make these in Felixstowe School.

7. **AOB:**

- 'No Idling banners' – it was discussed these are still used at a number of schools.
- Grange Primary and Felixstowe School requested new banners if possible. Fairfield also don't have any so would be grateful if some could be provided.

Date of next meeting – amended to **Wednesday 24th May, 4-5pm**, as the previous date clashed with Year 6 SATS.