

Felixstowe Youth Forum

Felixstowe Town Hall, Wednesday 25th January 2023 from 4pm-
5pm.

Minutes

1. Introductions:

- Colneis Junior School
- Grange Community Primary School
- Level 2
- Felixstowe School
- Mayor of Felixstowe Sharon Harkin
- Sue Faversham
- Holly Miles
- Sarah Hollingham
- Seamus Bennett

2. Apologies:

- Langer Primary School – due to school illness.
- Kingsfleet Primary School
- Mark Jepson
- Nick Barber

3. Youth Forum:

- Opportunity for youth community of Felixstowe to contribute to the wider community and think of ideas which can benefit the younger people living in Felixstowe.
- At some meetings there will be a guest presenter.
- Each meeting there has been a School presentation presented by pupils of one of the primary schools.
- Themes: pupils can choose a theme to present in assemblies.
- Felixstowe School leadership team to run the meetings and help facilitate and support the younger students ideas.
- March meeting to be clear of ideas for budgeting £1000. This is to improve something in the town for the youth community.

4. Presentations on the 1953 Felixstowe Floods – Sarah Hollingham.

- 31st January 1953 – tidal surge.
South of the Pier – flooded.
No warnings, only warnings came through the police.
Major damage to buildings was caused by flooding.
Felixstowe Ferry became an island.
- Flood alerts – be prepared.
- Flood warnings – act.

- Severe flood warning – survive.
- Different areas around Felixstowe can apply for flood alerts & warnings.

5. Colneis presentation:

- School residential – Bawdsey.
- Dance productions.
- Learning WW11 – 45 children performed at the O2 for Youth.
- Supported refugee week.
- Each school council rep did a survey on what could be improved.
- Interview on website with the headteacher.
- Campaign to start to help to plant trees in Brackenbury woodland.
- 300 trees planted, 30 standing trees.

6. Youth Forum – Going Forward:

- Making Felixstowe town feel more accessible for the upcoming youth.
- Schools to confer and gather feedback on what was discussed in today's meeting.
- What could we do that is new or what can we do to improve?
- In schools or out of schools?

- 7th March to gather feedback from schools.
- Next meeting: two presentations from schools and highlighting to focus on what the school has done to help the community.
- Schools could do a survey to pupils about what they would like to see improved in Felixstowe. Felixstowe School youth leaders to send survey out by 1st March.
- Level 2 will ask questions at their groups to see what their youth members would like.
- Felixstowe School to hold internal meeting with members of their school council to get ideas from years 7-11 as well as 6th Form.

7. Felixstowe Town Council:

- '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.
- Schools could count the numbers of cars (survey).
- Posters on lampposts to warn drivers.