



FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL - YOUTH FORUM

Minutes - Wednesday 20 November 2024 from 4pm-5pm

1. Introductions

Short introductions were given, and the Mayor of Felixstowe, Cllr David Rowe, gave an introduction to Felixstowe Town Council's Youth Forum.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Darren Aitchison and Cllr Wendy Underwood.

3. School Presentations

Attendees from each school provided a short report on the school year to date, including their highlights of the school year, and elements of the curriculum they were looking forward to in the year ahead.

4. Brainstorming

Attendees from Felixstowe School accompanied attendees from primary schools and Level Two Youth Project to discuss the structure and focus of Felixstowe Youth Forum.

Following discussion, feedback highlighted concerns about nature, development and green spaces in the local area. It was agreed that these concerns would be incorporated into a future Youth Forum meeting.

Collaborative discussion, in the form of 'break out' groups, combining students from different schools, took place. It was suggested that children may wish to merge in pairs in future, to support their confidence. A collaborative piece of artwork, or a film piece, utilising the experience of students from Felixstowe School was raised as a potential output from future Youth Forum meeting.

5. Youth Forum Budget

The total amount of money available in the Youth Forum budget was noted (£1000), and it was agreed that proposals for using these funds would be the focus of the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

Attendees gave their recommendations for preferential snacks in upcoming meetings.

It was agreed that Trimley School would chair the Youth Forum meeting on 22 January 2025, and Colneis School would chair the Youth Forum meeting on 19 March 2025.

7. Next Meeting Dates

Attendees noted and approved the provisional dates for the upcoming Youth Forum meetings, as follows:

- Wednesday 22nd January 2025
- Wednesday 19th March 2025
- Wednesday 7th May 2025
- Wednesday 9th July 2025