

**MINUTES OF THE FELIXSTOWE YOUTH FORUM**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE 2015**

**Present:**

Ben Cooper, Libby Lee, Isaac Smith (Chairmen) and Corinne Stockdale (Grange CP School)

Saskia Aldous, Michael Case, Megan Watts and Sue Moss

Jasmin Fee, Betty Freeman, Tyler Johnson and Rebecca Wyard (Colneis School)

Ben Cooper, Leah Martin and Shez Southernwood (Level2)

Jonny Lowdell (Places for People Leisure)

Annett Thompson (Concertus, working for SCDC)

Moira Chapman (Felixstowe Forward)

Councillors Christina Barham, Josh Varten and Doreen Savage (Felixstowe Town Council)

Lorna Monsen (Felixstowe Town Council).

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The Chairmen welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from the Town Clerk.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6th MAY 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 6th May 2015, previously circulated to all members of the Forum, were agreed as a true record and the Chairmen was authorised to sign them.

**4. UPDATE FROM COLNEIS JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Colneis Junior School wanted to report their exciting news to the Youth Forum about their winning entry to the 2015 Flag Project, run by the UK Parliament which invited schools from across the UK to design a flag. This was to commemorate 800 years of the Magna Carta. Colneis School winning flag was chosen alongside 18 others to be enlarged and flown outside Parliament Square. Below is the winning flag chosen to represent Suffolk:



**5. UPDATE FROM FELIXSTOWE FORWARD**

Moira Chapman asked the Forum if they had ideas what they would like to include in a time capsule that Breheny, the contractors for the Spa Gardens, were donating to bury in the newly refurbished Spa Gardens. The item/s would need to fit in approx. sizing of a DL envelope (110mm x 220mm). Moira told the Forum that they would like to complete this project before the local schools break up for Summer holidays. If Members of the Forum are interested please contact Moira direct at Felixstowe Forward. The time capsule would then be dug up by local children in 50 years time. The link for ideas of items to include in a time capsule is <http://www.ridgequest.co.uk/TimecapPreservation.htm> .

Lorna Monsen was asked to send contact details and the link of ideas to include in a time capsule to all Members of the Youth Forum.

**6. PLACES FOR PEOPLE LEISURE**

 Jonny Lowdell told the Forum that they were holding at Brackenbury Sports Centre Premium Sports 3 days a weeks through the school summer holidays. A Boxing Club from over 11 year olds onwards has now started and was very busy. Doreen Savage told the Forum about a Suffolk Coastal District Council event that had been organised which was a military themed Summer club in conjunction with the Army Welfare Service. This was to bring young people from different backgrounds to challenge themselves and develop new skills. The 4 day event was aimed at 8-16 year olds and included graffiti art, climbing, hand ball, archery and much more. The event is held at the Woodbridge barracks between 18th and 21st August 2015. Please look on Suffolk Coastal District Council’s website for more information. The event has been held for some years and is called Operation Camouflage.

Doreen Savage thanked the Forum for all the hard work they had done over the last year and wished them well going up to High School.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Youth Forum would be held on **Wednesday 11th November 2015** at **4pm** at Felixstowe Town Hall (to be **Chaired by Grange Primary School**)

The Meeting was then closed and the Youth Forum Members commenced the tour of the Spa Gardens. This was enjoyed by all and the Forum thanked Annett Thompson and Moira Chapman for their very informative tour.