

Meeting Minutes
Ceredigion Youth Council
Council Chamber, Penmorfa
Friday 03 February 2023

(10:00 – 13.45)

Present:

Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron & UKYP MYP
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Ysgol Penglais
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Ysgol Henry Richard
Ysgol Henry Richard
Coleg Ceredigion & Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors

Also Present: Gwion Bowen (Chair and Children and Young People's Participation Officer, Youth Work and Engagement Service), Lowri Evans (Team Manager, Youth Work and Engagement Service – Ceredigion County Council), Elen James (Corporate Lead Officer, Porth Cymorth Cynnar – Ceredigion County Council), Gethin Jones (Corporate Manager, Support and Prevention Service – Ceredigion County Council), Councillor Wyn Thomas (Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills) and Councillor Alun Williams (Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Through-age and Wellbeing Services)

Speakers: Rhidian Harries (Team Manager, Wellbeing Centre Mid and South Ceredigion - Ceredigion County Council), Becca Head and Devion McKenzie (Area 43) and Carys Huntly (Equalities and Inclusion Officer – Ceredigion County Council)


Apologies: Lloyd Warburton (MYP - Senedd Cymru), (Coleg Ceredigion & Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors), (Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi), (Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi), (Ysgol Penglais) and (Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron)

Meeting Agenda:



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MINUTES	
1	Welcome, Apologies and Introductions
	<p>Gwion Bowen opened the meeting by welcoming the Youth Council to the Chamber.</p> <p>Youth Council members introduced themselves and which schools / organisations they are representing. Other present introduced themselves and their roles.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>GB informed the Youth Council of 'housekeeping' arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers • Translation devices • Fire Exits • Toilet facilities • Lunch and refreshments <p>GB explained that a register will be going around during the meeting for members to complete.</p>
2	Youth Council Chairperson Election 2022/23
	<p>Due to time constraints, it was not possible to hold the Youth Council Chairperson election during the last meeting.</p> <p>GB gave a short presentation to explain the role of a Youth Council Chairperson and the main duties associated with the role.</p> <div data-bbox="817 1361 873 1429" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Etholiad Cadeirydd Cyngor Ieuenctid 202</p> <p>There was the opportunity for any members interested in standing for election, to give a 30 second pitch to share why they feel they are a suitable candidate to represent Ceredigion Youth Council as their Chairperson for 2022-23.</p> <p>Each member has 1 vote and votes should be placed in the ballot box at the front of the Chamber.</p> <p>A show of hands was made, and 3 Youth Council members stood for election.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ioan Evans (Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron) 2. Michael Bray (Ysgol Penglais) 3. Ifan Meredith (Ysgol Bro Pedr) <p>The successful candidate will be announced after lunch.</p>

	<p><i>Following lunch, the successful candidate was announced and congratulated.</i></p> <p>Ifan Meredith (Ysgol Bro Pedr) was elected as Ceredigion Youth Council Chairperson 2022-23 and chaired the remainder of the meeting after lunch.</p>
3	Workshops: Environment and Period Dignity Sub-Groups
	<p>New Youth Council members were invited to chose between the two sub-groups and to participate in the one of their choice.</p> <p>The Youth Council split in order to undertake two sub-group workshops and continued with work undertaken during last Youth Council meeting and during follow-up meetings since then.</p> <p>During the meeting the environment sub-group focused on agreeing the proposed draft Terms of Reference for the new sub-group that will be amended following the groups feedback. The sub-group's next meeting is scheduled for the 13th of March on HWB Teams. This meeting will provide an opportunity for members to discuss an environmental priority for the sub-group in the forthcoming academic year.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Draft Environment Sub-group Terms of F</p> </div> <p>The period dignity subgroup reviewed its progress and decided on which sanitary products to purchase for schools and community groups. The group also has a discussion around locations of period products in schools, and ideas of how they can be best distributed to pupils.</p>
4	Wales Youth Parliament Member Update - Information
	<p>Lloyd Warburton (MYP) absent from meeting, therefore no update was shared.</p>
5	United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) Ceredigion MYP Update - Information
	<p>Aled Lewis (MYP) gave an update of his work since being elected as MYP for Ceredigion in the UKYP.</p> <p>Aled recently met with Ben Lake MP; Councillor Bryan Davies, Leader of Ceredigion County Council; Councillor Wyn Thomas; Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills and Elen James; Corporate Lead Officer, Ceredigion County Council. Aled updated members on what was discussed. The cost-of-living crisis is high on the agenda for Ceredigion's MP and matters associated with the cost-of-living crisis, such as increasing energy bills has been raised by Ben Lake MP in parliament. Other topics discussed included; transport, policing and the relationship between the police and young people, 'stop and search' in Ceredigion, education and work experience for young people.</p>

	<p>IE asked for further information about transport, echoed by MB who asked whether the issue around the time of day some buses return, especially to rural villages. MB talked about issues facing young people in particular, whom are often unable to participate in afterschool activities or social interaction with friends after school, as the last bus home is at 5.30pm, and it would be helpful if there are later buses, to avoid some young people being excluded from these opportunities that may not impact some of their peers that live in the main towns or have means of getting home without using public transport. AL agreed with these points and explained that this was something that had been raised in the meeting and is recognised as a barrier for young people. AL touched on a potential idea that could be piloted in one school or area, whereby a bus route is organised and activities in that school or area are delivered on that evening, to see whether this would help those currently unable to participate. Ysgol Henry Richard pupils voiced that transport and getting home from afterschool clubs is something they see in their local area. Furthermore, IM raised a potential issue around school buses not being available for some other young people, for example college students when there is an active bus running and whether there are any solutions to this. AL said he will be continuing to work alongside officers to advocate what is important to young people.</p>
6	<p>Lampeter Wellbeing Centre - Update</p> <p>During the last Youth Council meeting, it was agreed to invite an officer from the Wellbeing Centres Service to provide an update of the development at this meeting.</p> <p>Rhidian Harries attended as Team Manager Wellbeing Centre; Mid and South Ceredigion and gave a presentation demonstrating the purpose and progress of transforming Lampeter Leisure Centre into a wider Wellbeing Hub, providing health, fitness, and wider community benefits.</p> <div data-bbox="815 1276 873 1344" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Cyflwyniad Canolfan Lles Llambled Wellbeir</p> <p>RhH explained that the Youth Room is in development and a graffiti artist will be coming along to create a bespoke art piece for the space with pupils from Ysgol Bro Pedr. Unfortunately, due to the building work that is ongoing at the venue, pupils will be unable to go in to do the painting but will be responsible for choosing the design.</p> <p>LJ thanks RhH for the presentation and update, and felt it gave young people a better understanding of the development's progress. IM asked about the availability of the Youth Room during school hours, as sixth form students at Ysgol Bro Pedr currently do not have a common room within the school. RhH explained that they would be interested to have a discussion with the school about how it could be utilised, whilst ensuring the health and safety of both pupils and centre users during this time.</p>
7	<p>Presenting Ceredigion Young People's Hot Topics Campaign 2023</p> <p>GB introduced Ceredigion's Hot Topics Campaign 2023 and shared some background to the Make Your Mark campaign which has been held in Ceredigion for a number of years</p>

and is hosted by the British Youth Council. GB explained that due to changes within BYC's annual programme, it is unclear whether the Make Your Mark campaign will take place this year.



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Therefore, it has been decided that Ceredigion will create a local ballot, following a similar format to the official MYM, which will give young people the opportunity to vote on topics that are important to them. The results of this ballot will form a basis for this year's Pawb a'i Farn event, and it will also steer other campaign work with the MYPs. The local campaign will need a name, and its hot topics will be chosen today by Youth Council members. GB asked members to start considering what they feel is important over lunch. Once the topics are defined, GB will create and distribute the ballot papers to all Secondary Schools, PRU, Coleg Ceredigion, HCT and other voluntary groups by end of February 2023. The ballot will run for two weeks, and results will then be available for the next Youth Council meeting on 17/03/23.

8 Consultation: Community Fund 'Dyfodol Ni' Project

Becca and Devion visited from Area 43, Cardigan. They gave some background to the 'Dyfodol Ni' project, which is funded by the National Lottery's Community Fund. The project is delivered for young people, by young people with a Young People's Management Committee formed to steer it, from the consultation to the decision making.



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Becca asked; **What do you do after school?**

Answers included sports such as hockey, football, rugby and going to the gym.

Young people generally shared the impression that there is a lot for young people to do after school, but it was access to transports and means of getting home from clubs and activities that is the main barrier.

IM suggested that more 3G pitches would be beneficial to young people.

Becca asked; **Has anyone been to a Youth Club before?**

Members from Ysgol Henry Richard said they used to attend a cooking club after-school which has now finished. Generally, all other members stated they had not attended a Youth Club before.

Becca asked; **What do you feel can be improved for young people?**

Members suggested; a casual space to catch-up on schoolwork, communication to schools about Youth Clubs, community cafes for a place to sit and talk with friends, advertising including on social media and flyers, pop-up spaces in towns that you can stay for a while.

Becca thanked the Youth Council for sharing their thoughts.

9 Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023 - 2028 Consultation

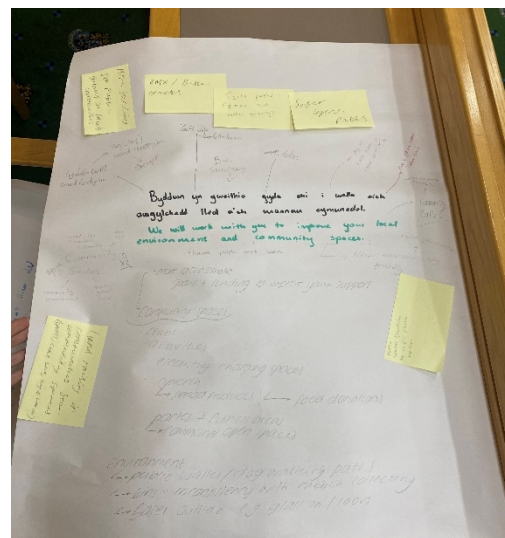
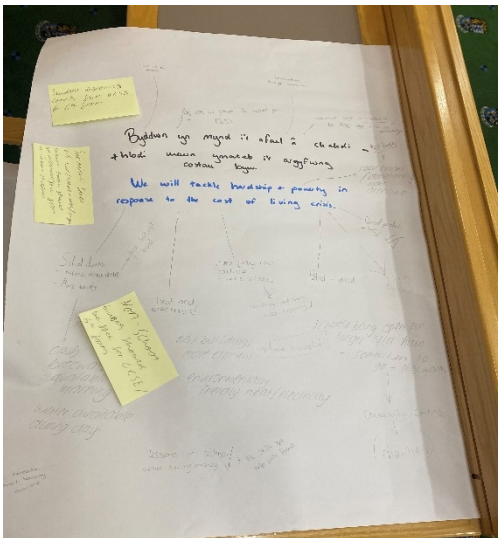
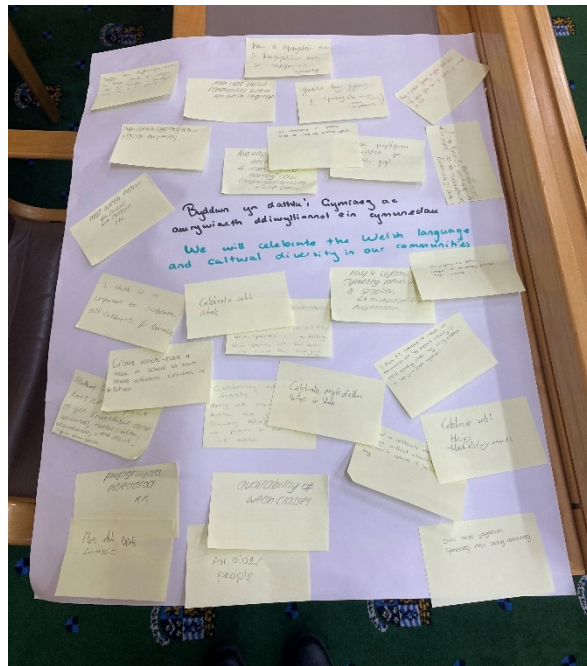
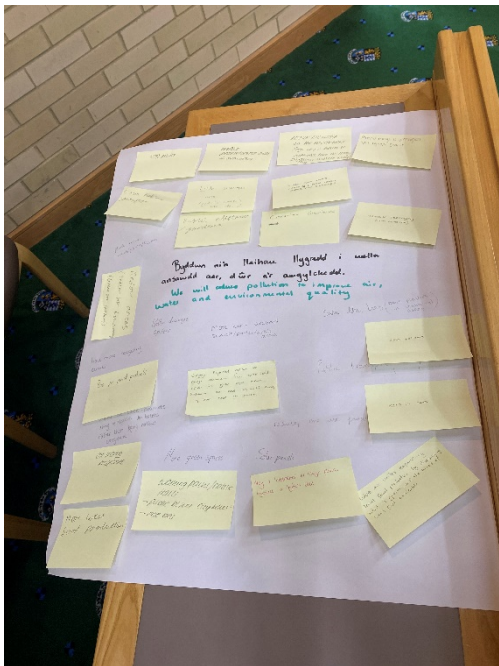
Carys Huntly, Equalities and Inclusion Officer from Ceredigion County Council presented the Local Well-being Plan consultation to the Youth Council and explained the importance of gathering young people's views to ensure the Well-being Plan is reflective of the needs of all residents living in Ceredigion.

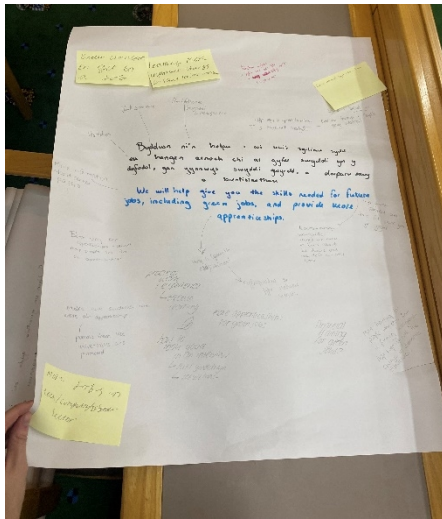


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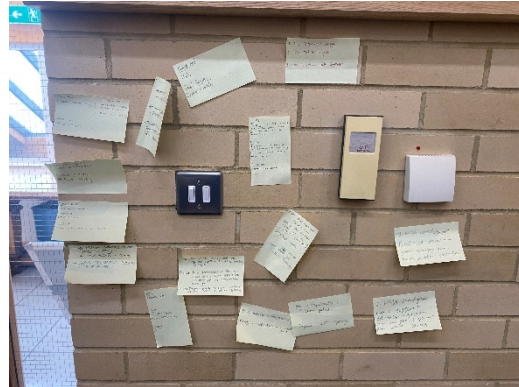
The Youth Council split into 5 groups and on a carousel basis has the opportunity to feedback on the following key priorities;

- We will tackle hardship and poverty in response to the living crisis
- We will reduce pollution to improve air, water and environmental quality
- We will celebrate the Welsh language and cultural diversity in our communities
- We will work with you to improve your local environment and community spaces
- We will help give you the skills needed for future jobs, including green jobs, and provide more apprenticeships





CH asked members to share any further comments to be captured in the consultation on post-it notes to be placed on the wall before the end of the Youth Council meeting.

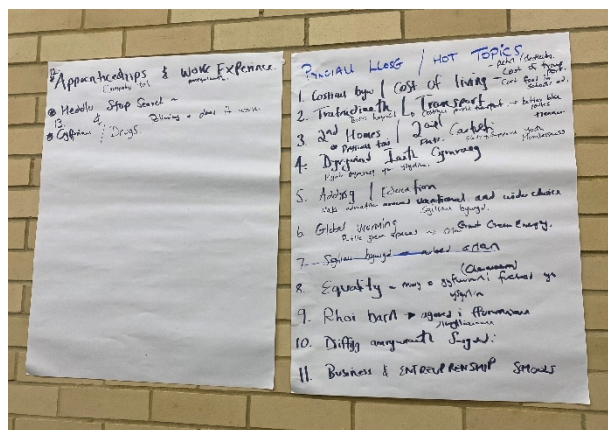


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10 Ceredigion Young People's Hot Topics Campaign 2023

Chaired by Ifan Meredith, this workshop identified the hot topics which will be included in the ballot papers for this year's local campaign work.

13 topics were initially shared as being of importance to young people in Ceredigion, which then needed to be narrowed down to around 8 hot topics.



Discussion and Brain Storming;

1. **Cost of Living** (energy price hikes, cost of fuel, transport and school meals)
2. **Transport** (cost of transport, rural bus routes, lack of buses running later in the evenings, not all cycling routes are accessible and safe, not enough use of rail networks)

	<p>3. Second Homes (impact of second homes on local communities, driving up house prices for local young people and families, rent prices of houses and flats unaffordable for young people after university, lack of housing altogether in some areas of the County, the risk of homelessness for care leavers as lack of affordable housing is increasing. The impact of this on care leavers' education, if there is family breakdown or foster care breakdown, there is no suitable alternative accommodation for 17 and 18 year olds that need it, which means there is the risk that they are either housed in unsuitable places or are driven out of County)</p> <p>4. Welsh language (the need for better promotion of Welsh in bilingual schools to reach the target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050)</p> <p>5. Education and Life Skills (the need for more practical lessons to help you in the future, things like mechanics, plumbing, psychology and other vocations. The need to be taught around behavioural psychology for all pupils, to help pupils understand their emotions which will help them with their mental health and wellbeing. Wellbeing and life skills need to have more of a focus in schools, including money management)</p> <p>6. Climate Change (more green spaces such as parks. More grants for solar panels for homes, to reduce fossil fuels and increase green energy)</p> <p>7. Life Skills (merged this topic with number 5)</p> <p>8. Equality (more opportunities for girls to do sports in schools and the community)</p> <p>9. Prejudice (tackle prejudice of minority or underrepresented groups)</p> <p>10. Variety of Jobs (lack of jobs in all different fields a barrier for young people wishing to return to Ceredigion)</p> <p>11. Business and Entrepreneurship Skills (the need to offer business and entrepreneurship in schools to encourage young people to learn about other non-traditional career routes, such as self-employment)</p> <p>12. Apprenticeships and Work Experience (work experience for school pupils no longer offered. Rate of pay for apprentices should be improved to encourage more to think about this route. Apprenticeships aren't available in all fields, such as ICT or coding and more variety is needed to meet the need of young people)</p> <p>13. Stop and Search / Substance Misuse (young people's perception of the police and the stop and search protocol in Dyfed Powys, as well as the increase of drugs in communities impacting young people and families)</p> <p>A 'vote with your feet' exercise was used to narrow down and prioritise the 13 identified topics. As a result, the following 8 topics were selected for this year's local ballot;</p> <p>Numbers; 12 / 8 / 5 / 4 / 3 / 2 / 1 / 11</p>
11	Information Sharing and Date of Next Meeting
	<p>GB shared information about AOB items;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Sgwrs' Consultation - PCC Dyfed Powys Police • Young Person's Guarantee – Welsh Government <p>GB shared information about the next meeting which will be held again in the Chamber on the 17/03/2023.</p> <p>Dates of meetings:</p>

Meeting 1; 21/10/22

Meeting 2; 03/02/23

Meeting 3; 17/03/23

End of office, Pawb a'i Farn Event; 14/07/23

GB asked all members to sign out on their way out of Penmorfa and wait for their transport in the reception area.

GB thanked the group for a productive and positive meeting of the Youth Council 2022-23.

Youth Council meeting minutes are presented to both the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Full Cabinet, in order to ensure that the views of young people are fed into the democratic process in Ceredigion.