

Y-CAT Meeting Notes
Friday 15 June, 7.00-8:30pm
Odyssey Youth Centre, Portchester

Attendees

- 22 young people
- Cllr Woodward, Cllr Bell, Cllr Hockley, Cllr Trott, Cllr Price, Cllr Kelly
- PCSO
- Council Officers – Emma Watts, Becca Bennett and Gemma Rowland
- Y-Services staff

Young people had the opportunity to ask Cllr Woodward questions:

Q. How can you support young people from Fareham who want to gain qualifications and return to Fareham to live?

A. People going away to University to get degrees want to come back to live and work in Fareham. We are working on boosting jobs in advanced engineering. Fareham College's CEMAST building opened recently at Daedalus with a focus on Automotive, Engineering and Manufacturing courses where a lot of people are undergoing Apprenticeships which will help them with future jobs.

Finding a house is harder. There is a big housing need. Our biggest challenge is providing enough affordable homes. We are looking to provide new homes between now and 2036, including Welborne and other areas in Fareham. We are in a scheme with the Government to provide new homes at 20 per cent discount plus we are aiming to build council houses, housing association homes and right to build homes so that people can get a plot that has all of the required utilities and then they design and build their own home.

Q. Can we have more PCSOs around Locks Heath at night time?

A. PCSO - Police resources are very limited but we do what we can. If you have an issue let us know and we can try and do something about it. Police are trying to recruit Special Constables that don't get paid but do it as a volunteer however it is a difficult role to do and a massive commitment. Any issues can be reported to 101.

Q. Why do we have a beautiful community centre yet our youth centre looks like this?

A. Fareham Borough Council built Portchester Community Centre and had to find £2m to build it. They were lent half of the money by Hampshire County Council (HCC) and the rest had to be found by selling plots of land. The youth centre building belongs to the school, not the Council, and therefore the school should be looking after it. We do have youth facilities in Fareham that the Council built including Genesis and X-perience.

Q. Traffic outside schools like here (Portchester School) and Brookfield is very hectic, how do we address this?

A. With great difficulty. New signs have gone up about a 20mph limit. Hampshire County Council are putting traffic calming measures in near Brookfield School. We can't get rid of traffic problems but we can help improve safety on our roads. There is a campaign around schools – 20 is plenty - to remind people to slow down and be aware. Too many people drive to school, some could walk to help alleviate the problem.

Q. Can we have more street lamps in Hilson Drive and Highlands at night?

A. Hampshire County Council have just started a consultation on street lighting. They are consulting on turning down street lighting at night to save money – every street light can be controlled to make them dimmer during the night.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting>

Q. How do you protect the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender) youth community?

A. *Y- services answered this question*– Hampshire young people have contributed to a guidance document for all schools in Hampshire which is due to be launched in the summer. It has direct guidance on support to the LGBT community. Fareham young people had the opportunity to contribute to it. Y-services have some LGBT provision and run groups. We are looking to investigate how we get more resource to provide more groups.

Q. Young people are using drugs and drinking alcohol near the pétanque club next to Fareham North West Community Centre. It is a big problem, what can be done?

A. Police and Y-services answered this question – Y Services said they will speak to them to make sure they are safe. PCSO will feed back to the Police Officer that patrols this area to make them aware of the issue. PCSO encourage people to call 101

Q. Schools should treat disabled the same.

A. You're right

Q. We are concerned about potholes in Castle Street, Portchester

A. There are lots of potholes as we had a tough winter – HCC are spending millions of pounds every year to fix potholes but they have to prioritise roads around the whole of Hampshire.

You can report a pothole here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Q. How can you make sure that parks and play areas meet needs of teenagers?

A. We have 43 play areas across Fareham and we do put in some amazing equipment which are expensive. Holly Hill play area cost £250,000. We have a programme at the moment to upgrade our play areas. We do consultations to help us decide what to put in play areas so it's important that you take part to help us. It is a challenge as people want equipment for all ages but there is difficulty to get it to suit all but we do try to get a blend of equipment. Fareham Leisure Centre recently had a brand-new skate park and play area built. There are also other skate parks, multi-use games areas and outdoor gyms available around the Borough.

Check online to see when the latest play area consultations are running – www.fareham.gov.uk/consultations

Q. Can there be more mental health places in the area?

A. Y-services run Y- Health projects. There is also a hub on HCC's website called Fish – Family Information Services Hub - where you can find information: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>

Q. Can we have more Friday night clubs?

A. We would love to do more but it is funding dependent. Help us raise money and we may be able to pay for more youth work. Other organisations and Cllrs have grants for projects that may be able to help. [Here is a list](#) of all youth clubs in the Borough. The Council made available last year and again this year £30,000 for outreach work, that youth groups can apply for.

Date of next meeting – Friday 2 November 2018

Venue – Crofton Youth Project, Stubbington Lane, Stubbington, PO14 2PP.