

NFYFC Youth Forum 27th June 2015, Quality Hotel, Coventry, Warwickshire

Present: Danielle Mc Nulty (Chairwoman) (Gloucestershire – South West), Amy McWhirter (Lancashire – Northern), Freddie Wootton (Bedfordshire – Eastern), Chloe Harris (Herefordshire – West Midlands), Sophie Winzer (Somerset – South West), Sioned Davies (Radnor – Wales),

Part Meeting: Hannah Talbot (NFYFC Chairman), James Eckley (NFYFC Chief Officer), Stephanie Berkeley (Farm Safety Foundation), Sam Dilcock (AGRI Vice Chairman), Jo Wyles (AGRI Officer), Chris Manley (NFYFC Vice Chairman), Jess Townson (NFYFC Vice Chairman), Katie Davies (Events Chairwoman), Christina Evans (NFYFC)

Apologies: Amy Swinbank (Cumbria – Northern), Georgie Morris (Shropshire – West Midlands), Will Hooper (Somerset – South West), Matthew Ranson (Surrey – South East), Elin Harvard (Brecknock –Wales), Helen Bellew (Devon – South West), Toby hall (Staffordshire – West Midlands), Kate Leeming (Yorkshire – Northern), Nick Bundy (Suffolk – Eastern), Joanne Gregory (Derbyshire – East Midlands), Jake Blanshard (Lincolnshire – East Midlands), Holly Findley (Berkshire – South East),

1 Welcome, Introductions and local area feedback

1.1 Farm Safety Foundation – Stephanie came into the meeting to present information to the group on the Yellow Wellies farm safety campaign and spoke to the group about being farm safety ambassadors. She thanked members for attending shows and asked them to complete a form on how they would like to engage with the campaign, this could be via social media or on stands at shows ect...

Members were given badges and shirts to promote the campaign. Jodie to send out to members not in attendance.

1.2 Events Steering group – Katie Davies

Katie attended to discuss ways in which the forum and events steering groups could work together. The group discussed organising a residential trip for U18 members in 2017.

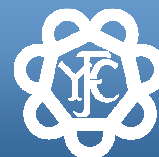
1.3 Members introduced themselves and updated one another on their current status (School, College, University or working).

1.4 Area Feedback

Northern – Amy M spoke to the group about potential plans to set up a forum within Lancashire and ways in which this could work. In Lancashire currently they have lots of junior members in some clubs and none in others – the best way to get them together may to be to organise a weekend event to collect the opinions of the juniors. Jodie mentioned the recruitment and retention week due to take place in November – a good time for clubs to examine their current membership split and recruit the ages they are current lower in.

Amy.S (received by email) – Cumbria - We have now had 3 meetings where on average 20 members have attended. We successfully completed the NCVYS on the start up of the Youth Forum and were awarded £500. We are currently in the process of organising the first Cumbria YFC U18 Summer Rally, which is to be held in August (a time when YFC is quiet in our County). We are organising the rally ourselves from Food, Competitions, Sponsors, and Prizes etc. The rally will consist of fun games and competition in which teams of 4 members will compete. We are hoping that the rally will be a great success and our main aim is to try and get members in the county to socialise and get to know other members from across the county (something that is quite difficult when we are a big county that is split in to 2 districts).

Eastern – Freddie informed the group that there have been talks in Bedfordshire regarding getting young people's voices heard. Younger members are getting together before county meetings to discuss county issues/improvements and this is being fed into the main meeting for discussion.



West Mids – Chloe informed the group that they will be having a junior field day within county with up to 30 competitions. Herefordshire have recently had licensing issues with their social events and this has meant that U18's were not permitted to attend the rally dance in the evening. In order to provide something for the juniors the county will be holding a BBQ and social day. Chloe shared that the junior members had also held a pizza and wii night which was successful.

South West – Sophie is just returning to YFC activities following her travels, report to be provided at next meeting.

Wales – Elin (via Sioned) informed the group that members in Wales have been taking part in the Wales we want consultation to influence policy makers in Wales. Wales are also running a county video competition to promote YFC in Wales.

South East - No member in attendance

East Mids – No member in attendance

- Send Minutes to members that could not attend
- Jodie to send out yellow wellie forms, polo shirts and badges to members not in attendance.
- Jodie to coordinate member's attendance at shows to support the Yellow Wellie campaign.

2 Apologies for absence

2.1 DM shared the apologies sent to the meeting

3 Confirmation of previous minutes

Action

3.1 The minutes of the meeting on February 1st 2015 were signed as a true and correct record.

4 Review of last meeting action points

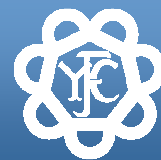
4.1 DM went through the action points from the last meeting and classified as complete or to be discussed further in the agenda.

Action

None required

5 AGRI steering group

- 5.1 Sam Dilcock and Jo Wyles attended the group in order to strengthen the links between the forum and AGRI steering group.
- 5.2 Jo gave feedback to the group on NFYFC's attendance at The Big bang careers fair at the NEC in March, this was attended with Bright Crop and was a way in which to promote careers in agriculture to school and college students. We would like to attend this again in 2016. The forum discussed the importance of AGRI careers being signposted within schools. Sam would like to use the resources within our organisation and encourage members to make short videos about the career or study path that members have taken to demonstrate the job they do and how they got there.
- 5.3 Sam spoke to the group about the importance of getting YFC members voices heard within Agriculture at all levels. He would like to strengthen links with the NFU and make information that members need to make decisions on easy to understand so that everyone has the opportunity and ability to have their opinion heard.
- 5.4 Sam discussed the youth forums involvement with the Farm Safety Foundation and how important he felt the topic was for our industry and future farmers.



The forum will be at shows throughout the season promoting the Yellow Wellies campaign. In the future Sam would like to look at making safety instructions/regulations (such as trailer weights) clearer for members to ensure they are safe and legal.

5.5 Education in schools is an important topic for the group that Sam and Lynsey (AGRI Chair) both share, the forum are currently promoting this topic through their work with the BYC and their Watch that cowpat game. The forum have also arranged a meeting with the Open Farm Sunday team to help promote this to our members, should they wish to open their farm to the public or help encourage members of the public to understand the agriculture industry better.

5.6 Sam shared a project with the group that AGRI are doing with Kuhn to design a dream machine to solve all your agricultural machinery problems. Further details to follow.

Action

Jodie to draw up a project plan for working with AGRI on the topics discussed

6 Forum Finances

6.1 JG shared the youth forum budget with the members; the group discussed the Farm safety Foundation sponsorship income and the Youth Social action funds they have received.

6.2 The group looked at potential spends for the year; the largest figure identified was travel.

Action

- Jodie to maintain budget records for the group

7 Competitions Day – 4th July – Staffordshire

7.1 Junior member of the year competition taking place, forum members usually attend to meet the finalists that will become members of the forum and to give them and their parents a presentation on the forum and what we do. Danielle will be stewarding the competition with Jodie, if anyone else would like to attend please let Jodie know. We will be taking the watch that cowpat game to promote to members and parents.

7.2 Sophie raised a point to the group that the role and prize for the JMOTY competition should be looked into as she felt that a lot of preparation goes into the competition and the prize offered could be more than a prize card and a trophy that has to be returned. She felt that a cup to keep may be a good reward and also a more personalised prize for the winner – she suggested work experience, a place on a travel trip or a cash prize.

Action

- If anyone would like to attend competitions day please contact Jodie.
- Jodie to feed Sophie's comments back to the competitions steering group

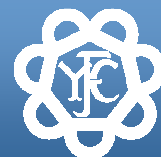
8 Livestock event – 8/9th July – NEC, Birmingham

8.1 Members will be attending to support with the promotion of the Yellow Wellies stand and to introduce the speakers selected by the forum and organised by Christina (NFYFC).

8.2 Sioned, Amy S and Amy M would like to attend; Freddie and Georgie may also come to the event. Danielle will be attending with ABP (work).

Action

- Jodie to coordinate members attendance at Livestock



9 Time Capsule Project completion

- 9.1 Jodie reported to the group that despite chasing we have had no response from Brian Clist (Historian) regarding a contribution to the time capsule.
- 9.2 The group would like the project to be completed but they would really like to try contacting Brian once more before the capsule contents are put into the safe.

Action

- Jodie to contact Brian and request the time capsule information.

10. Watch that Cowpat game

- 10.1 Christina (NFYFC) attended the meeting to support the group in developing their pitch for Natwest in August.
- 10.2 The group spoke about the changes that were decided upon following the pilot last year including instructions on the reverse of the game and a bigger spinner matt. The group decided that rather than forfeits for hitting a cowpat you would be out of the game, if you fall over you are also out of the game – the last man standing wins!
- 10.3 If you answer a question wrong this should give the chance for the group to discuss where particular foods come from.
- 10.4 For the pitch the group will be going to London in August and the pitch will be done in a Dragons den set up, forum members will be requesting funding from Natwest to produce ten games at a cost of £4500 (£450 per game).
- 10.5 The group will prepare a timeline of events, collect pictures and testimonials from members who have used the game. Christina advised the group on a structure for the pitch and what to include. The group would like to contact forum members from the start of the project in 2012 to see if they would like to be involved in the pitch.

Action

- Forum to decide who will pitch to Natwest
- Jodie to support the forum to get the pitch content together in July /August
- Jodie to contact previous forum members to see if they are available to participate.

11 British Youth Council (BYC)

- 11.1 Jodie gave a presentation to the group on the cycle of the BYC and how that fits with NFYFC. Jodie explained the process of creating a national manifesto for young people and that NFYFC have the chance to enter motions based on issues our members face.
- 11.2 Follow discussions in the group the members would like to put forward motions on 1) better access to agricultural and rural careers advice in schools and colleges and 2) raising awareness of the workplace dangers apparent in agricultural and rural industries. Jodie to draft and send to group.

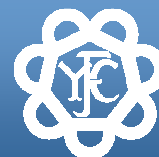
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- Jodie to send the draft motions to the group for approval
- Forum members to inform Jodie if they would like to attend the BYC meeting in London In September

12 County Youth Forums

- 12.1 Item deferred to October meeting

Action



13 Junior Area Weekend

10.6 Item deferred to October meeting

Action

14 Terms of Reference

The group looked at the TOR document and would like to make a change on the age of the forum to U21.

Action

- Jodie to make changes to Terms of Reference and bring back to the group for adoption in October.

15 Ski Trip 2016

15.1 Jodie informed the group the U18 ski trip will take place in February half term 2016, the group looked at the presentation and letter to parents and discussed ways in which they would promote the trip to younger members.

Action

- Jodie to circulate trip information to the members
- Forum members to promote the ski trip at all opportunities

16 Youth Forum Residential - 2016

15.1 The group looked at residential options that Jodie had researched following the February meeting. The group discussed costs and locations in terms of distance to travel. The group were happy to travel far from home for a weekend. The destination selected was the Isle of Wight with Kingswood as the activity provider.

The group felt that the IOW would be a good destination as a new club has just opened on the island and it would be good to make contact with them and share ideas.

James Eckley offered to drive the minibus for the group to reduce travel cost and allow the group to travel together.

Action

- Jodie to book the Isle of Wight
- Jodie to make contact with IOW Club Officers
- Jodie to arrange transport for IOW trip

17 Any Other Business

15.1 Future meeting dates in - October 17th @ NFYFC, Warwickshire and 19th/31st January – Forum Residential

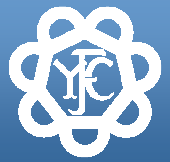
15.2 Jodie spoke to Sioned about the Student Farmer Interview and she hadn't heard anything since the interview took place for the magazine.

15.3 Big Bang Event – spoken about earlier in agenda

15.4 Extended project qualifications and careers database – Jodie spoke to the group about the promotion of how skills in YFC are transferrable and as part of the careers project we could look at a buddy system for members in careers that can advise others on the route they took – add this to the AGRI project plan.

Action

- Forum to put future meeting dates in their diaries
- Jodie to add careers project to AGRI project plans



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