

**CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR CAEREINION
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YOUTH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**of a meeting held on
Thursday 19th October 2023 at 12.45pm to 2pm**

Present were:

Robert Robinson (Town Clerk)

Matt Evans (Youth Leader)

5 members of the school

- i) Magnetic for easy use
- ii) White background
- iii) Christian name only

1. Youth Club

Matt updated the members on the youth club. All was going well. Activities included BBQ's, competitions, games and more. The youth club will be at the Institute for some time yet as things have not moved forward very quickly with regards to the Cadet HQ.

2. BMX or Pump track

The idea of a BMX bike track is still be investigated.

3. Main line railway

The meeting was invited to share their experiences of train travel on the main lines. The attached report was a summary of what was said.

4. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be in January 2024.

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MAIN LINE RAILWAYS DISCUSSION NOTES

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1. Travel

All those present had used main line trains.

2. Overcrowding

A lot of the trains used were comfortably full but also a number were standing room only. Youngsters felt stressed when the trains were very full.

3. Timekeeping

Some experiences were good with some not so good.
A mix of trains on time and very late.

4. General comments

The general view of the youngsters was:

- i) All trains should have enough seating for everyone.
- ii) Even when seats were available would stand as they did not wish to sit next to one person or another.
- iii) Some trains experienced delays due to people trying to get onto or off of a very full train.
- iv) Felt insecure on trains where there were a lot of people on board standing.
- v) One family experience 6 in their group, to get seats they had to sit in different carriages.
- vi) Do not use trains as much as they would like due to unreliability (ie cancellations).