Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) Youth Committee Minutes of online meeting held on 13 October 2020 at 5.00pm

Present at the meeting:

Youth Committee: Phoenix (9.5 / 10.5), Rory (), Jazz (8/10, Mathew G (7.5/8.5)

Staff: Suzanne (7/8), Tom (8/9.5), Graham (7.5,8.5), Reg Owens (9/9)

Apologies: Habeba, Amy

Matters Discussed

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome and introductions / Check-in & check out as above in brackets	
2	 Graham reported that the National Park teams have been very productive with the schools and out in the park. Whilst restrictions with transport have prevented staff/pupils from getting out and about NP staff have been productive in school. Teachers from around the county have been involved in the Learning through Landscapes programme – how to get the best from your school grounds. Staff also took part in a health and safety twilight session delivered by Dave Sommerville. This involved over 100 delegates and 20 schools. New ranger Vicky has been appointed to cover the West of the park areas – St Brides, Nolton, Little Haven and surrounding areas. 	
3	 Youth Update: Suzanne reported that a new round of Youth Bank funding is now available and members can apply for up to £1000 grants. Suanne reported that Dilly's Burrell attended the Youth Assembly committee meeting sharing her Experiences for All project with some members agreeing to be involved in the survey. 	Request YouthBank application and guidance forms from sue.moses@pembrokeshire.gov.uk Stating English or Welsh version and Word or PDf format.
4	Nature Premium Campaign: Sara Collins was warmly invited to the meeting and gave the members an overview of a	https://www.naturepremium.org/

campaign project she is working on behalf of the Forest Schools programme. Sara gave an overview of her experience to date and following a career break developed her work with forest schools and urban children. The campaign is calling on government to fund a nature premium for schools to receive as part of their statutory funding to enable all children access to nature. The campaign so far has involved:

- Raising Awareness of the Campaign
- Contacting Decision Makers
- Seeking support from other influential people.
- Writing to MP's

Sara pointed out that whilst the majority of work is being carried out in England there are plans to roll out the campaign to all devolved governments (Wales, Scotland and Ireland). Sara share a campaign video with the members and then opened up the discussion seeking thoughts from the members:

- All agreed it is a positive campaign.
- Good links to some of our Youth Manifesto.
- Needs to be integral to the education curriculum. Natural history GCSE being planned.
- Time-Credit based volunteering scheme to be made available.
- Creating links between the National Park and the outdoors – Rory's experience of this in his school has been excellent.
- Pheonix mentioned her school has an eco club but is not very well attended.
- Suzanne mentioned links to the Youth Parliament Emotional and Mental Health report.
- Having a voice through video to support the campaign.
- Chris Packham and Iolo Williams have both given their support to the campaign.

Tom thanked Sara for contribution to the meeting.

Youth Cttee members agreed to support campaign, and to look at how it can be used as part of their action areas on Creating opportunities for young people to engage with nature

Include #NaturePremium in Youth Committee discussions with PCC School leaders

Potential for a letter from the committee to local Politicians – PCC / MP / MSs Possibly ask Di Clements- County Councillor and National Park Committee member - could speak to committee about how to engage with politicians – ACTION consider in next meeting

We should promote the outdoors as a way for Young people to be more resilient and help with their Mental Health

https://www.youthparliament.wales/getinvolved/emotional-and-mental-healthsupport

5 Unicef – Outright Campaign:

Tom discussed the plans for a face to face activity day at Carew Castle on Sunday 1st
November to tie in with the Outright Campaign

Tom -arrange day

	to coincide with World Children's Day 20 th Nov and Wales Climate week 2 nd – 6 th Nov) and the Nature Premium Campaign. Jazz, Pheonix, Rory and Matt all available. Tom shared minutes from previous meeting and discussions took place in the form of two break out groups to identify a way forward.	
	 Break out group 1 – Jazz, Matt, Suzanne. Tom Use of banners, placards and posters. Direct action through news headlines You Tube/Video/Social Media Contact local MP's 	Include these elements in plan for the day
	 Report writing – both Pheonix and Jazz are currently young reporters with the BBC Young Reporters programme. 	Include in follow up actions to film making as part of Outright campaign
	 Matt raised the question around roles/tasks for the activity day. Break out group 2 – Pheonix, Reg & Graham Film/video about climate change to reach out to all linked to Children's Rights 	Potential for a letter from the committee to local Politicians – PCC / MP / MSs Possibly ask Di Clements- County Councillor and National Park Committee member - could speak to committee about how to engage with politicians – ACTION consider in next meeting
	Discussion around the development of a plan/brief for the day to be sent to members for approval. Discussed potential funding options.	Submit YouthBank application for funding for film project – TOM to find a volunteer
AOB	Tom offered the option of taking part in the Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum card game being piloted at present. Pheonix interested.	Tom: Make arrangements for Card workshop
	Tom reminded members about the requirement for permission/consent to use Basecamp	Join up those members who have consent / chase others!
	Date of next meeting 5pm	
	10 Nov / 24 Nov / 8 Dec / 22 Dec Meeting ended 18:45	