

## Notes of Meeting Students Nelson & Colne College 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016

Approximately 19 students attended. Cllrs Whalley, Adams, McCollum and Turner.

Q2 Lecturer asked how easy is to become a councillor. A short discussion with input from all councillors

Q3 Request of how Councillors could be contacted and question on what is discussed and agreed upon at meetings. A reply identified Web Page and suggestion of personal attendance. To view first hand.

Q4 Suggestion that younger people are not listened to. They do not feel able to ask questions. An 18year old's opinion is not Considered. We attempted to identify that all opinions, even those of even younger age, are all given the same consideration and respect. It was outlined that it is important to grasp all age range opinions. The fact we have 18 and 19 year old elected members, who receive same authority and consideration in Chamber and Committees, was an attempt to address concerns.

Q6 Any items in your area. Buses, cost and lack of service restricting accessibility for students was strongly raised. No service after early evening curtails access to College and town.

Q7 Universal agreement that 16 year olds should be allowed to vote. Schools Colleges should courses on electoral and democracy on syllabus. Following suggestion lecturer agreed to include an information and education slot within timetable. Councillors, unanimously, agreed to support with personal attendance. A tutorial on Politics is to be included.

Students confirmed there is a Students Council at College.

Following request from Councillor should more information be listed on social media, i.e. Facebook. It was considered that it may be disregarded as Facebook is considered social media.

A straw poll on anticipated outcome of EU Referendum 11 wanted to stay in, 3 wanted to leave. 1 was undecided, 4 did not say.

We said we would have one of the posters displayed at the college showing who their councillors are.

One of the lecturers said that they do a course which looks at what being British is about.

He also said that they were hoping to run a course next term about the British government system and how it works.