

6.7.23 - Visit to Shropshire County Council Meeting by Condover and St Edwards Worship Committee representatives Frank and Laura.

Arriving at Shirehall, we were greeted by a lady called Amanda and shown round the building. We then met the chair of the council, Vince Hunt who said he was happy we were putting a question to the council.



The meeting room looked like a courtroom, like I have seen on tv. There were over fifty councillors, members of the public and the press attending. When it was time to put our question to the council, we had to press the microphone in front of us and read it out. It got heard across the room through the speaker system We read out:

'We are representatives from Condover and St Edwards Primary School Worship committee and are promoting children's voice within our local community. We would like to ask you the question. How are you promoting children's voice within Shropshire Council?'

Councillor Kirstie Hurst-Knight, Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, replied. She included information about The Youth Support team and children who are looked after and children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). She said that they previously had a youth parliament, and they are investigating how they can reintroduce something similar.



Councillor Dan Morris and Kirstie both said they would come into our schools again and speak to the children about their roles and projects we can be involved in in the future. It was a fascinating experience and makes me want to get more involved in any youth councils or decision-making committees in the future.



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