

Youth Council Minutes 10th April 2003 6-8pm Barnsley Town Hall

Youth Councillors Present: Chloe, Holly, Ali, Tiffany, Sally, Steven, Martin, Ryan, Elliot, Katie, Danielle, Jenna, Sophie, Charlotte, Jerome

Absent: Brett, Shelley, Nathan

Workers Present: Clare Youth Council Support Worker, Andy Voice and Influence Team Leader

Invited Guests: Youth Forum Support Workers (YFSW); Becci, Emma, Leon, Danny, Jane, Jennifer, Dave, Pency, Linzi

Apologies from YFSW: Nina, Ceri, Jolene, Vicki

Minutes last meeting: Agreed as true record

Chair: Jerome Douglas. Chair agreed for next meeting Sally Wenham

Matters Arising:

Sally expressed her concern about the closure of Littleworth Lane. Clare responded to this by saying that she needed to voice these concerns to her YFSW and take it from there. Jerome stated that a group of young people from Hoylandswaine want to get some football nets in their area. Clare offered support but also suggested speaking to his YFSW.

Clare reported back to members that Graham Elliott from the Barnsley Participation process would like to come and speak to them at the next meeting. The youth council agreed that he could come to the next meeting.

Clare reminded Youth Council about the QDOS Town Centre Event on 26th April and gave the date for the QDOS facilitating workshop that youth councillors could attend Tues 22nd 6-8pm at Town Hall.

Youth Council asked if the group from the Advocacy Conference could attend the next meeting. Clare agreed to action this.

Youth Council Budget:

Suggestion from Support Worker: To spend £1,000 of Budget on a youth council advertisement page in The Leisure Calendar that is distributed all over the Barnsley Borough. This would heighten the profile of the youth council and also publicise the next elections. Andy agreed to action this.

Discussion followed the suggestion, it was proposed by Ryan, seconded by Martin, a vote took place; the majority was for so it was passed as a resolution.

Suggestion from Support Worker: To spend approximately £200 on publicity and flyers for the Town Centre Event 26th April. A number of youth councillors proposed, seconded and passed this. Clare agreed to action this.

Suggestion from Support worker: To spend £2,000 on publicity to promote and launch the Youth Council website, the price includes advertising on local buses and extra posters to be put around the areas to promote the website.

Discussion took place, it was proposed by Danielle, seconded by Jenna, and voted on by all youth councillors, the majority voted for so it was passed as a resolution. Andy and Clare agreed to action this.

Jerome proposed that all youth councillors should have diaries to keep a track of the work they are doing and when and where meetings are. Jenna seconded this all members voted for diaries. Clare agreed to action this.

A number of members stated they would like to also have pens with Barnsley Youth Council on them for themselves but also for promotional purposes at events etc. Danielle seconded this and all members passed it. Clare agreed to action this.

Clare (support worker) asked if a Dictaphone could be purchased out of the budget to record youth council business. All members agreed this.

AOB:

Clare fed back on progress on obtaining pre paid passes for all youth councillors, she is finding this difficult as no companies do a pre pay pass for under 16's. However Clare agreed to continue trying, also Councillor Dixon agreed to look into the issue with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport.

Clare announced the website name; www.barnsleyyouth.com

Around the areas feedback:

Elliot: Still doing clean up work in his local area and also involved in completing a youth achievement award.

Ryan: Been attending local Speakout and Speakeasy meetings.

Danielle: Been asked to be involved in a Crime watch project in Darfield.

Martin: Wants to do more clean up work in the Pogmoor area especially the field wants to talk to YFSW about this.

Holly: Wants to arrange a planning meeting with YFSW.

Jerome & Ali: Been attending Skatepark meetings in local area. Also YFSW organised a youth conference with them to get young peoples views about what they would like their youth councillors to do in their area etc.

Katie: Has attended local Skatepark meetings.

Stephen: Was invited to a local area forum meeting where he got to meet the Councillors in his area and also introduced himself as the areas youth councillor.

Charlotte and Sophie: Both involved in the Redesigning Hoyland project. They organised a meeting on youth shelters for local young people, unfortunately no one turned up.

Sally & Jenna: Would like to work alongside YFSW in their area to involve young people and get their views.

Tiffany & Chloe: Would like a meeting with YFSW to plan how to get young peoples opinions on the area. Tiffany also said she would like feedback from the detached team in Mapplewell about the Youth Shelter consultation she was involved in. Clare agreed to look into this.

Constitution and Code of Conduct:

All youth councillors had seen the drafts for both. In discussion they all agreed that both drafts were fine and could be passed as a final copy. Ryan proposed this, Tiffany seconded this, all voted for the passing.

YFSW:

The Youth Forum Support Workers all introduced themselves and stated which area they represented. Then Youth Councillors and YFSW broke into area specific groups to discuss meetings and areas. Groups were also to write down areas that they felt should be included in the Questionnaire/Survey that would be going out to young people across the borough that youth councillors would be taking a lead role on.