

Minutes from the
Barnsley Youth Council Meeting
Held on the 11th Feb 2003
At the Town Hall

Chair nominated for meeting: Charlotte Armstrong

Apologies: None

Minutes from last meeting

The chair read out the minutes from the last Youth Council meeting. All Youth Councillors agreed the minutes.

Matters Arising

The Youth Councillors asked the question of what progress has been made with regards to the website addresses they listed at the previous meeting. Andy Fleming responded by stating that the website addresses had been passed on to the website designers and that most of the addresses had already been used. However, Andy also said that after consultation with a small group of young people, a temporary website address had been set up: www.bypv.com, bypv stands for Barnsley Young Peoples Voice. Once the website is built, part of it will incorporate a voting facility which will enable other potential website addresses to be placed on the site, thus enabling more young people to have an input on the naming of the website.

UKYP Elections

It was agreed at the last Youth Council meeting that a mini election would be held to appoint the two Members of the UK Youth Parliament (MYP). All Youth Council members who chose to stand prepared a campaign speech prior to this meeting. Those Youth Councillors where: Nathan Duke, Sally Wenham, Jerome Douglas, Chloe Lycet, Jenna Boyce, Danielle Williams, Ryan Ansell and Martin Lawrence.

The named candidates did their speech then all youth councillors including the nominees themselves voted in confidence for the two youth councillors they would like to represent Barnsley's Young People on the UK youth parliament.

The votes were counted and Councillor Terry Dixon announced that Jenna Boyce and Danielle Williams are the new MYP's and that Jerome Douglas is the reserve.

Youth Council Training Residential

All Youth Councillors were reminded about the Youth Council training residential. Coach pick-up times were confirmed and parental consent forms were collected.

AOB

It was raised in the Youth Council meeting that the council itself had concerns about the way asylum seekers are being treated. After discussion the following action points were agreed:

1. The Youth Council are to invite an anti fascist speaker to the next Youth Council meeting.
2. That they will look into a possible drama piece that addresses some of the issues surrounding racism and fascism that could be used to inform young people of Barnsley.
3. That Youth Council looks into producing anti fascist publicity and have it endorsed by a celebrity. Some of the celebrities mentioned were:

Barnsley football club
Michael Owen
Gareth Gates
Geri Haliwell
Ali G
Ricky Gervais
David Beckham.

Agenda for Next meeting

The agenda for the next Youth Council meeting was then discussed. Some of the suggested items were:

- Temporary closer of little worth lane.
- Loncar School moving.
- Lighting issues for Cudworth Skate Park.

The meeting was then closed and the Youth Councillors were thanked for attending. Special thanks and congratulations were given to Charlotte Armstrong for chairing her first meeting.