

Minutes from the
Barnsley Youth Council Meeting
Held on the 14th January 2003
At the Town Hall

Apologies: Gemma Portman was unable to attend the meeting.

Invited guests: Councillor Terry Dixon.

Introductions and welcome

Sally Sagar and Andy Fleming welcomed and congratulated all the Youth Council members. All Youth councillors introduced themselves by name to the rest of the group.

Pairs Introductions

The youth council was then split up into pairs. They were paired with the youth councillor representing the same Forum Area as themselves. They were then asked to talk to each other to get to know a little bit about each other. They then told the rest of the group a little bit about their partner.

Human bingo

All the Youth Councillors did an activity called human bingo the aim of this activity was to enable the group to interact with each other and get to know more about each other.

Roles of Youth Council

The Youth Council were split into 3 groups then asked to discuss and answer the following questions:

1. How often do you think the Youth Council should meet?
2. How would you like to choose the UKYP reps?
3. Do you think the Youth Council should have a chair/secretary etc?
4. What names do you think would be good for the council's young people's website?

The group's suggestions

Group 1 Suggested that:

1. The Youth Council should meet once monthly.
2. A mini election within the group should be held.
3. The Youth Council should elect a chair/secretary etc via a vote.
4. The names that would be good for the new website are:
 - www.yourvote.co.uk
 - www.youthvoice@byc

Group 2 suggested that:

1. The Youth Council should meet every 2-3 weeks.
2. A mini election within the group should be held.
3. The group should elect a chair/ secretary etc, and that the person who received the most vote from the Youth Council elections should be the chair etc. They felt that this would

allow the young people who participated in the elections to make the choice rather than them selves.

4. The names that would be good for the new website are:

- www.youthmatters.co.uk
- www.geturcoiceerd.co.uk
- www.thefuturesinyouth.co.uk

Group 3 suggested that:

1. The Youth Council should meet once a week, around 6.00pm
2. A mini election within the group should be held
3. A chair/secretary should be appointed on a floating/rotary basis.
4. The names that would be good for the new website are:
 - www.youthvoices.co.uk
 - www.voicesheard.co.uk
 - www.ypgov.co.uk

After debate the Youth council agreed that:

1. The Youth Council should meet every 2-3 weeks
2. A mini election should be held within the Youth Council and that all members who want to stand should have a campaign speech prepared for the next meeting
3. That a floating chair/secretary etc should be in place. This is to give everyone a chance of the experience. The Youth Council also agreed that the Youth Councillors who are in term for only one year get the chance to chair before the Youth Councillors who are in term for two years.

The website addresses were taken away, to be checked for availability. Feedback on the outcome

Invited Guest: Councillor Dixon

The invited guest, councillor Terry Dixon congratulated all the Youth Councillors and then briefly outlined what was in the council minute book. He then outlined some of the things that will happen at the full council meeting that the youth council have been invited to.

Residential Update

It was confirmed that the team building and training residential would take place on the weekend commencing Friday 21st February. All information about the residential would be sent out at a later date.

Full council meeting info

All Youth Councillors were reminded about the full council meeting and dinner that they have been invited to. The mini bus timetable was given and consent forms were collected. The meeting is to take place at the Town Hall on the 16th January 2003.

Finally the Youth Councillors were thanked for attending the first meeting and the group departed.

