

Minutes from Barnsley Youth Council Meeting
16th July 2003

Youth Councillors Present : Elliot, Danielle, Jenna, Sophie, Tiffany, Brett, Holly, Ryan, Stephen, Jerome

Apologies: Charlotte, Nathan, Ali, Sally, Chloe, Martyn

Absent:: Shelley, Katie

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

Chair: Elliot, chair for next meeting Holly

Minutes: Agreed as a true record

Matters Arising: Danielle met a woman named Pam from PADS she asked if the youth council could provide money to fund a music and Drama project, the youth council held a discussion on the subject and agreed that Clare would find out more information. Elliot saw an advertisement on his hospital appointment card and wondered if the youth council could also advertise on the cards, Clare agreed to look into this.

The youth council began a discussion about how young people who are in hospital and long term sick can access the youth council. The youth council decided that promoting the website and the work they are doing on the wards and in the hospital would be a way forward.

Budget : All members received a breakdown of the youth council budget, Clare ran through this and answered any questions that the youth council had. All members were happy with this and agreed it as a true record.

Youth Summit Update: Clare gave an update on the Youth Summits and answered any questions regarding the youth summit at priory campus on the 18th July or the area summits. Clare gave a quick refresher about the role of the youth council and youth forum support workers at the summits.

Heaven and Hell Event 19th July: Clare gave an update on progress and arranged with the youth council how the day would run, roles and responsibilities on the day and availability of the youth council.

Leaving Gifts: Andy informed the youth council that Jean Potter and Norman (Town Hall) are leaving and asked if the members would like to do something to show their appreciation of the support they have offered to the youth council. The members agreed to take Jean bowling one evening and to buy Norman a gift.

Area Feedback:

Area 1: Elliot has been attending speakouts and other meetings in the local area. He and Shelley did a presentation to the Area Forum about the work they have been involved in and what other young people in the area are doing. Also, Elliot did a presentation about young peoples involvement in Remaking Barnsley at Brooklands.

Area 2: Ryan and Nathan attended a Speakeasie meeting in the local area the issues that came out were around youth shelters in the area. Also they have been attending planning meetings with the support worker and the youth forum support workers to discuss ideas, projects and ways forward. One idea they are looking into is planning a five a side tournament in the area.

Area 3: Danielle did a presentation at the Remaking Barnsley event alongside Elliot. Also she did a presentation to the area forum alongside Andrew Loades (advocacy group) about all the positive things that young people in Barnsley are involved in. Also she has been attending UKYP Regional meetings and will be attending the National Sitting of the UKYP 21st -24th July to produce the 2003 Manifesto. Real Life TV (Channel 4) is going to be following Danielle and Jenna at the UKYP and afterwards to produce a documentary to be shown next year about young people and democracy. Brett attended the area forum meeting to support the presentation; also he has received

a letter to attend a meeting in Darfield on 22nd July and is going to be involved in the Darfield Audit.

Area 4: Martin has been asking young people around school what they would like to see, also he has got together a group interested in doing clean up work in the area. Holly has also been asking around school and a lot of people have complained about the state of the buses. Holly asked when there would be a feedback meeting from the speakout meeting she attended, Clare agreed to contact the youth forum support worker to find out.

Area 5: Jerome has been on holiday so hasn't really done much in last few weeks but he is eager to get involved and would like more contact with young people and the YFSW in the area. He does attend any meetings etc. that he is invited to but would like to attend more.

Area 6: Stephen has attended the Skate park committee meetings for the Barnsley Wheelz Complex. Locally he hasn't been involved in much recently since the YFSW left the area, so he is looking forward to the post being filled.

Area 7: Sophie has been attending Speakout meetings and is planning to decorate to Connexions room at complex. Also she has supported the YFSW to leaflet the whole of Hoyland with letters explaining about the Skate park proposals in the area and invite them to a residents meeting to put their views across.

Area 8: Jenna would like a follow up meeting with the YFSW's in the area to discuss ways forward for the lighting on Cudworth Skate park. Also she has been attending UKYP Regional meetings and will be attending the National Sitting of the UKYP 21st -24th July to produce the 2003 Manifesto. Real Life TV (Channel 4) is going to be following her at the UKYP and afterwards to produce a documentary to be shown next year about young people and democracy.

Area 9: Tiffany would like a follow up meeting with the YFSW and local Councillors to discuss the football net posts at Barugh green. She also did a presentation at Democratically Engaging Young Peoples Workshop through citizenship at school about the youth council and other things she is involved in.

A.O.B: Clare informed the members that youth councillors from specific area forums had been invited to a consultation event on the 9th August around Sexual Health Education and that she would send a letter to members interested. Clare informed the members of a request to attend a meeting from the Assistant Chief Executive to speak about Democracy week. The youth council agreed that he could attend a future meeting.

A number of youth councillors raised the issue that they didn't feel they were getting enough support from their YFSW's and that they weren't being informed of all the things that were happening in areas that they could get involved in. Andy said he would address this and speak to the YFSW's at the next team meeting, he also suggested it would be a good idea if the YFSW's were to contact their youth councillors at least once a week. The youth council agreed this was a good idea, as they need to work alongside the YFSW's for the area summits.

Discussion on German Visit : An open discussion took place about ways forward in Europe and Germany. It was clear that all members would like to work closely alongside the Schwabisch Gmaund youth council to get young peoples views fed into the European Parliament. All members agreed a visit back to Germany would be based on this rather than a social meeting, as they would like to see more accessibility for young people into the European Parliament. Discussion also took place on what would be the best time to organise a visit for, Andy and Clare explained it would not be possible this year as there isn't enough planning and organisation time, plus it has to be an appropriate time for Schwabisch Gmaund and European Parliament. The youth council suggested sometime early next year, possibly February/March time after the elections. All members said they would prefer it to be in school/college holidays. Clare and Andy agreed to look into the above.

The youth council wish to write a letter to the Members of European Parliament outlining their ideas; Jerome, Ryan, Holly, Martin and Stephen volunteered to be a working group on this. Clare agreed to set up a meeting.