

**Minutes from Youth Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2003**  
**6-8pm Barnsley Town Hall**

**Youth Councillors present:** Nathan Duke, Stephen Harrison, Brett Bonds, Sophie Bissett, Chloe Lycett, Shelley Rushforth, Katie Kennedy, Ryan Ansell, Charlotte Armstrong, Jenna Boyce, Elliot Bond, Ali Lemons, Martin Lawrence, Jerome Douglas, Sally Wenham, Danielle Williams, Tiffany Wilkinson

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

**Chair:** Sally Wenham, Elliot bond is chair at next meeting

**Apologies:** Shelly has to leave early, Holly will not be attending at all and Martyn will be late.

**Minutes:** agreed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** A number o youth councillors asked for information on the youth summits, Clare stated that all would be explained in the next item on the agenda.

**Youth Summit update:** Clare gave an update on the progress being made on the youth summits:  
Priory Campus has been booked for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July; transport has also been booked to transport young people from the 14 schools across the borough, 4 pupils from year 9 and 2 from yr10 and all the members of the youth Council have been invited. There will be four workshops throughout the day, Drama, DJ, Arts and Dance these will be based around 3 issues, Education, Health and Remaking Barnsley. The aim is to get Young peoples views and present these to the executive forum in the afternoon. The day after a celebration event for under 18's will take place in one of the local nightclubs with the work on display.  
Throughout August and September an area youth summit will be held in each of 9 areas of Barnsley, this will be organised by the youth councillors and youth forum support workers in that area. The summit will have the same workshops as the 18<sup>th</sup> July, this ensures that all young people across the borough have the opportunity to participate and put their views forward. By the end of September all the work produced by young people will be professionally presented in the Town Hall the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate democracy week.

**Area Feedback:**

**Area 1:** Elliot has been involved in the skate park initiative, he has been attending local speakouts and speakeasies, and also he is involved in the Connexions inspection as a youth ofsted inspector. Shelley has been attending local meetings and also been asking local young people for views about issues in their area.

**Area 2:** Ryan has been attending local meetings, also he attended the Kendray initiative open day to raise the profile of his and Nathans role as youth councillors in the area. Nathan has also been attending local meetings, he would also like to start a project alongside other youth councillors to look at sports and leisure facilities across the borough and see what needs improving.

**Area 3:** Brett and Danielle have both been attending local meetings. Also Danielle is a co-opted member of the area forum alongside Andrew Loades (advocacy group), they have organised an area forum meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> June specifically for young people and their issues. Danielle is also part of the peer OFSTED inspection team.

**Area 4:** Holly was absent from the meeting and Martin came into the meeting late.

**Area 5:** Jerome and Ali have been attending local meetings. Organised their own Speakeasy meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May, which went really well lots of young people attended and loads of ideas and issues came out. They had a follow up/feedback meeting for the young people on the 16<sup>th</sup> June this went really well and they are taking young peoples ideas forward.

**Area 6:** Katie and Stephen were attending local meetings with YFSW however she has left, so they are waiting for the new worker to come in post. Stephen went on the skate park committee residential and also attended the scrutiny committee meeting about the wheels complex.

**Area 7:** Charlotte and Sophie have been attending speakouts. Also they are both involved in the Remaking Hoyland initiative to represent young peoples opinions and are planning meetings in the area to get young peoples ideas about the initiative.

**Area 8:** Jenna and Sally hosted their own Speakout meeting in the Cudworth area. The meeting was a success and a number of issues came out from the young people that Sally and Jenna are looking to take forward.

**Area 9:** Chloe and Tiffany are working alongside YFSW to get young peoples views and opinions. They are also involved in the planning and development of projects. Tiffany is involved in the planning of a presentation at school to do with citizenship.

### Evaluation of German visit and ways forward

The Chair opened the meeting up for discussion and feedback about the visit. All the Youth councillors agreed it was an excellent week with the German young people and that they really want to make the effort to sustain and strengthen the relationships built.

The ways forward suggested were a return visit to Schwabish Gmund at the end of the year. All youth councillors agreed that the return visit should be out of term time or at least at a time which suited everyone e.g. Not at the beginning of the college year. Also that the young people from Barnsley should learn how to speak basic German, Jenna agreed to teach others German. Both suggestions were proposed, seconded and passed as a unanimous decision.

The support worker agreed to look into the possibility of a return visit and feedback at the next meeting.

### Website Update

Clare feedback on the progress of the website. All the pages are up to date and the launch at the Barnsley Forum went really well, there was an article in the Chronicle and a picture that was passed around the meeting. Clare also passed an example of the promotion (mousemat and poster) for the website around the meeting. The youth council would all receive examples of the pens, mats and bugs etc at the next meeting.

### Budget

Clare asked the youth Council for permission to have more control over the budget, for example postage, materials and other minor decisions, as it is not practical to consult with all 18 youth councillors every time money needs to be spent. All the youth council agreed this was necessary and therefore proposed, seconded and passed the decision. Clare explained to the youth council that a full update and outline of the budget will be handed out at the next meeting.

### Any Other Business

The Chair announced that Andrew Loades and Chloe Lycett were elected as youth directors of the Barnsley Participation Process and congratulated them along with the youth council.

Jenna announced that herself and Danielle would be attending the first regional meeting of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> June and that they would also be attending the National Sitting on 21<sup>st</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> July in Lancaster.

### Discussion on youth summits

Youth councillors split into groups to discuss the area youth summits and ways in which they could promote them to young people. Ideas were recorded on flipchart and discussions took place. It was agreed that youth councillors did not have to call their area summit a youth summit they could chose a name that appealed more to young people. Roles and responsibilities of the Youth council at the youth summits and other events connected to the summits were also discussed.