

Minutes
Youth Council Meeting
30th Oct 2003

Apologies: Sophie, Danielle, Jenna, Ali, Jerome, Elliot.

Present: Charlotte, Kayleigh, Tiffany, Alex, Martyn, Sally, Ryan, Chloe, Holly, Stephen, Brett.

Absent: Shelley

Workers: Clare Archer, Andy Fleming

Minutes: Sally proposed, Ryan seconded all members passed the minutes as a true record

Chair for next meeting: Alex

Scrutiny Commission: Andy spoke about the role of the scrutiny commissions and how the interface would take place between them and the youth council, information sheets were given out for members to read in their own time. Each member had to choose a first and second choice for the scrutiny they would like to portfolio. Clare collected in the sheets and ensured everyone was given a scrutiny portfolio that they would be happy with. The results were read out and all members agreed that they were happy with the given scrutiny role.

Real Life Media: Filming will take place at the next youth council meeting on 7th October for the Channel 4 documentary on Citizenship and youth democracy. Clare and Andy reminded all members that they would not be able to take part if they did not return completed and signed consent forms on the day.

Presentation Lifelong Learning Partnership: Andy asked if four members would volunteer themselves to do a presentation on the findings of the youth summits on Thursday 9th October. A number of members were interested, names were pulled out to be fair; Kayleigh, Alex, Holly and Martyn will be attending.

Area Feedback/Youth Summits: All youth councillors who had attended summits gave a recap on what happened, all the summits so far had been a huge success. Andy and Clare gave congratulations to everyone but a special thanks was given to Kayleigh and Alex for doing a great job in a short space of time. Tiffany commented that the main positive for her had been to see a young person who doesn't usually get involved in things engage really well in the DJ and Rap workshop throughout the day and to really get something out of the summit. She felt that the workshops used in the summits were a good alternative way of working with young people. Clare agreed to give all members a copy of the action points that have come out of the summits at the next meeting. Holly commented that issues that have come out of the summit have already been acted upon in her school through positive action from the pupils and teachers to develop better more respectful relationships.

Any other business: Andy spoke about the Town Hall Open Day 18th October, it is all about young people getting involved in citizenship and democracy. The youth council have the Council Chamber all day, all the action points from the summits will be displayed and a vote will take place on whether or not the voting age should be lowered to 16.

Discussion: Spoke about the residential about places where it is possible/not possible to go, Clare would continue to try and find a suitable venue. Andy asked all members to say a few words about how they felt about the youth council and if there could be any improvements made. All members gave really positive feedback and the only improvement that was suggested was to debate issues more in meetings. Clare and Andy agreed to try and facilitate this.