

Youth Council Meeting Minutes  
11<sup>th</sup> September 2003

Apologies: Jenna, Elliot, Stephen, Tiffany, Holly, Charlotte, Ali

Present: Sophie, Jerome, Chloe, kayleigh, Danielle (Chair), Martyn, Alex, Sally, Ryan, Brett (arrived late).

Absent: Shelley

Workers Present: Clare Archer, Andy Fleming

Chair for next meeting: Chloe

Minutes: Agreed and passed as a true record, proposed and seconded by Sally and Jerome.

Matters Arising: Youth Councillors expressed concern about members missing meetings, Clare agreed she would look into this.

Jerome explained an idea he had whilst on work experience, he would like to hold a youth event in Penistone aimed around 'actioning the action points' that came out of the Youth Summit. The Youth Council agreed as a body they would support this event, Jerome agreed to further research the idea.

Youth summit and Area Feedback: Andy asked Youth Councillors to indicate if they were getting enough support from their Youth Forum Support Workers in this item.

*Area 1:* Both members absent.

*Area 2:* Ryan and Alex felt they had received really good support in their area and had been involved in all the planning of the Youth Summit. They were both looking forward to the actual day and felt it would be a success.

*Area 3:* Danielle had attended a Full Council meeting recently she felt this was a positive experience and would like to see more interaction between the full Youth Council and the full Barnsley Council. She spoke about the Chill out space Launch at the YMCA and felt it was a disappointment as no young people attended. Herself and Andrew Loades (Advocacy Group) are coopted members of the area forum and are in the process of planning a youth agenda for the next area forum meeting. They have also been involved in setting up a Performing arts project and securing funding for

this in their area. Danielle did not feel fully supported by the youth forum support worker in her area, although she had been involved in the planning of the youth summit.

*Area 4:* Martin has been involved in the planning of the youth summit alongside Holly, however he did not feel fully supported by the youth forum support worker in his area. Also Martin played a huge part in promoting and volunteering to staff the information stand in the Alhambra when the LBV video we had made was on show. Andy and Clare said a big thank you to Martin.

*Area 5:* Jerome reported back on the Youth summit held in Penistone. He said it had gone 'fantastic' and around 35 young people attended. He felt it had been a really positive day and that young people had got a lot out of it. He did feel he had received plenty of support from the youth forum support worker throughout the youth summit and hoped this would continue in the future and that communication about events would continue to improve.

*Area 6:* Kayleigh reported back on the youth summit in the Dearne area. It had gone well overall, about 20 young people attended which was a decent turn out as there had been no youth forum support worker in the area for quite a while. All the people who attended seemed to enjoy the day. She felt she had received enough support in the planning and implementation of the summit. Kayleigh reported that the Childrens Fund had approached her to work alongside them to involve and help other young people in her area, so she was looking forward to getting started with that.

*Area 7:* Sophie felt she received good support from her youth forum support worker and was looking forward to getting stuck into the planning and organisation of her areas youth summit.

*Area 8:* Sally had been ill and missed some of her area youth summit planning meetings, however she had not been filled in about progress and plans and felt that the youth forum support workers in her area had not offered enough support throughout the process. Sally also raised a point that young people in her area had asked her to help them raise funds to buy new chairs in Priory Youth Club. Clare explained that the youth council budget might not be appropriate to use for this but would support Sally in ideas that she had for raising the money.

*Area 9:* Chloe had been on holiday for quite a few weeks and was looking forward to getting back into things and planning the youth summit. Previous to her going on holiday she felt support could have been better from the youth forum support worker and hoped this would improve for the future.

Scrutiny Commission: Andy explained the way in which the Youth Council and Scrutiny Commissions could interact with each other to ensure views, ideas and opinions about decisions are fed in from all levels. There are six scrutiny commissions therefore three youth councillors would be responsible for feeding the views of young people into one commission. The youth council discussed the best way to put members onto a scrutiny, it was decided that firstly everyone should put down a first, second and third choice, if it cannot be decided this way then names would be pulled out of the hat. This would take place at the next meeting.

Any other Business: The Youth council felt it would be appropriate to invite Millennium Volunteers to a future meeting to explain how they could get involved, Jerome and Martyn proposed and seconded this, Clare agreed to action it.

Discussion on Residential: The youth council discussed the things they would want form a residential including activities etc. it was agreed the residential would take place on a weekend at the end of the year. All members agreed we should try and look for a place that would suit all tastes e.g. not purely outdoor adventure activities. It was also agreed that we 'would not' go to the Earth Centre. Some possible venues were discussed, Clare agreed to look into this.