

Minutes of Youth Council Meeting 13th December 2004
Town Hall 6-8pm

Apologies: Jenna, Kay, Ashley Hanson

Present: Elliot Chair, Jonathan, Ali, Stacy, Tiffany, Andy, Emily, Sigourney, Kayleigh, Martyn, Alex, Stephen, Kay, Ashley Hoyland

Workers Present: Clare Archer Youth Council Coordinator, Emma Baines IYP Coordinator

Minutes: Agreed, proposed Ali and seconded Stacy, full vote

Chair for next meeting: Emily

Guest Speakers:

Lyndsey Mappin Drug Action Team; Lyndsey came to speak to the Youth Council to gain their ideas about how £2,500 of the young peoples substance misuse group budget could be used to provide something for young people around drug/alcohol misuse. Then youth councillors gave their opinions about what they felt would be useful, the ideas included; to commission a drama company to take a interactive drama piece around schools, to make a young person friendly leaflet around the facts relating to drug and alcohol misuse. Lyndsey felt it would be useful to arrange a focus group meeting before xmas to discuss this in further detail, Andy, Jonathan, Tiffany, Elliot agreed to follow this up,, Lyndsey agreed to contact them with a date, venue and time.

Joan Gaines Community Development Officer Berneslai Homes; Joan came to speak to the Youth Council as she wanted to give young people an idea of what Berneslai homes did and how this relates to young peoples lives, please refer to presentation notes Joan provided. At the end of the presentation Joan asked the youth council if they had any suggestions comments or questions, the youth councillors asked to be kept up dated especially around developments for young people. Joan agreed to do an update at appropriate times.

Requests and Correspondence:

Barnsley Asylum Team had put a request into the Youth Council for £1,000 funding for their weekly newsletter Belmont News, please refer to e mail. The Youth Council discussed and debated this it was proposed by Andy that the youth council should fund this and seconded by Jonathan the youth council had a vote which was unanimous FOR providing the funding.

A Community Safety Booklet is being produced to be distributed across the Barnsley Borough the organisers would like to know if the youth council would like to advertise in this, please refer to letter and e mail provided. The youth councillors felt this would not be an effective way to get the message of what

they do across to young people and therefore did not wish to spend the budget on this.

Vicky Henshaw youth participation worker has put a request in for funding for a young persons consultation event in area 7, please see written request provided. The youth councillors debated this and agreed this would be an excellent project for them to fund as it was all about getting young peoples voices heard. Tiffany proposed this and Elliot seconded, a vote was held and it was unanimous FOR providing the funding.

NHS Foundation Trust have been in contact again about electing representatives to be on the Board, please see correspondence provided. Martyn and Tiffany agreed to attend the next meeting in January and feed back to the Youth Council however all members agreed that the representatives should be elected form the new Youth council in 2005.

Clare showed everyone the election publicity for 2005 elections all the youth councillors agreed it was an improvement on last years and were happy that other young people would like it and be inclined to look at it.

Emily did a presentation to the rest of the members regarding fundraising for her to go to Africa with her school to help build facilities for young people in the village that she would be staying in. Emily showed pictures of the village and told members about what other people are doing to raise funds. Members agreed that they would come up with ideas of how we could help fund raise and then decide on the best one at a future meeting.

Clare gave out all the certificates the youth councillors had gained through Millennium Volunteers and gave registration forms to those who were not yet signed up.

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed due to elections