

Minutes Youth Council Meeting 26th July 2004

Apologies: Johnathon, Danielle, Stacy, Tiffany

Absent: Kay, Jodie, Ali

Present: Ashley, Alex (Chair), Elliot, Stephen, Ashley, Sigourney, Emily, Sophie, Jenna, Andrew, Martyn, Kayleigh

Stephen Chair at next meeting

Welcome to Kayleigh Gellatly who has taken the place of Kylie Simpson as Youth Councillor for Area Six.

Guest Speakers: Debbie Rigget, Diane Cooper, Joseph Hinman, Ricky Ashworth from Millennium Volunteers spoke to the Youth Council about accreditation, joining MV, the experience of being a volunteer and about working together to gain a Youth Train award. Some Youth Councillors joined MV, others took interest cards, all present expressed that they would like to work towards a Youth Train accreditation. Clare Agreed to work alongside MV to arrange this.

Budget and Finance:

- Previously the Youth council had said they would like copies of Jennas Story the programme that Jenna did as a Youth Councillor for Channel Four. Andy looked into this the cost for 100 copies this would be £2000, the Youth service agreed to pay for half if the Youth Council paid the other half, this was put to the Youth Council it was passed that the Youth Council would use £1000 of their budget for the video to be distributed across the borough.
- Following a meeting of the Health and Exercise Task Group, Sports Development had asked Andrew as a Youth Councillor to put forward the idea of a Mobile Sports Van and funding this to the Youth Council. The whole cost of the project would be aprox £200,000 therefore they asked if the Youth Council would consider using £5,000 of there budget for this. Andrew put this to the Youth council, they all agreed that they would not just want to say yes to that amount at this point and that they would need more information about the project and its benefits to young people when more funding had been secured in the future.
- Following work that Clare had been doing with a group of young people from the New Route project, they had asked for funding from the Youth Council to edit a video that they were planning to do around homelessness issues for young people in Barnsley. The Youth council agreed to put up a maximum of £500 funding from their budget to pay for this, subject to the project going ahead.

Any other business:

- Andrew spoke of a possible opportunity for Youth Councillors to shadow Cabinet Members. Members agreed this would be a great opportunity. Andrew agreed to find out more and give members further information.
- Ashley expressed that she would like to find out what was going on in the different areas from the other members of the Youth Council.
- Jenna and Emily gave an update on the Tea in the park event they did at Cudworth. It was really successful as lots of young people put their ideas on what they wanted to see in Cudworth on the ideas wall that they staffed.
- Martyn talked about the work he has been doing in the YMCA to help set up a Sports Course for young people as there was nothing to do in the holidays for young people in the area.
- Sigourney talked about the work she is doing with the dance and drama group she is involved with, at the moment they are working on producing a video around bullying and issues around this to show other young people.