

Minutes Youth Council Meeting
11th July 2007
Barnsley Town Hall 6-8pm

Members Present: Charlie, Becki M, Hayley, Katie (Chair), Becci N, Bethany, Will, Lizzie, Emily M, Amy W, Ashley B, Jacky, Osman, Omar, James.

Apologies: Sam H, Sophie, Jamie, Stacie, Shari, Amy S, Ash T.

Workers Present: Clare (YCC), Ricky, Dan, Karon, Andy

Welcome: Members welcomed Becci Newton who is the new member for area 6.

Minutes: Emily M proposed, Becki M seconded, all members passed the minutes as a true record.

Matters Arising: Request to attend future meetings were made from young peoples sexual health service, Berneslai homes, Sheffield MYP's, Hoyland Community Partnership and Barnsley Hospital, all requests were agreed by members, Clare agreed to schedule these into future meetings. Clare announced that Shari Tindle, Jamie Swift and Bernadette Goddard had won the young persons Spirit of Barnsley Awards. Members congratulated this achievement with a round of applause. Clare also congratulated the four members who presented research findings to the Council Cabinet earlier that day. Members gave a round of applause.

Guest Speaker: Andy Fleming presented the findings of the young peoples crime surveys to members. After the presentation Andy asked if members would be interested in forming a working party to move the findings forward, all members showed interest in this. He then asked for comments and views on the findings:

Katie said the area she lives in needs more litter bins and pathways for disabled access.

Emily M said if there were more places to hang around there would be less anti social behaviour.

Ash B said adults should be advised on what is and what isn't anti social behaviour.

Katie told members about a video project that 'Barnsley Speak Up' did around positive and negatives of young peoples behaviour. This helped increase positive involvement of young people.

Andy added his views about positive and negative of views surrounding young people, especially in the media.

Emily M said it is sometimes the adults who are causing the anti social behaviour and the young people just get the blame.

Becki M added that a bus driver once told her and a group of friends to take off their 'hoods' or he would rip them off.

General discussion amongst members then took place around 'making assumptions and stereotyping people.

Katie suggested that a video could be made similar to one done by Barnsley Speak up, discussion took place around the positives and negatives of videos, especially around showing them in schools. Members agreed there were lots of videos already out there about this type of thing and that making videos may not be the most cost effective way to get the message to young people. Clare and Andy explained that a new Peer Ambassadors Project would be launched shortly which would cover the discussion issues with peer led drama performances. All agreed this was a good idea. Members took a vote on the proposal for the youth council to make a video, the majority voted against the proposal but thanked Katie for suggesting the idea.

Health and Well Being Surveys: All members filled in a Health and Well Being Survey, feedback would be given once all the surveys had been analysed.

Contact Point Consultation: Members took part in the government's consultation paper regarding the implementation of a new database which will hold young peoples general details, this will be for practitioners who work with young people to use so that they can check who else is also working with the young person to enable better working partnerships in order to provide the best service for young people. Clare would feed back members comments to government.

A.O.B: All members were reminded that the Summer Carnival would take place the following Saturday, details were given of where and when to meet.