

Minutes of Youth Council Meeting
30th July 6-8pm
Barnsley Town Hall

Members Present: Shari (Chair), Katie (Vice chair), Jamie (Secretary), Sam, Emily M, Ash T, Aaron, Amy S, Becci N, Charlie, Becki M, Omar, Lizzie, Bethany, Brendan, Osman, Tili, Nathan.

Apologies: Matthew, Stacie, Jacky, Sophie, James, Will, Amy W, Hayley

Workers Present: Clare (YCC), Dan, Charlotte, Karen, Becci.

Welcome: Shari welcomed members and guest speakers to the meeting.

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

Matters Arising: Shari read out a thank you letter to the Youth Council from the Mayor of Barnsley thanking members for taking part in the Summer Carnival

Clare explained that she would be on annual leave from 10th August and would return to work on 28th August and that Emma Baines would be leading on the meeting on 20th August and if there were any problems to contact Emma.

Members had been invited to attend the South Yorkshire Police Advisory Group on 14th August, Karon and Dan would lead on this, Clare asked for volunteers to attend, Amy S, Katie, Emily M, Ash T, Charlie, Aaron, Becki, Lizzie, Bethany and Nathan volunteered. Clare would send info out before her leave.

Clare explained due to problems finding an appropriate, available location for the residential it would be delayed and may not take place until the autumn.

Members from the Democratically Engaging Young Peoples workshop had requested to attend a meeting in Oct /Nov time to consult with members. All agreed that they could attend. Clare to keep members updated.

Guest Speaker: David and Brian from Barnsley Foundation Hospital Trust Board of Governors explained their role to members and how they see the Youth Council linking into this. David explained about their wish to organise a youth event at the hospital and would like members ideas on how to best go about this.

Members split into groups to discuss ideas for a youth event. Each group gave feedback, clearly detailing their ideas. These included; stalls and info about careers in the hospital, competition/raffles/games with prizes, free healthy food and smoothies, workshops including arts and crafts, info stall about latest technology, could invite a celebrity to event, free health checks for young people, tours around different areas in hospital, stall and info about ill effects of drugs/smoking/alcohol and info about to relieve stress especially at exam time etc.

David and Brian thanked members for this and said they would take this back to their wider group and attend a future meeting to feedback about where, when etc the event will take place.

Young People's well being ambassador posts: Clare explained that 6 jobs had been advertised in Fridays chronicle, anyone 16+ can apply for the jobs, Clare gave out flyers with the relevant numbers to call for more info.

UKYP Residential: Clare thanked Ashley Tate and Omar Amarov for representing Barnsley at the National Sitting in Glasgow and also commended them on their good behaviour over the 4 days. Ash and Omar gave a brief outline of the things they had been doing and about the topic areas they had covered.

Guest Speaker: Leon Sidebottom Resident Involvement Officer for Berneslai Homes explained his role to members. Leon had designed a questionnaire for the young tenants in Barnsley and asked members for their comments on it, for example is it young people friendly, are the questions easy to understand. Members split into groups then gave their feedback on sheets back to Leon. He then asked members to give general comments and views about council housing across the borough. Leon thanked members and gave out freebies to members.

Judging of Teen Sexual Health Posters: Members broke onto groups to judge the ten posters that had been submitted to the competition. Each group gave a score to each poster, the scores were then added up. 2 posters received the same highest score, therefore members were asked to vote individually for the poster they preferred. One poster won by the majority. Clare would feedback the result.