

## **Minutes Youth Council Meeting**

**12/4/2007**

**Barnsley Town Hall 6-8pm**

Present: Zak, Shari, Amy W, Sam H, Ashley B, Jackie, Jamie, Omar, Nathan, Emily M, Stacie, Bethany, Becki, Ash T, Lizzie.

Workers: Clare (Youth Council Co-ordinator), Emma, Becci, Phill, Emma, Dan

Apologies: Charlie, Billie Jean, Brendan, Emily H

Introductions: All workers introduced themselves and their roles, all members introduced themselves and their area.

All members filled in registration forms and gave mobile numbers to Clare.

Clare explained about training, structure of meetings, attendance and frequency. Also she explained about the youth council budget and what this can be used to fund, budget is £50,000, Clare to confirm if £10,000 of this will be given to Multi Cultural Youth committee as agreed last financial year.

Co-opted Members: Clare explained what a co-opted member is and how co-optees get involved. Multi Cultural Youth Committee co-optees to be elected next week, so will be present at next meeting.

Code of Conduct: All members given last years agreed Code of Conduct. Clare explained what the code is and asked for any changes that the new youth council would like to make. Each point was voted on and a few minor amendments were added. The updated version would be brought to the next meeting for young people to sign.

Youth Council Constitution: Clare explained what a constitution is and how it affects the youth council. Areas that were highlighted on the document need updating. She asked the members to take it home to look at and all amendments would be made at the next meeting.

The Chair Person: Becki M and Omar explained what the role of a chairperson is and how they work within the youth council. Clare explained that in past years a new chair person did each meeting, however from now on one person would become the elected chair person for the year, she gave out a sheet explaining the role and responsibilities and asked members to consider if they would like to put themselves forward at the next meeting.

Group Activity: The group was split into 3.

Each group was given the question 'What info / training do I need to undertake my role as a youth councillor? Groups recorded their comments on flip chart.

Each group feedback to the whole group their points and ideas (see flipcharts)

Some main points were; working towards graffiti walls, inviting guest speakers, sending agendas before meeting.

United Kingdom Youth Parliament: Clare explained about UKYP, how it works and how the youth council feeds into it. Clare handed out the pack and asked members to read this to see if they would be interested in putting themselves forward to represent Barnsley on the UKYP. Clare explained that anyone wanting to nominate themselves needed to prepare a 2 min speech on 'why they would be a good representative'. The vote will be held at the next meeting. Nominees must bring their completed parental consent form if interested.