

Minutes Youth Council Meeting
11th August 2008
6-8pm Barnsley Town Hall

Welcome: Ash welcomed members and guests, he explained that E4 Radio may not attend as planned.

Apologies: Beth, Bec N, Amy S, Tatiana, Kelly, Charlie

Members Present: Ash T (Chair), Shari, Tanya, Chris, Sam H, Sam M, Jamie, Beck M, Jacky, Mica, Osman, Abdul, Hesi, Tili, Lizzie

Workers Present: Clare (YCC), Charlotte (PW)

Minutes: Tanya proposed, Mica seconded, members passed as a true record.

Guest Speaker Cllr Bruff: Cllr Bruff thanked members for inviting her. She gave an update on the town centre project and the plans of provision for young people in the town centre. She explained that elected members for the area were concerned about the lack of space/provision for young people and really want to work with young people to provide adequate facilities in the right places. Obviously the lines of communication need to be open between young people and adults to achieve this and Cllr Bruff assured members that the support and willingness was there. She agreed to keep members updated with any progress and said members could contact her at any time. Members thanked Cllr Bruff for her input.

Guest Speaker Naomi VAB: Naomi explained the role of Voluntary Action Barnsley. She explained that a brand new building next to Eastgate college would be their new base this is called 'The Core'. The building is due to open this Autumn and Naomi thought it would be a good idea to give young people the opportunity to input into this. Therefore she is running an art competition for different age ranges, the winner of each age range will have their art displayed in the entrance to 'The Core'. Members asked a few questions, Naomi gave out flyers and encouraged members to pass this info on and also to consider entering themselves. Members thanked Naomi for her input.

UKYP Presentation: Ash T and Charlotte gave a presentation about the UKYP National Sitting. They explained what the sitting involved and discussed some of the young peoples ideas and view points. Members agreed with the views expressed and agreed to support the new UKYP areas of focus.

Big Lottery Fund Young Peoples Panel: Clare read out an e mail asking young people if they would be interested in applying to be on a grant giving panel for the big lottery 'My Space' funding. Some members were interested Clare took names and would send them the info via post/e mail.

Matters Arising:

D of E forms - Clare asked for registration forms to be sent in ASAP.

Alton Towers - Clare asked for any outstanding consent forms to be handed in.

Workshop - Members were invited to an arts workshop on Wednesday evening.

MP's Surgery: Clare explained that all three Members of Parliament had offered the Youth Council the chance to hold a joint meeting with them. Clare asked members for ideas/topics that they would like to discuss with the MP's. Members came up with a list, this included transport / interchange, education, community safety, young peoples facilities and the environment. Clare to send out invites to the session with MP's.

A.O.B: Clare to contact E4 Radio to see why they had not turned up and if they would be attending in the future.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 15th September 2008, 6-8pm Barnsley Town Hall