

Minutes Youth Council Meeting
14th July 2008
6-8pm Barnsley Town Hall

Welcome: Guest speakers Carol and Gareth

Apologies: Chris, Lizzie, Jamie, Becki M

Members Present: Ash T (Chair), Amy S, Jacky, Leanne, Charlie, Bec N, Shari, Beth, Sam M, Omar

Workers Present: Clare (YCC), Karen, Charmaine

Matters Arising:

Newsletter meeting - Clare asked if members would be available to attend the first newsletter meeting on 22nd July, quite a few interested members were away and asked if this meeting could be re-arranged. Clare to be in touch with a new date.

VAB Art competition and new building - Members were read an e mail from VAB, all members showed an interest and asked if a representative from VAB could attend a future meeting to discuss the proposals further. Clare to action this.

Safeguarding Children Website - Members were read an e mail from Emma B asking them to have a look at a new website about safeguarding young people, particularly the young peoples section of the site. A few members said they would do so and contact Clare/Emma with feedback.

Barn Drop-in - The barn are changing their drop-in from their base in town to community venues, members were asked if they had any suggestions for venues. Suggestions were to link up with Justeens, youth clubs (particularly Hickleton and Tankersley), parks, community centres and VIDA

Guest Speaker D of E: Carol from D of E explained the Duke of Edinburgh award to members. She went through the benefits, the level of commitment and how to register. Clare suggested this be an agenda item for the next meeting to give members time to think about what level they would like to do.

Guest Speaker Museums and Libraries: Gareth from Cannon Hall Museum ran a workshop with members to gain their views on various things. Discussion included the proposal of a museum in the town hall, what would attract you to a museum, the history of Barnsley, things that are good/bad about museums and what the ideal museum would be like. Gareth invited members to various activities taking place at Cannon Hall and suggested a youth council visit in the summer. Clare to arrange this.

Interchange feedback: Clare asked if any members had brought their concerns in writing, no members had. Clare reminded members that this was an opportunity to air their concerns.

Underpass feedback: Members were read an e mail from Cllr Bruff regarding the underpass proposal discussed at the last meeting. The e mail explained that if developed another access to the town would be created for adults. Members still didn't feel the underpass would be an appropriate place to develop as a young persons space. Members highlighted the need for indoor and outdoor space in the town centre. Members asked Clare to query the potential for other sites being developed for example the old Kendray St car park, space on county way so its near college, and the building where zero ice used to be. Clare to feedback to Cllr Bruff.

Tell us survey: Members were shown a copy of the survey they designed. All members filled one in.

Date of next meeting: 28th July 2008