

**Minutes Youth Council Meeting**  
**21<sup>st</sup> April 2008**  
**Barnsley Town Hall 6-8pm**

Apologies: Nathan, Emily M, Becki N, Amy W, James, Hayley.

Members Present: Shari (Chair), Tili, Omar, Amy S, Emily H, Ash B, Will, Beth, Hesi, Alaina, Jamie, Chris, Holly, Charlie, Sam M, Ash T, Sam H, Stefan, Lizzie, Jacky, Katie, Mica, Kelly.

Workers Present: Clare (YCC), Becci, Charlotte, Phil, Andy, Charmaine

Minutes: Ash proposed, Sam seconded, all members agreed.

Guest Speaker Cllr Burgess: Cllr Linda Burgess explained her role as Lead Cabinet Member for Children and Young Peoples Services and stressed the importance of involving young people in decision-making. Cllr Burgess also explained where people / parties sit in the Chamber, and how the full council operates. She thanked members for giving up their own time to get involved and to help move Barnsley forward. Cllr Burgess asked if Youth council meeting minutes could be sent to her so she could keep up to date. All members agreed, Clare to action this. Andy Fleming added that the Youth Council have been involved in lots of things and influenced a lot of change. Cllr Burgess suggested that the Youth Council and adult Councillors should meet up one evening in the town hall to get to know each other better and to share ideas. All members agreed this was a good idea.

Guest Speaker David Potts: David introduced himself as a consultant for the town centre development programme. He explained his role was to gather the general publics views about the town centre and its future and feed this back to the Urban Design Company working on the town. David presented lots of information and photographs of the town centre and asked members questions to gather their views. He then asked members to split into groups and flip chart their ideas about what is good and bad in the town and their vision on the future of the town. To finish David asked members if anyone would be interested in doing a follow up piece of work involving taking images in the town centre, quite a few members expressed an interest. Clare to action this.

Election of Leadership Roles: No election was necessary as only one member put forward for each position. Ash T Chair, Sam H Co-Chair, Beth Secretary. All members agreed.

Widening of membership: Other committed and enthusiastic young people have expressed an interest in joining the Youth Council. Clare asked if any members would have an objection to these young people joining the Youth Council up until the next election in 2009. All members agreed this was a good idea. All members voted in favour.

Presentation of Certificates: Members were presented with AQA certificates and Recorded outcomes.

Next meeting: Farewell and thank you celebration for Katie 19<sup>th</sup> May Barnsley Bowl