

Minutes Youth Council Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> July 2008

6-8pm Barnsley Town Hall

Welcome: All guests

Apologies: Shari, Bec N, Ash T, Sam M, Sam H, Tatiana, Amy S, Holly

Members Present: Osman, Beth, Mica, Tanya, Hope, Ash B, Charlie, Becki, Leanne, Jamie, Jacky, Chantel, Tili

Workers Present: Clare, Charlotte, Emma B

Minutes: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> July both minutes passed as a true record

Guest Speaker- Rosie Cole Scrutiny: Rosie gave members a general introduction to scrutiny and explained how the youth council can fit into the process. She asked members about the early evening economy in town centre; What would attract people to come into the town on an evening? Where do you go at the moment? Would you use town centre after 4pm one evening a week? Members discussed that they would like to use town centre if it offered facilities like the ones Meadowhall provides. Members raised the issue of young people not feeling welcome in town centre venues and about being moved on from places like the interchange etc. Rosie agreed to feed all the info back to the group working on this and to attend a future youth council meeting to let members know what is happening. Rosie gave members her contact details.

Guest Speaker- Dave Jones Homelessness: Dave explained the current situation for homeless post 16 young people in Barnsley. He explained that the 2 young people who were on trident had asked the issue to be put forward to the youth council. He talked about anonymous cases where young people had to be taken to B&B's in Sheffield / Rotherham etc. due to the lack of provision in Barnsley and explained the impact this had on the young people. He explained that BMBC were in the process of producing a strategy aimed at addressing this issue. However he had found no evidence that young people had been consulted. Members felt strongly that they would like to look into this further. Dave suggested the he bring young people to a future meeting to tell members about their first hand experience, members agreed this was an excellent idea. Emma agreed to look into who was responsible for producing the document and find out what had been done in relation to young people.

Guest Speaker- Aline Campaign Company: Aline introduced herself and explained her company had been hired to do research into sexual health in Barnsley and to come up with an effective advertising campaign. Members were asked their views about various issues, for example who do young people talk to about these issues, where do they get information from, what publicity and advertising to they find appealing, what methods are most effective.

Matters Arising:

VAB - Clare told members that VAB would attend the next meeting to give info about the art competition as requested.

E4 Radio - Clare read out an e mail from E4 radio asking members if they would like to be involved in a research project for the new E4 radio station. This would involve members being filmed and interviewed about the 'whats in and whats out' for young people at the moment. All members agreed this was a good idea. Clare agreed to invite them to the next meeting.

Cllr Bruff - Clare read out Cllr Bruff's e mail regarding town centre provision. Members agreed for Cllr Bruff to attend their next meeting and give them an update. Clare to invite Cllr Bruff.

D of E Paperwork: Clare asked members to get the DofE registration forms back in ASAP. Forms were given to members who didn't already have them.

Alton Towers arrangements: Clare told members the arrangements for the Alton Towers trip on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Letters would be sent out at the end of the week all members must send their consent forms back ASAP.

Date of next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008