

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

Members Present: Shari (Chair), Jamie (Secretary), Becci N, Aaron, Amy S, Hayley, Charlie, Holly, Osman, Brendan, Ash T, Beth, Becki M, Emily M, Emily H.

Workers Present: Clare (YCC), Dan, Emma B, Charlotte, Karen

Apologies: Will, Katie, Ash B, Sam, Stacie, Lizzi, Amy W, Omar

Minutes: Minutes from last meeting agreed and passed as a true record.

Matters Arising: Clare gave out a list of future dates of meetings and reminded members it was no official that their term of office would continue until march 2009. Shari asked members what their opinion was on the leadership roles on the youth council; should the current chair, Vice and Secretary stay in their positions for the remaining term or should the positions be re-elected? Discussion took place and members agreed to go away and think about this and it should be put as an item of next meetings agenda.

Logo: Clare explained that the voice and influence team were in the process of designing a logo. Members looked at the current design and some expressed an interest in designing a more suitable logo. Members were asked to bring any designs/ideas to the next meeting.

Votes at 16: Shari reminded members that the 'Votes@16' project was underway and asked members to encourage their schools to get involved. Clare gave an update on progress.

YOF project: Clare reminded members that YOF money would be available to apply for soon, any ideas for projects should be put on agendas for discussion.

Sustainable schools residential 11th -13th Feb: Members were updated on the residential, all members would be offered a place on the residential, clare to send out paperwork ASAP.

YAAG's - Dan and Charlotte gave an update on YAAG's and follow up meetings each member was given a list of dates for launches and follow ups. Emma B asked members if their area worker had contacted them regarding YAAG's etc some members raised issues about contact. Emma and Clare to address this with the team.

Town Centre proposals Meeting: Emma B gave invite letters to a selection of members to a meeting regarding youth provision in town centre on Monday 21st Jan / 28th Jan. Clare explained the importance of these meetings.

Barnardo's Voice and Influence Ambassadors' Service: Shari explained to members about the service and gave out a list of meeting dates for the community school councils project. All members were invited to the meetings in their respective areas. Shari asked members if the team could be invited to the next youth council meeting to share their work and build better working relations. All members agreed. Clare to invite them to next meeting.

Advertising: Shari showed members a brochure from Barnsley FC Community programme and explained they had approached us to see if the youth council wanted to advertise with them. The cost for a quarter page advert for 12 months would be £480. The magazine would be distributed for free in schools across the borough and on all match days. Members held a discussion regarding this, a suggestion was made that if the advertising was to go ahead it should be on the proviso that our advert was on the inside cover. The majority of members voted to advertise in the magazine. Clare to take this forward.

Workshop - UKYP Manifesto / Summary of Research findings

Our priority for 2008:

Clare asked members if they thought it was a good idea for the youth council to focus its work for the year on one or two key young peoples issues. Members agreed this was a good idea. Clare gave out a summary of all the research that had been undertaken with local young people in the last few years and also a copy of the UKYP manifesto based on national issues for young people. Members were asked to look at the documents in small groups and pull out some of the key issues for young people in Barnsley. Members were asked to take the documents away and think of two key issues they would like to work on based on the research findings. This item would be on the next few meetings agendas.

UKYP Gun and Knife Crime Survey: Members filled in surveys. Clare to send these off to the relevant people.

A.O.B: Sophie Sanderson Area 9 announced her resignation due to other commitments, all members congratulated Sophie on her hard work with the youth council and wished her luck for the future.

Date of next meeting: TBC