

Minutes From The Full Youth Council Meeting Of 29th June 2009

Minutes Taken By Christopher Hogg

Apologies-Hope, Shawnie, Gemma, Bev, Leanne, Stefan, Chloe and Nicole.

The council was asked to ratify the Minutes of the previous meeting on the 15th Of June. Hayley proposed the minutes were a true record and it was seconded by Joe.

No Matters Arising

Ashley the former chairperson and UKYP representative – Ashley has become a procedure group member or a PG and Karen asked him to attend the meeting to talk about his roles. He talked about how he joined the council in 2007 and the experience he has had up to the current point. He talked about how after his two years he was elected to become one of the 2 PG's for Yorkshire and the Humberside and how he has become a member. A PG or a progress ional group member looks over the annual sitting and has extra responsibilities in planning of what events and campaigns should be proposed and it is these PG's soul responsibility to do so. He rein formed the council that the council can come to Ashley for advice and for the opinions to be expressed to the UKYP. Karen asked about the impact the role has on his life and he told the council that it has given him the capability to put forward local issues and it has allowed him to build a passion for youth voice and developing young peoples future. Daniel asked what Ashley's greatest achievement was and he told the council that his visit to the House of Lords in 2008 was a highlight of his career and especially the work on the environment and the debate he had there. Ashley told the council it is a fun experience and that he would recommend the role and anyone wanting to take part. The council asked him to join us at Summer Carnival.

You're Area-The council was asked to break up into their schools asked to discuss points from their particular area including feedback from the YAAG conferences, what is happening around your area as well as issues and comments from the institutions Student Councils. Feedback from Area 1 the yaag group will be meeting tomorrow the young people in that area said there is not much to do in that area and also the student council at that school is not communicating with the council so the feedback from that area is entirely from the YAAG conference. Area 3 a person from the environment agency and how to improve the Park and some members from the Friends of Wombwell park, good turnout and the possibility of a youth shelter with CCTV protection. They raised money for Barnsley hospice from Y10 and the council would like to apply ofr funding for a London Trip. Area 4 talked about the location of clinics and information about that clinic and how the youth council are not allowed into the school to ask young peoples views. But the Area has not had a YAAG at the moment. The council debated that sexual health clinics are poorly advertised and how some schools refuse to advertise these clinics. Hayley commented how at Kingston there is a sexual health teacher and how you could possibly get some of this information from a representative in your own school. Daniel proposed how the youth council could look into the promotion of sexual

health clinics and how we could create a unified approach to the publicity across Barnsley. Shaun suggested that advertising the C card in school as to promote good sexual health and the council agreed wholly that we need to discuss and help ratify the problem about sexual health clinics being advertised. A vote was held and everybody voted to look more in depth. Area 5 was talking about getting a youth centre as well as promoting the summer programme which is held on the showground every Wednesday, no feedback from the student council because of lack of representatives. Area 6 said the YAAG was a huge success and that there was not much happening at Student Council or in the area and there is more things needed in the area for young people. No representation from Area 7. Area 8 had many suggestions including ice skating and skate parks and some elected members attended and supported the views of young people. There is not many buses running through Shafton so the elected members was to look at this problem. Area 9 had many points of improvement including how we was going to feedback the views of Darton Park, jobs were distributed in forming a report and this report will be fed back to the council and Friends Of Darton Park. Area 9 is applying for a notice board for young people and also a stall for young people will be made in Darton Carnival for young people to feedback views. Jake pointed out that the student council was not working with the youth council and that views were not being interpreted. The summer programme in the area will be very successful with only a few days not being covered with events including paint spraying and building projects. Alex from Greenacre said that the student council there is very pro-active and that there has been a number of things brought to the council including more buses and a bigger dining hall. Karen spoke about if we know about our local youth worker drop in and most of the council did not know about the date or times of these drop ins so Karen told the council that she would inform the council of these dates.

Karen came to the council as to ask about the Youth Council Budget. She told the council about a few types of charities including Barnardos and a group supporting ethnic minority groups. Karen brought up the problem that we do not have representatives from some groups including gay and bisexual group or young parents group. Karen asked that we should consider taking money from the youth council budget for a youth worker to represent these minority groups. .Karen pointed out that some of the budget goes to the BEMI group and if we were to support the notion the council would still have £25,000 left in the budget for the youth council. Karen pointed that there is a group of people but there is not a youth worker there to help them get their voices heard at this moment in time. A trial period has been proposed as to see if it would be a success or not. There was a unanimous vote in support of the cause.

Karen pointed out in the council's issue of open door the council has a full page article about the good work that is going on in the council and we are described as a dynamic and proactive council which the council was pleased to receive.

Councilors were pointed out that there is a meeting outside the Halifax Bank on the 4th Of July at 1:00PM to look around charity shops in town in preparation for the summer carnival as well as the council was informed that there will be a meeting on Tuesday the 7th OF July 5-7 PM for a meeting with Dr Tanner and to make final provisions for the

carnival. Karen informed the council that she has ordered the council some t-shirts for the Locke Park event on the 12th July for the council to wear. Alex thanked Ashley for attending the meeting. Alex spoke about attending the UKYP's first meeting. Alex spoke about Barnsley and spoke about the training that was given to the councilors. Free Running sport was discussed and how the YOF has supported in the development of the sport and how one of the member's part of that group has been liaising with a free running organization which will be in touch with the council. Karen spoke about the nominations of the spirit of Barnsley award and how Alex and Hayley both won a Spirit Of Barnsley award and both were congratulated by the council about both winning the award and the publication in the Barnsley Chronicle. Daniel told the council that he has won outstanding contribution to students life awards at his college and the award ceremony will be held at Barnsley Metrodome. Ashley thanked the council about their conduct tonight and wished the council well in their future work. Joe asked Karen if there has been anything heard about the Youth Mayor nominations but there has been no further developments.

No Other Business

Meeting Closed

Next Meeting 27th July 2009