

Minutes Youth Council Meeting
10/4/06

Members Present: Kieran Evans, Kimberley Smales, Megan Elliott, Brendan Emmerson, Ian Stanley, Shari Tindle, Ashley Bentley, Arash Afjari, Roy Johnson, Millee Barton, Samuel Beever, Amy Wordsworth, Kelsey Barratt, Jamie McGrath, Nicky Stubbs.

Workers Present: Clare Archer, Becci Scargill, Emma Baines, Janice Standeven, Charlotte Agnew, Stuart Green, Louise Bayne, Carol Guest, Karon Lovatt, Phill Lane.

Chair: Roy

Apologies: Lauren, Rachel

Minutes of last meeting: Agreed, no changes

Chair next meeting: Nicky Stubbs

Code of Conduct: Has been updated now contains attending meetings, Clare gave out 2 copies 1 to agree and sign and hand in 1 to take home.

Presentation from Nicky Stubbs: Plea to members to help raise money to fund a fundraising visit to Beijing, all funds raised on the trip will be given to the Bluebell Wood Childrens Hospice to fund places for terminally ill children. The money to fund the trip needs to be raised by summer 2006. Clare asked if members would like to do something at the Summer Carnival on 15th July 2006, Ashley proposed this as a way forward, Megan seconded, all agreed this as a way forward. Clare agreed to look into licensing etc
Janice also asked Nicky if he would like to do something in his own area, possibly at the summer festival, Nicky said this would be a good idea, Janice agreed to look into this.

United Kingdom Youth Parliament Election: Clare spoke about the role and responsibilities of UKYP reps. She also explained that we vote 2 reps from the Youth Council as they are a democratically elected body and that there can be up to 2 deputy places for the runners up. Clare asked the interested people to come forward, these were Arash, Nicky and Ashley. Clare explained that as only 3 people were interested we would only have one deputy place, this would be given to the person with the least votes. Each person then did a 1 min speech about why members should vote for them. Members then voted, Clare explained that each person had one vote and they must write the name of the person on the piece of paper provided. The first vote was counted and it was evident that someone had voted twice so the vote was void and members were asked to vote again. The results were in first place Arash, in second place Nicky and deputy Ashley.

Matters Arising:

Co-opted members - It was announced that the multi cultural youth committee had elected two representatives for the BME community to be co-optees on the Youth Council. These are Omar Amarov and Farhad Roshan, they will be invited to attend the next meeting and will be given all the same opportunity and voting rights as all other members.

South Yorkshire Police Advisory Group – SYP are setting up a young persons advisory group for South Yorkshire and young like 4 young people from the youth council to attend the first meeting on 16th May at the Lifewise Centre Sheffield. Clare explained that Zak from area 6 had already expressed interest so we needed 3 more young people, quite a few members were interested so put names in a hat: Kelsey Barratt, Roy Johnson and Shari Tindle were the names pulled out.

QDOS session – Clare reminded all members that the team building session was on 12th April 1-3pm at Barnsley library. Megan, Jamie and Kieran gave their apologies.

Advertising Request: Clare explained that an advertising company had been in touch to see if the youth council wanted to advertise on plastic carrier bags that would be given out with library books in Barnsley Libraries. Clare explained it would be £700 for the smallest advertising space and that the price increased with the amount of space, she also showed members examples of bags that the company had sent. Members held a discussion about this, looking at the pros and cons once everyone had aired their views a vote was taken, 4 members voted in favour of advertising on the bags and the majority voted against. Clare agreed to let the company know the decision and the reasons why. Members agreed that advertising was a major issue for the youth Council so asked if it could be an item for the next meetings agenda. Kieran asked if he would be able to do a small presentation on the subject to spark discussion. Clare agreed to action this for the next meeting.

Constitution Update: After discussions with members, changes to the number of members and looking at the new code of conduct, Clare explained that the Youth Council Constitution needed updating, as the meeting was nearly over Clare asked members if she should do the suggested updates and bring the new version to the next meeting for discussion and approval from members. All agreed as a way forward.

Feedback to Foundation Hospital Board: Becci explained that a health event for young people was held in Feb and the board would like some youth councillors to feedback the issues and points that young people raised at the event, Jamie, Shari, Roy, Ashley, Amy W volunteered to do this. Becci said she would contact members with dates etc.

Any other business: Clare asked all members if they could give their mobile numbers so that she could send them txt updates. Emma said she would give Participation workers numbers to members. Clare gave out diaries and a list of dates for all full youth council meetings.