

Minutes Youth Council Meeting
8th May 2006 Barnsley Town Hall

Members Present: Lauren, Amy B, Shari, Adam, Brendan, Omar, Jonathan, Zak, Ashley, Arash, Kimberley, Dan, Megan, Nicky, Amy W, Sam, Roy, Farhad.

Workers Present: Phill, Louise, Laura, Emma, Doug, Charlotte, Stuart, Becci.

Apologies: Rachel, Mitchell, Kelsey, Matthew, Daniell, Kieran.

Chair of meeting: Nicky

Chair of future meetings: June Amy W, July Adam, August Ashley

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed and passes as a true record.

Registration Forms: All members filled in a registration form

Skate event Presentation: Doug gave a presentation about the skate/music event the participation workers are organising for Sept this year, Doug explained the previous successes of battle of the bands and hard grindz skate event. He then explained how the youth council could get involved in the planning, organising and funding of the event, he then asked for members ideas. The following were suggested:

Djin/Mcin sessions

Ask other organisations such as Barn to come

Dance sessions

Fashion show

Various stalls

Football

Cricket

Half day for those into skate and rock/half a day for those into other things

Accessibility for young people with disabilities

A discussion then took place with members about putting some funding towards the event. Doug explained that £3,000 was needed to pay for the skate ramps and some of the cost for venue hire. All members discussed this and agreed they would give the £3,000 towards the event on the condition that they were given regular feedback about progress and were invited to take part in the day, Lauren proposed this and Ashley seconded. All voted yes to giving the funding.

Game: Phill played a game to give members a break after the discussion

Advertising discussion: Phill showed a video about some of the work the youth councillors had been involved on in area 9 he then explained how he used methods such as photo, film etc to advertise and raise the profile of young peoples work.

A discussion then took place around how could the youth council best advertise what they do? The following ideas were suggested:

Posters on buses

Mobile advice unit with loud speakers

Billboards

Flyers/leaflets about the youth council

Freebies with logo and website on e.g. pens, sweets, balloons

Advertise on large inflatables like the one above JJB

Constitution workshop: As agreed at the last meeting Clare brought along copies of the updated constitution, all additions to this were in bold, the members were asked to break into groups and look at updates and discuss if they agreed with all these and if anything else needed adding. After discussion it was proposed by Amy that all the updates were correct and this be passed as the new constitution, Brendan seconded this. All members voted for the document to be passed as the new constitution, no other updates were added.

TPAS Conference: Clare explained that a max of 8 places were available to the Youth Council to attend a weekend conference for young people at Peak Venture 2nd – 4th June 06.

Clare asked who would be interested in attending Lauren, Brendan, Shari, Roy, Ashley, Amy W wanted to attend. Emma explained that she would send these members all the info through the post asap.

Matters Arising: Clare explained about the involvement we would be having in the summer carnival and asked if a few members would like to be involved in a working party to help plan and organise the event. Brendan, Roy, Ashley, Amy, Farhad, and Omar volunteered.

Clare explained that the Youth council website was in the process of being updated, also that she was in the process of organising a summer trip to the Houses of Parliament, also that the first youth council sub group meeting would be taking place on 15th May.

Accreditation; Clare explained what accreditation is and how it can help towards getting college places and jobs and that all members would receive at least 1 accreditation for being a youth councillor.

Residential; The team building residential for the youth council will be at Peak Venture from 30th June-2nd July, Clare would send a letter out containing all the information asap. The residential is all about getting to know one another better, bonding as a team and having fun.

Any other business: Laura asked for 2 members to volunteer to be involved in Have Your Say consultation on 18th May, Roy and Brendan nominated themselves., Laura explained they would be given a voucher for their contribution. Laura explained about Refugee Week taking place 19th –25th June, she asked for members to try and attend some of the activities taking place.

Date of next meeting: 5th June 2006 6-7.30pm Barnsley Town Hall.