



<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2009</p>	<p>County Hall, Cwmbran in Committee Room 5, at 6:00pm - 8:30pm</p>
<p>1a.</p>	<p>Present</p>
	<p>Andrew Rhondda, Kaz Baty, Laurie Smith, Robert Gething, Katie Winter, Sam Granger, Courtney Gwatkin, Tom Reeves, Luke Kavanagh, Nia Jones and Nicola Samuel, Chris Pollard, Kierran Spiers, Dwayne Way, Claude Compere, Luke Delaney, Ryan Tinsley, Serina Dafford. <u>Staff:</u> Lesa Tuckwell, Mick Pearson, Matt Williams. <u>Visitors:</u> Tracey Thomas, Llian Norman, and Cllr Mary Barnett.</p>
<p>1b.</p>	<p>Apologies</p>
	<p>Abi-Louis Watkins, Eddie Weeks, Jessica Cornish, Jade Silver, James Bryant, Lucy Carr, Grant Coleman, Caitlin Prowle, India Peploe. <u>Staff:</u> Jan Bruton, Kim Jones.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Minutes of last meeting held on 30th April 2009</p>
	<p>Minutes were agreed.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Energiser- Chris Pollard</p>
	<p>Chris gave us all pictures of animals and asked us each to make the sound of the animal that we were and then get into groups with the same animal.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Secretary's Post</p>
	<p>Katie and Lesa had explained to the forum what was expected of the secretary and what they were meant to do. Nobody said that they wanted the post- Katie said she would do it and the forum agreed for Katie to be the secretary for the year.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Complaints leaflet</p>
	<p>Lesa had been given complaints leaflets from the Gwent Healthcare Trust to give out to everyone at the forum along with a questionnaire. Members were asked to read the leaflet and to see what they think of it and then answer the questionnaire. The leaflet that was given</p>

	<p>out at the youth forum meeting was on how to make complaints to the local NHS. And that the forum members could show the young people how they could make a complaint to their local NHS.</p>
6	<p>Street lighting- Chris pollard</p> <p>Chris asked the forum what we had thought about the lights being turned off and he wanted to see if we all agreed that it was wrong for them to be turned off and that if we agreed with him then what can we do about it. Cllr Mary Barnett said that the reason why lights are starting to go off is for the community to save money and that if we wanted the lights to stay on then we would have to lose money in other areas of Torfaen. Cllr Mary Barnett also suggested that maybe we should invite John Cumming to a meeting and have him explain why the lights are going out and ask him other questions and get some answers from him.</p>
7	<p>Leisure Facilities Feedback- Lesa</p> <p>Lesla had spoken to Sally about the leisure facilities and Sally had said to Lesla that it would be good to have 2 young people to come to their meetings and for them to give their opinion about the leisure facilities in Torfaen. Lesla came back to the forum and asked us what we thought about it and the forum welcomed the idea and also suggested for Lesla to contact Sally Church for further information about this - such as the purpose of the meetings, when the meetings take place, where the meetings take place etc. There was discussion about Sally herself attending a meeting in the future. The Youth Forum were extremely impressed with the quick response from Sally Church.</p>
8	<p>Training</p> <p><u>Croeso-</u> A Preventing Bullying workshop took place on Monday 18 May at 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Civic Centre, Pontypool. Nicola Samuel a TYPF rep fed back her experience from the training to the rest of the youth forum. The young people that did attend participated very well.</p> <p><u>Dynamix-</u> This is a Participation Training day being held on Saturday 30 May at Llanyravon Social Centre at 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Lesla had explained in the meeting what the day was going to be about. The feedback for this will be announced at the next meeting.</p>
9	<p>Sub Groups - Feedback</p>

Transport

It was agreed that the Transport meeting hasn't been arranged for a while and that there are exams going on, so after exams a meeting will be arranged.

Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP)

India, Abi and Seren attend the meeting on behalf of the TYPF they have a meeting coming up so will be feeding back to the forum at the next meeting.

Funky Dragon

At the moment funky dragon are sorting out a Residential for the members to attend. Kieran had gone up to Aberystwyth to explain what he does in Funky Dragon and what there aims are. Ryan is going on a residential with the management committee to help organise the AGM that is coming up in July 2009 We asked the forum if there were any issues that Ryan could bring up and these were; street lighting, transport and anti-bullying. Election for posts will be coming up in the next meeting for a School Council's rep, voluntary rep. Please have a speech ready for next meeting in June.

Local Participation Strategy (LPS)

Mike would like to thank everyone for the banner and that they had done a good job on it, he said that it was a good event. Cllr Mary Barnett wants to know if she can show off the banners. Further more Mike and Lesa want to meet the people that had made the banner so that they can add some writing to the banner about the participation standard that they had - it's your choice.

Trip Sub-Group

The trip has now been decided which is going to be Alton Towers. Ryan and Lesa had thought that with there being so many new members that maybe before we go to Alton Towers that we do a team building activity with an over night stay. Ryan and Lesa had prepared a little survey asking us which dates would be good for the team building over night stay and the Alton Tower trip. The young people who were not present at the youth forum meeting will be sent this out in the post.

Anti-Bullying Committee Torfaen (ACT)

	<p>The reps for this are Caitlin and Jade they attended their first meeting where they got a taste of what the meeting would be like. The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th June so in the following meeting we look forward to receiving feedback from them.</p> <p><u>Anti-Bullying</u> They had a meeting and discussed about the leaflet and the website and they gave their opinion about it. Sarah also says if you know of any anti-bullying pictures for the website then please let Sarah, Lesa and Sam know.</p> <p><u>School Councils</u> Lesla has not contacted the schools yet and she does apologise for that but Lesa will be sending every school an email identifying who is the lead person for school councils, once this has been established she will make contact with them asking when they meet, where, when they meet and how often.</p>
10	AOB
	<p>Mike and Cllr Mary Barnett would like to thank everyone who helped with the interviews and said that they were very pleased with what the young people were doing and that we had a lot of good feedback WELL DONE EVERYONE!</p> <p>Nicola is a rep from sea cadets and was wondering at first if she could read the newsletter out to the forum, showing the forum what they did but we thought it was better if they came in and told us or even showed us.</p> <p>Statement of educational needs conference Wales Gareth Jacobs NYAS Co-ordinator had taken Andrew Rhonda and Jessica Cornish to Cardiff to attend the Statement of educational needs conference Wales. Gareth said that there was an excellent turn out and the young people represented themselves and the Torfaen Young Peoples Forum in a positive light. Gareth issued certificates on behalf of NYAS to the young people involved. Andrew said that it was a good experience.. An up-date of this will go in the children and young people's partnerships newsletter.</p> <p>Ground rules Andrew suggested that at the beginning of each meeting that we go over the ground rules for 5 minutes just so that everyone knows about them.</p>

	<p>Full council</p> <p>Lastly Cllr Mary Barnett said that some of the older members of the forum can now go to a full council meeting and ask a question. She says that the question that we ask must be answered and the people at the council meeting must have a straight answer. If you would like to go to the next council meeting then please let Lesa know. The next meeting is on 30 June. LESA MUST KNOW 7 DAYS BEFORE THIS OR YOU CAN'T GO.</p>
11	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>
	Thursday 25 June at 6-8.30pm at Blaenavon Workingman's Hall

Name: Katie Winter - Secretary

Date: 28 May 2009