

Youth Liaison Minutes November 13th 2012

Present

Rev. Rob Axford, Cllr Jackie Cartigny, Mark Lovell, Cllr John Cordwell, Cllr June Cordwell, Sarah Watts [representing Wotton Community Sports Fund], Peter Wilson, Sharon Bates, Lynne Harris

[1] Apologies

Steve Miles, Peter Glead, Mary Hutton, Rev Tom Wharin, Ken Tucker, Cllr Paul Hemming

[2] Minutes of the meeting of October 2nd and matters arising

Name of youth centre

Jess has discussed this at length with the Youth Forum and it has been decided that the name will be displayed on the outside of the youth centre as Wotton Youth Centre.

Preparation for the opening of the Youth Centre

The group wished to thank Mark Schofield for all his help and technical assistance with the health and safety checks, furniture removal and general preparations for the opening of the new centre. The group also expressed their thanks to Mark Lovell for his work on the purchasing and preparation of the new IT equipment for the centre.

Presentation of Cheques

As agreed at the meeting in October Mark Lovell had organized the presentation of the cheques from the Committee for the Big Lunch and St Mary's Church at the Youth Centre. A report of this event with a photograph was in the Gazette. Several members of the Youth Liaison Group were able to attend this presentation ceremony to express the thanks of the group to our benefactors and explain how the donations will be used.

The minutes were agreed to be correct

[3] Activity in the Town

This has been a quiet month. There has been some damage at the old factory at Potters Pond. The Community Police are liaising with the site owner about this.

Both Halloween and November 5th celebrations were quiet and good natured/

The person who has been living in the bus shelter has been taken to hospital with pneumonia. This person may return to the town after leaving hospital but will be offered more appropriate accommodation.

Graffiti has been sprayed on walls at the Civic Centre and the wall at the playing fields.

Mark Scofield has removed the graffiti. It was suggested that these areas could be the focus of the outreach work to be delivered by the new youth work team from Young Gloucestershire.

[4] Financial Report

This report gave information showing that

In the General Fund

- A potential balance of £14,743 with £5,191 already banked

In the Building Fund

- Income to date of £6267
- Planned expenditure of on building costs, TV and 3 new PCs of £7,525

This gives an overall potential balance from the General Fund and the Building Fund of £13,686

There is also an additional £570 which is the money which Wotton will receive from the 4 Youth Fundraising Scheme organised by the Gazette in the Summer.

Lynne reminded the group that the invoices for the building work paid for by the Youth Liaison Group are needed urgently so that copies can be sent to the Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum and the Windsor Trust. These should have been sent with the final reports which Lynne had sent to these funders for October 31st.

Action Lynne will contact Glenys about these invoices

[5]Up-date on Centre Readiness and Youth Work Delivery

June was concerned that the official opening of the youth centre is only 3 days away and there are still sections of the centre which appear unfinished e.g the painting of the front of the coffee bar counter. It had been agreed between the Youth Forum and the architect that the counter front would be completed by the young people using a design and colours of their choosing, but it was agreed that this may look better for the opening if painted.

Lynne has purchased and installed all the crockery and cutlery in the kitchen.

Mark Lovell has purchased and installed 3 new PCs with appropriate IT safeguards systems set-up.

All the materials in the office for the general sessions have been stored in labelled storage boxes. Mark Schofield has moved the desk into the office.

Action Jackie will e mail Glenys re the readiness of the centre to ensure that everyone has the same understanding of what needs to be completed by Friday November 16th.

Lynne explained to the group that Young Gloucestershire have sent an agreement for completion for use of the building which is incorrect in several respects, mainly with reference to who is responsible for the insurance.

Action John will discuss this with Glenys as the agreement is between Young Gloucestershire and Wotton Town Council.

[6]Up-date on SOSYP

Lynne and Glenys had met with Vix and Luke from Young Gloucestershire to introduce them to the youth centre and give an introduction to the Wotton area.

Vix and Luke are impressed with the resources and facilities which are available for youth work in Wotton.

The days, times and duration of the sessions they have offered for Wotton youth work do not fulfill what had been originally outlined by Young Gloucestershire. Currently they are making available one outreach session and one centre based session per week, both on the same day, each of 1.5 hours duration. These sessions will be on a Tuesday which will clash with the meeting of the Youth Forum who also meet at these times in the youth centre.

Lynne and Mark have discussed this along with the cost of the work. The group agreed that there is a discrepancy between the expected youth work delivery and what is being offered for the cost of the sessions which is £12000 per annum for Wotton.

Action June, Jackie, Roger, Jess and Lynne will go to the SOSYP meeting on Thursday November 15th, which is the first monitoring meeting with Young Gloucestershire, to discuss the concerns of this group re the costs of sessions, the duration of the sessions and the fact that the evening for the sessions is now Tuesday and not Wednesday as originally stated so creating a clash with the Youth Forum meetings in the centre.

[7] AOB

Old Centre

The old youth center has now been sold.

Logo

The logo designs were discussed and the design which is blue with a simple lettering was selected. It was agreed that the colour had to be blocked and not merged with shading around the individual letters. The words 'Wotton Youth Liaison' to be turned through 180 degrees so that the writing is horizontally placed on the page making it easier to read.

Report from Sue Hunt

Sue was ill and unable to attend this meeting but had sent a comprehensive report on the preparations for the opening of the youth centre on Saturday November 17th.

The Gazette will send a reporter and photographer.

Points West, HTV and Stroud Corporate Communications have been informed of the event. There poster around Wotton and in the main shops.

The Chipping Club Room has been hired from 10am for refreshments and somewhere for people to meet if it rains.

The official opening will be at 12 noon by June Cordwell.

Sue thanked Pete Roberts for his work on the design and the printing of the invitations and posters for the opening of the youth centre.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday January 8th at 7.00pm in the Rushmire Suite at the Civic Centre .

If you do not wish to receive copies of the minutes of future meetings of the Wotton Youth Liaison Group can you please let Lynne Harris know of your decision.

Signature of the Chair

Date