

Wotton Youth Partnership Minutes 9th January 2018

Present: June Cordwell Chair, Paul Barton, Terry Luker, George Butcher, Pat Comer, Colin Daley, Liz Ellis, Steve Miles, Henrietta Goodall, Jess Jenkins, Karen Dover, Sharron Bates, Catherine Braun, Richard Hale.

1. **Apologies:** Sarah Watt, Paul Hemming, Chris Young, Ken Tucker.

2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 7th November were approved.

3. **Treasurers Report:** At Bank, £8,060.38. Restricted Funds £3081.46 and unrestricted funds £4978.92. Full report attached to the minutes.

4. **Funding bids:**

a) **Mental Health and Wellbeing:** A formal letter has gone to Steve Miles informing that we will be the bankers for the grant of £5,600 and have given our banking details. A formal letter has gone to the Town Trust asking permission to convert the music/store to a consulting room which will be decided on Monday 16th January.

b) **Bearlands Play Area** request for more money: We have already given £500 as a start up and said we would consider more later. They have nearly reached their target, but need money to purchase a children's balance beam to complete the Play Area. **The committee voted to donate £754.00** and commented that this area of the town needed support.

c) **Wott-ON donation:** £152.80 has been given to us by Katie Elliot which will go towards the purchase of football shirts for Wotton Rovers Juniors. £106, the residue of the GCC Activity's Fund Grant for sport, will be added. The Committee voted **to give Wotton Rovers up to £400 for the shirts.**

d) **Heritage Intergenerational Grant update:** Paul Barton had contacted Head of History at KLB, Kim Medcroft, through Sharron Bates, and found her very enthusiastic about the project. A meeting has been arranged for 10th January.

5. **Youth Forum, Youth Centre and Outreach:** The Youth Forum one-year contract with Participation Partnership has finished. The Forums are now being handled in house i.e. by SDC Hear by rights officer Steve Miles. They may organise some more Edge Fest events. They want to work on other projects including feeling safe (solar lighting on the footpath down to KLB?). Also, the farmer has not yet cut back his hedge bordering the footpath, use of the Library and Cinema and would like to come to a Town Council meeting. These are 15 to 18-year olds.

Youth Centre: 15 young people attended last night, and it was a good session, as was pre – Christmas, when they decorated the Youth Centre. No outreach because of the weather. Renishaw have given £300.00 for a journey to match with Erasmus European Funding, to team up with Croatia. Young people involved with the bid planning.

6. Activity in the town: Neighbourhood Warden Lisa Ellis, said it was quiet at this time. She was impressed with the balance of activities. A question was asked about drug use, but she had no information. Drugs were about, but the police did not give out much information. She would ask the police to give a presentation to us or organise a public meeting.

Pat Comer of Lions said **Lions** were concerned about litter so on 4th March they will be litter picking from Kingswood Road up to beyond the OK Footpath. Youth leaders present wanted young people to help.

7. Reports from other youth providers: On the 17th December the **Junior section of the Dramatic Society** produced a Christmas Carol at Under the Edge Arts.

Jess is to put up a notice board about "What's on in Town".

The Door is doing well.

The Baptist Church "Pulse" has lots planned for weekends away. They have helped with the latest 'Parc' tree planting.

KLB is offering the Fitness suite to their students from year 10 upwards for £10 a term. They are supervised by an instructor who gives advice on health and exercise. Some are moving on to spinning and dance etc.

8. AOB: Jess is attending '**LINK UP**' at the Fire Station. Her involvement is Mental Health This is for 16-25-year olds.

Planning and Strategy at SDC are asking young people to have a voice in in the future Local Plan.

Paul Barton explained that he was hoping to have half plots at **the allotments** for young people.

Dates of next meetings:

February 27th and 17th April