

**Wotton Youth Liaison Group
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 15 October 2013
Civic Centre 7.30pm**

Present: Mark Lovell, Jackie Cartigny, Sarah Watt, Jess Jenkins, Paul Hemming, Ken Tucker, June Cordwell, John Cordwell, Ben Rollins PCSO

Everyone introduced themselves to PCSO Ben Rollins

1. **Apologies:** Lynne Harris, Rob Axford, Steve Miles
2. **Minutes and matters arising:** Minutes were agreed and signed.
Matters arising:
 - 3.2 Website – Paul has set up a website. Committee thanked Paul for rapid work.
ACTION: Mark to send Logo, text, minutes and agendas to Paul for inclusion.
 - 3.3 Petty Cash – matter closed
 - 5.1 Finance – Maximum centre user numbers gone to Vix via Glenys.
 - 5.2 Handbook – This is now with the Youth Club
 - 5.3 Update – to go to all who have donated to YC saying what has happened and where we going. **ACTION:** Mark
 - 5.4 Additional possible funding from WTC youth work budget – **ACTION:** June to research budget position on this. **ACTION:** Mark to contact Clerk/Yasmin to raise issue.
 - 6.1 Reports for AGM – done.
 - 6.3 Kingswood attendance **ACTION:** Mark to contact Kingswood Clerk
ACTION: Jess to ask Simon if outreach work will be done in Kingswood.
3. **Update on new service provision:**
The contract was signed on 14 October 2013 by WTC and Youth Services. First new Thursday session will be 31 October 2013 from 19.00 to 21.30. There are now to be 2 open sessions one Tuesday, one Thursday. Youth Forum meets once a fortnight. Outreach is weekly. Young Gloucestershire delivers Realising Potential sessions each Wednesday. The Quakers are now using YC for their young people's session on Sunday mornings.
4. **Activity in the Town:**
Ben Rollins reported that things have improved since the summer holidays and they continue to work with specific young people. Lots of calls received about YP skate boarding outside YC and those who were congregating near Blue Coat now in the Chipping. Some gather on field in Kingswood, and biggest problem is litter. There are some up Old London Road and in KLB car park and Synwell playing field.
Jess: 20 YP turned up to last Youth Forum meeting. Committee to check The Voice of Wotton Youth on Facebook. YP feel they have nowhere to go and nothing to do. They would like to fund raise, have a water fountain outside YC, have a youth shelter on land behind fire station and hold a stall at the Christmas Fair. A coffee and cake morning, meet and greet with residents is planned, date TBC. Ben was invited to attend. A town litter pick is planned – **ACTION:** Jess to contact Janet Walshe for ideas and SDC Environmental for equipment and Peter Gleed, new Warden, for support as required.
5. **Update on Skate Park**
Sarah: Consultation with YP continues and **ACTION:** Sarah to attend YF meeting on Monday 28 October at 19.00 at YC.
The Skate Park specification is being written to send to 3 companies for tender and will include ideas from YP as to design and content. The overall cost is estimated to be between £85-90,000, of which we already have £37,000. Thanks to June and WTC for recent addition of £18,000, 106 money. We continue to apply for funds and would encourage all YP interested to do as much fundraising as possible to increase their feeling of ownership and

participation in the project. There is no lighting in the planning permission nor in the budget, but is something we will look at in the future.

6. Financial Report:

5.1 Grant of £13,000 to WTC who will place the contract with agreed provider.

5.2 Funds now remaining - £1,300 and we will need £10-11,000 by November 2014.

ACTION: June to ask Andy Poole re possible funding.

We agreed that we need a coherent fund-raising strategy – the next meeting will focus on ideas around fund-raising. **ACTION:** Mark to ensure focus in the agenda.

6. Curry Night Fundraiser:

Phil Sullivan has agreed to organise and be MC early next year. **June** will do tickets, the same cooks to be used as last time, **Paul** will organise Kingswood Village Hall and the food, **Jess** will help, and Youth Forum. Meeting to be held at The Star to begin organisation.

7. Any Other Business:

7.1 There are posters in YC and One Stop Shop for the Convention for Young People at Stroud Leisure Centre.

Date of Next meeting Tuesday 26th November 2013 at 7.30pm in Civic Centre. **ACTION:** Sarah to book the room.

Meeting ended at 8.47pm.