

**Wotton Youth Liaison Group
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 26 November 2013
Civic Centre 7.30pm**

Present: Mark Lovell, Jackie Cartigny, John Cordwell, June Cordwell, Sarah Watt, Jess Jenkins, Steve Miles, Sharron Bates

Visitors from Youth Forum (YF): Jess Fisher, Ben Maudsley, Joss Beeley

1. Apologies: Lyne Harris, Ben Rawlins, Rob Axford, Tom Wharing, PC Gleed, Paul Hemming
2. Minutes and Matters Arising: Mark welcomed visitors.
 - a. Jess clarified that there had not been a request to have a youth shelter behind the fire station, but she had only inquired who owned the land.
 - b. Litter Pick – still under discussion.
 - c. Website – Paul has set this up and it is ready to go live. It currently contains committee documents. ACTION Jess to contact Paul to set up a link to YF.
 - d. All those who have donated to Youth Centre have been updated with all developments and plans. Also appeared in Gazette.
 - e. Extra possible funds WTC: Mark has spoken to Yasmin.
 - f. Kingswood Young People attendance at YC: Jess and Simon to meet Kingswood PC. Date TBC.
 - g. June asked Andy Poole and money not available to Youth Centre. WCSF were put into contact with PCC/SDC for potential Skate Park funds.
3. Financial Report:
 - a. Written report presented - very little activity - £1,000 in bank – new services have begun – one more invoice due for Youth Worker (Jess) for October. June proposed we accept the report, Jackie seconded, all in favour.
4. Activity in the Town:
 - a. PCSO Ben (by written report) there has been a significant increase in petty vandalism around Chipping/Star/Cinema. There is plenty for YP to do in Wotton and so little excuse for it. ACTION Jess to discuss with Ben.
 - b. Is problem with 18-25 yr olds? Needs a different solution.
 - c. Youth workers working with YP and less happens on nights when YC in operation. Youth Forum researching where people live and where YP hang out and where outreach needs to happen. Jess asked who cleans YC and how often ACTION Jess to ask Sue, new Town Clerk and copy Mark into email.
 - d. Neighbourhood Wardens: no report. ACTION: Steve will discuss.
 - e. Youth Centre: Jess – Seeing increase in numbers at weekly Thursday sessions. We seem to be seeing a slightly older age profile at the Thursday sessions compared to Tuesdays. Vix and Jess working together to reduce duplication of offer. Tues, Wed, Thurs are weekly.
 - f. YF is every other Monday and numbers have increased significantly over last month. Steve Miles praised the Youth Forum work and how well it is going. As information - The minutes of the District Youth Council (DYC) are on YF website. Each local YF can have 4 reps on DYC – contribute to decisions, sign off on grants. ACTION Steve to report on DYC at future meetings.
 - g. Tree planting: At Youth Centre on 12 November a weeping willow was planted to remember two young people killed in a car accident. It was well planned and carried out and June and John had been made to feel very welcome. Rota for care and a plaque planned. Gardening Club gave advice and were delighted to have been asked.
 - h. YF Teas. A meet and greet planned and advertised for Saturday November 30 at YC to let local people get to know those who use YC.

- i. Christmas Fair: 11-4 Sunday 1 December YF have a stall – half proceeds to Youth Liaison and half to skate park.

5. Fundraising:

- a. Historically, TLG has had much success with fund raising but regular funds needed to keep providing services. For Oct 2014 we'll need £11,000 to maintain service. NB this assumes that Stroud will fully fund Youth Forum.
- b. Curry night:
- Venue = Kingswood Village Hall on Friday 9 May.
 - Ben's mother could possibly help – ACTION Ben to send details of her website to Jess to forward to committee.
 - Last year's caterer booked.
 - Price - £18 a head, no alcohol included.

Plans proposed by Mark, seconded by Jackie, agreed by all. June asked for all unwanted Christmas presents to be given to raffle. There will also be an auction.

- c. Wotton Town Council: £21,000 had been put aside, £6,000 not needed so put into reserves. They are unsure about future budgets and grants and so we should continue with fundraising efforts.
- d. Fund Rising Planning:
- All to collect ideas
 - Town Hall coffee morning or Town Hall Teas ACTION June to contact Janet.
 - All to ask other groups in Wotton – how do they raise money?
 - Donors identified:

SDC Activities Grants,	Lions	Churches	Eco Tricity
SDC Youth evelopment	Round Table	Lottery	energy companies
Michael Stone	Ladies Circle	Magnox	supermarkets
Gazette for Youth	Masons	Ikea	PCC
Renishaw			

- To be approached after Christmas.

- e. Collection boxes ACTION June to order some.

6. Skate Park: Bid made to SDC Youth Development Fund for £5,000. 3 more to be done in December for PCC, and 1 from Coop. Lighting being discussed, but do not wish to delay project. Planning permission would be needed for lighting and youth shelter Sarah had made monthly visits to YC and once to YF. SDC have been extremely helpful, as had June, with applications. A gang from Leyhill is to clear current New Road footpath down to Renishaws. Specification ACTION Sarah to send a copy to YF when ready.
7. Collection boxes. See 5civ above.
8. Any other business: Mark asked YF members if their visit had been useful and if they had any questions. They said it had been useful and interesting.
9. Date of Next meeting : Tuesday 14 January at 7.30pm. ACTION Sarah to book room.

Meeting ended 9.12pm.