

Wotton Youth Liaison Group
Minutes from Tuesday January 14th 2014
Civic Centre 7:30pm

Present: Mark Lovell, Jackie Cartigny, June Cordwell, Sarah Watt, Jess Jenkins, Sharron Bates, Pete Wilson, Jess Fisher, Ben Maudsley, Joss Beeley, Mary Hutton

1. Apologies: Rob Axford, Steve Miles, Ben Rollins, John Cordwell, Paul Hemming, Lynne Harris

2. Minutes of the meeting of November 26th and matters arising:

- 2.1 (4a) Ben Rollins has visited Youth Centre twice to liaise and most YP know him.
- 2.2 (4c) Cleaning being done and June asking for increase in hours.
- 2.3 (5.b) Ben's mother unable to help out with Curry Night – it would require a fee.
- 2.4 (5.d) June has arranged for committee to do Town Hall Teas on Sunday 10 August. **ACTION: all make or provide cakes, help on the day, supply prizes and bring a brace.**
- 2.5 (5.e) Collecting tins – There are some in YC, some need to go into shops. Label needed. **ACTION: Mark to make label**

3. Financial Report:

Mark presented written report. Thanks to YF for £100.73 received from coffee morning. June Proposed we accept report, Jackie seconded, all agreed. Committee thanked Mark for all the work he is doing.

4. Activity in the Town:

- **PCSO (Ben)** Report via Mark. Some of the more problematical young people are being dealt with individually – they do not attend youth centre. Lots of officials working together and the cold, wet weather helps.
- **Community Warden (Pete)** Nothing further to report.
- **Youth Centre (Jess)**
 - **Open session** – Jess reported that as there had been no open session on Tuesday, there were 57 at YC on Thursday. There are 6 YP being trained to become volunteers at youth centre, and also have a waiting list. June reported that long term solution for working together with Over 60s club is looking good.
 - **Youth Forum** – Jess reported that 4 YP from YF go to Stroud District Youth Council meetings – 2 voting and 2 deputies. The YF meetings supervise and set rules themselves. Volunteers are also being trained to help with Outreach work and will have either badges or clothing to identify them as junior volunteer youth workers.
 - **Outreach** – June reported that Kingswood PC have money for field based summer events to be held in conjunction with Wotton and provided by YCS.
- **Coffee morning and Charities Fair (Jess)** – The coffee morning and charities fair were very successful, both for fund raising, and in fostering community relations.

5. Report for WTC on first two months of YCS contract – This item was taken at the end of the meeting after Jess and young people had left the meeting.

Mark presented written first quarterly report to meeting and recommended that we continue with provision. Both Simon and Jess praised for their work. Committee agreed and this will be presented to next WTC meeting.

Action Sarah to write an article for Directory

6. Fund Raising for YLG – June reported that the Curry Night will be held on Friday 9 May at the Blue Coat School. There will possibly be some dancing as entertainment. Forms being prepared for alcohol licence. June asked for raffle prizes and promises of gifts of time for promises auction as a matter of urgency.

7. Skate park – Sarah thanked the Young people for their donation to skate park funds from coffee morning and praised their efforts. Good progress made on obtaining access to land for pathway, and funding for skate park and lighting are being applied for. There are new members on WCSF committee so more to help.

8. Collection boxes – see 2.5 above

9. AOB

9.1 June had found papers from 2006 setting out what we hoped to achieve and most had now been done. She praised the efforts of the committee in getting so far with their plans.

9.2 Jackie reported that there was £5000 from SDC to fund outreach available but there had been little interest. Could this be used in Wotton?

9.3 Youth Council. It was thought that there was a lack of career advice for 16-21 year olds and a survey was going out to all schools in the district to pin point problems. It will be reported back on.

9.4 Jackie asked if Jess could attend SOSYP to represent Y Forum and Jess agreed. Jess and Vix are working well together on fund raising and other issues.

9.5 Future funding and remit of SOSYP were discussed.

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 25 February
 Tuesday 1 April
 Tuesday 13 May
 Tuesday 1 July

Sarah to book Civic Centre

Meeting closed at 8.55pm