

**Wotton Youth Liaison Group
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 13th May 2014
Civic Centre 7.30pm**

Present: Mark Lovell, Sarah Watt, Ken Tucker, June Cordwell, Jess Fisher, Sue Hunt (Synwell Playing Field)

1. **Apologies:** Ben Rollins, Steve Miles, Pete Wilson, Paul Hemming, Simon Gillings, Rob Axford, Tom Wharin, Jess Jenkins, John Cordwell, Paul Barton
2. **Minutes of meeting 1 April 2014 and Matters arising:**
Labels – Mark has this in hand
Skate board designs and meeting at Youth Club – young people independently chose Wheelscape as their preferred design. Article to appear in Gazette in May and Directory in June. Snowdon Bike ride has raised £1,735.92 so far with more coming in. WCSF total now almost £49,000 towards £80,000 needed.
Beaumont Square – letter gone to residents, but no reply so far.
Plants for front of YC – Sue recommended hardy plants such as lavender and rosemary.
ACTION Mark to ask Jess J to contact Sue Hunt.
County Councillor money – no news yet. (Post meeting – June advised that application forms will be available on Council website from 1 June.)
3. **Finance Report:** Mark distributed accounts. After discussion, Sarah proposed we accept report, seconded by Ken and agreed by all.
4. **YCS update:**
Fundraising: Jess F – YP had visited shops on High Street for raffle prizes and vouchers. Simon has a list of what has been received. **ACTION:** YF to do a quiz to put on table to be done during evening.
Outreach: To be done in Synwell.
Friday Art: Gone well, but YP do not stay long.
Incidents: No issues in Chipping reported recently and YP being much more cooperative. Police still visit regularly. Looking for activities for back garden.
5. **Skatepark:** PCC bid result will be in June. Meeting for Entrust bid 20 May. There is room next to Skatepark for informal football, and eventually to build a BMX track.
6. **Activity in the town:**
Synwell Playing Field: Sue Hunt: There has been a great deal of vandalism recently with police and Neighbourhood Wardens being called. Items have been destroyed and lots of smashed glass put under swings and slides. There is no caretaker so clean up is left to committee. The young people there are not part of the Youth Club and Outreach work would be most welcome. Pitches would be free to use. **ACTION:** Jess and Mark to talk to Simon.
Synstock: Saturday June 14 at Synwell Playing Field. £5 per table. Please advertise.
PCSO: A PCSO v Young People Pool Tournament has been arranged.
7. **Fundraising:**
Grant applications – **REPORT from Mark**
ACTION: June to contact Ellie at Windsor Trust.

Curry Night – Friday 13th June – June has emailed 36 people and we should do well if all who have asked for tickets buy them and turn up. **ACTION:** June to do posters and distribute. Prizes for raffle and auction coming in well, but **ACTION:** All, please let June have any more you can provide. **ACTION:** All – keep selling tickets
(**Post meeting** – June asked all to remember Town Hall Teas on 10th August. Cakes and help on the day needed).

8. Any Other Business:

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st July 2014

Mark thanked June for all the work she is doing to organise the Curry Night. Also, thanked Jess and YP for visiting shops.

Ken Ken Tucker, Wotton Scout Group President and WYLG committee member gave a status update on the Wotton Scout Group. He reported that Scouting was as popular as ever, both locally, nationally and worldwide, with local Group numbers still increasing 10% 'year-on-year'. He added that whilst there had been a significant reduction of those on the waiting list, they were aiming to reduce it further. However, this depended on a few more volunteer coming forward to join the fantastic leadership team. As part of the Group's planned growth, a third Scout Troop was started at the beginning of 2014 and the total membership was now 124 youngsters and 35 leaders. Wotton is the third largest Group in the County, which considering the size of the Town, was quite remarkable.

As the Scout Hut was already being used by the Scout and Guide Groups twice a night, the growth meant they now needed to rent additional accommodation. This additional expense was planned for in the 'start-up cost', but could not be sustained in the mid to long term. The Group were therefore looking for additional premises to purchase.

Mr Tucker reported that Rene Nibbelke, the Group Scout Leader, was standing down after 7 years and a replacement was being sought, though features/advertisements in the Gazette and Wotton Directory etc. Responsibilities for this important role included leader recruitment, engagement of leaders, parents and youngsters and plan/implement the vision for the Group's continuing success, in line with Scout Association guidelines. He asked that if anyone knew a possible replacement to contact Mr Nibbelke on 07712599372 or email on gsl@wottonscoutgroup.org for an informal discussion.

June – Committee asked to complete form regarding Community Plan and return to her as soon as possible.

Mark – advised that he will be resigning as both Chair and Treasurer at our AGM in October and we need to think about succession planning. **ACTION:** Item to be on next meeting agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm