

**Wotton Youth Liaison Group
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 23rd February 2016
Civic Centre 7.30 pm**

Present: Katie Elliott, Wendy Davies, Jess Jenkins, June Cordwell, John Cordwell, Rachel Pratt, Steve Miles, Sharron Bates, Sarah Watt. Karen Dover from 7.45pm

1. Apologies: Ken Tucker, Tom Wharin, Rob Axford

2. Minutes of the meeting of 10th November 2015 and matters arising:
The minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising:

- a. Katie welcomed everyone and introductions were made
- b. All bid information is now gathered and being actioned by Katie
- c. Youth Shelter – Katie talking to Wotton Fire Station about use of site for shelter and meetings. The shelter previously discussed at Brimscombe no longer exists.
- d. Letter to parents being prepared.
Letter to everyone involved in youth provision in Wotton has been sent.
Sam Failes – Manager of Sports Centre – very interested in getting involved.
Kick Off Stroud – Sharron negotiating details for summer holiday activities – years 8-12 and from 9am-3pm
KATIE Calendar of events to be prepared – the following extra contacts were discussed: Baptist Church (25-29th July), Sarah Jane New Generation Dance, Synwell Park, Library, Scouts & Guides, Ruth Osbourne Dance School, Holy Cross Church, Youth Centre (YC), UTEA, St Marys, Boxing Club, United Reform Church, Young Quakers, Hockey Club, Wotton Rovers, Cadets, Wotton Pool, Bead Shop, Craft Centre, One Stop Shop, WFW Trust.
- e. Kingswood Parish Council Grant – **on going with Katie**
- f. Music equipment at YC – most of this is obsolete. Paul Barton to see if Berkeley could use it.
- g. Article for Directory – **on going with Jess**
- h. Meeting with Sue Bailey – communication going well
- i. Safeguarding training – **on going with Katie**
- j. Changes to format of meeting – refreshments greatly appreciated.

3. Funding bids

KATIE To write reports for successful funding bids – on going now Katie has all relevant information.

KATIE To ensure good procedures are in place to ensure reports are written on time in future.

4. Financial Report

£7,062.88 in bank less £3,857.13 ring fenced for bids - £3,205.75 left to spend.

WYLG is here for all the youth community.

Senior Guides and 2 Guiders are going to Eastern Europe on educational tour and

want to come and talk to committee on return in Autumn. Committee agreed to allow £120 towards trip – proposed by June, seconded by Katie, agreed by all.

JUNE to follow up

Wendy suggested we set up a Hardship Fund to help any young person who cannot afford to take part in any activities. **WENDY** to prepare draft of letter – we would only promote activities if we were happy with funding, DBS checking etc.

5. Youth Forum, Youth Club and Outreach update

YC is quiet, but ideas and opinions are being sought.

Clubs and Groups Fair to take place in Town Hall on 30th April organised by WTC and Katie. WTC have replaced pool balls and given a small cooker/hob, and a new table tennis table. New area in over 60s room and at the back are being used.

KAREN – to contact Sue Bailey re possible new equipment for Baptist Church Youth Group. Jess feels that communication needs to improve amongst those who work with young people in the town. **Sharron to work with Jess.**

Katie suggested a celebration of young citizens should be established, with an awards ceremony, a certificate etc – Pride of Wotton. Young people to be nominated and we should help to foster a culture change towards young people in Wotton. It could be connected to an existing event – Christmas event, a music event etc.

6. Activity in the Town (Rachel reported early as had to leave)

Rachel gave handouts with contact and availability details. Visits to Youth Centre underway and Rachel will also be able to help out at local events.

7. Skate park, path and site developments

Only £7,920 to raise to get to £95,000 target for the safe path.

We have launched our new plan and will be using a questionnaire at future consultation events. Planning and funding are underway for BMX tracks and children's play area. New bid being prepared for 3rd all weather pitch, club house and changing rooms.

Sarah to pass WYLG thanks to WCSF committee for work they are doing to create Wotton Community PARC

8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 23rd March – **NOTE** Wednesday not Tuesday Tuesday 19th April

Sarah to book venue.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Annual Parish Assembly to be held on 22nd March. **KATIE** to present report.
- b. Stroud District Youth Work Network Event – Wednesday 16th March at the Museum in the Park. 9.45-3.30pm
- c. Wotton Dramatic Society, Junior Section present Romeo and Juliet on 18th and 19th March.
- d. Playing Out Scheme – as in Bristol. Hently Tor interested – any other areas of the town? District Council can facilitate. Cadets could help.
- e. The committee thanked Katie for taking on the Chair and leading such a positive meeting.