

**Wotton Youth Liaison Group
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 19th April 2016
Civic Centre 7.30 pm**

Present: Katie Elliott, Wendy Davies, Sarah Watt, Paul Barton, Terry Luker, June Cordwell, Paul Hemming, Ken Tucker, Karen Dover

Visitors: Deb Maers, Jodie McTeer, Jane Pettitt from Bearlands Play Area Group

1. Apologies: Jess Jenkins, Steve Miles, John Cordwell, Rob Axford, Tom Wharin, PCSO Rachel Pratt

2. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd March 2016 and matters arising: Minutes were agreed and signed.

ACTION Points

Covered seating/Youth Shelter. WCSF are very happy to have a sheltered seat and would like it to be wooden to fit in with other seating planned for the site. Placed near the skate park and BMX tracks it would probably only be used by young people, but we would like to feel the whole park is open and accessible to all. WCSF passed on their thanks to WYLG for offering to fund this. Our proposed Men's Shed project and/or Cotswold Wardens could possibly build this, having consulted with Young People on design.

At this point, our visitors arrived and the following was discussed:

Our visitors are trying to form a residents association to improve the provision of play facilities for young children at play area near Bearlands/Pitman Place/Hill Road.

Communications have been difficult, but hoping to organise public meeting to discuss. The current equipment needs refurbishing, there are boundary and litter issues and further equipment is needed. WYLG suggested:

Visitors meet with Sue Bailey and Paul Smith and attend the next Town Council meeting

Bank account could be opened through Recreational Trust

Katie could work with group to access a Barnwood Trust Small Sparks Grant

Succession planning needs careful thought

Stuart Strathearne from SDC could take on the maintenance

An annual inspection and insurance would be required

WYLG could possibly hold some ring-fenced funds

Funds will soon be available from the Recreational Trust via Jeff Walshe

Constitutions and policies can be found on the web

The visitors were congratulated on their efforts and left the meeting at 8.15pm.

Heritage project. Ongoing **ACTION**

Youth Café. Sue Bailey asks if we can do some fundraising to support from September.

ACTION

Cinema Fund. Not yet open **ACTION**

Jubilee Fund. About £800 will come to us for Youth Projects

Summer Activities. WYLG is to pay for printing of insert in Directory. Moira is pleased to help with design.

Kick Off Stroud to organise activities 1st and last week in August – multi skills for 7-12 year olds and Football for 12+ - both in both weeks – 9am-3pm - £13 per day per child. £1,006 to be spent on this.

ACTION: Sharron also organising a regular day each week for a community picnic and will report to John Cordwell.

Sports Centre is organising a weekly rounders tournament each Tuesday evening for friends and families.

Katie is compiling a list of activities. Synwell assault course suggested. Fire service and cadets to develop an event.

Wotton Bowls Club. Saturday open mornings – everyone welcome.

Rotary – there are free activities at the Sports Centre

Residential. Simon is getting back to us.

3. Funding bids

£750 with no restrictions to be spent on 1-1 counselling for mental health. **ACTION** Katie and Karen to consider who to approach. The model needs to be robust and secure. **ACTION** Katie to talk to Rhiannon and Jane about best way forward.

4. Financial Report

No change since last report from Wendy.

5. Youth Forum, Youth Club and Outreach update

No report this meeting.

6. Activity in the Town

There have been incidents of aggressive behavior and car damage at the Full Moon which police are dealing with. **ACTION:** Katie to contact The Door for possible out reach work in July and August. WYLG could possibly fund some, also the Police, PCC and High Sheriff. A pilot project to be done to determine need. Karen to assist with outreach.

30th April – Clubs and Groups event in Town Hall and Club Room. **ACTION.** Katie to gather more information about activities in the town and add to calendar.

7. Reports from other youth providers in town

WCSF. Tenders have gone out for work on safe path and hope to begin work July/August. BMX Tracks. Both have been marked out and materials being gathered.

Looking to provide refreshments on site each Saturday once September sports re-start and parkrun event in place. Suggested approach Falcon Inn, Mike at Fish out of Water and the British School for leads.

8. Any other business.

8.1 June distributed a copy of a report on Local Democracy for Young People.

8.2 It was noted that the summer activities were very sport orientated. Need to highlight more arts and crafts.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th May 2016