

**Wotton Youth Liaison Group
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 6th September 2016
Civic Centre 7.30 pm**

Present: Katie Elliott, Jess Jenkins, Sarah Watt, Claire Bounds, Steve Miles, Paul Barton, Ken Tucker, Karen Dover and from 8pm Sharron Bates

1. Apologies: June Cordwell, Rob Axford, Rachel Pratt, Paul Hemming, Terry Luker
Introductions were made to welcome Claire Bounds from The Participation People

2. Minutes of the meeting of 9th August 2016 and matters arising: Minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Cost of flowers for Moira now claimed

Bank statements not yet with Katie – on-going

TSB – no contact yet – on-going

Shelter – Katie proposed that £1,500 be added by WYLG for the base and construction costs to the £4,000 already pledged. Seconded by Paul and agreed by all. **ACTION: Katie** to speak to Sheriff Office. **ACTION: Sarah and Sharron** to research possible builders

Summer Programme: Katie has paid Ken for delivery Assessment of its effectiveness

ACTION: Katie to contact all activity providers for feedback.

3. Funding bids

There are no funding bids submitted currently. SDC Youth Development and Youth Activity Fund are now open and **ACTION: Sharron** to explore for spin classes for young people to combat obesity. Police and Crime Commissioner Fund, Glos CC through John Cordwell and Comic Relief also open

There is £1,000 from Recreational Trust for Mental Health Project

£1,200 for Simon to run a residential training session for youth centre volunteers. **Action: Katie** to contact Simon.

£3,000 for Youth Café received. WTC received £422 from WYLG for this.

Simon had not been successful in his bid for funds for Mental Health Project, but we have £1,750 for MHP to be spent over this winter.

Jess has consulted widely with young people about what method of delivery would be best and what criteria should be used, and this has started many on-going conversations.

ACTION: Jess and Katie to discuss with Simon.

Heritage Project: Jess has found slow response from young people and Paul has had little response from posters and Facebook. **ACTION: Paul** is to meet with Janet and Jeff Walshe to discuss. **ACTION: Katie** to talk to Wott-ON members: **Sharron** to ask at KLBS: **Paul** is working with Gazette: **Claire** to talk to Youth Forum: **Paul** to send posters to Sharron, Karen and Ken: **Paul** to talk to Ali Leadbetter at UTEA: **Jess** to send her email address to Paul. The project needs to be on-going by March, or the money spent.

4. Financial Report

£900 sent to Sport Wotton for summer activities

£95 spent on distribution for Summer Programme
£20 for flowers for Moira

5. Youth Forum, Youth Club and Outreach update

Youth Forum - Claire: There are 9 active areas locally, and there are 4 young people interested so far from Wotton. First meeting will be on 16th September, and PP working with The Door at Youth Café on Fridays. Recruitment suggested through Facebook, newsletters, The Directory, KLBS

There are peer education courses available and a survey of 5,000 young people in Stroud District taking place. **ACTION:** Katie to send our survey done 2 years ago to Claire. Campaigns will then be run, picking up on whatever issues come out of the latest questionnaire.

Youth Centre – Jess: The summer programme was well received, there were 4 Thursday drop-in sessions held and the 4 organised excursions were well attended. Jess is currently carrying out an evaluation.

The Youth Centre still needs a sign to identify it. **ACTION: Paul** to speak to Sue Bailey

6. Activity in the Town

ACTION: Katie to contact Catharine re Bearlands

See written report from Rachel Pratt attached.

The up-grade of the toilets in Rope Walk has begun

7. Reports from other youth providers in town

WCSF: parkrun will begin before Christmas on the Community Parc

The Door – a Christian based group, are running the Youth Café and Karen is volunteering with them term time every Friday 3-5pm. James Honey from The Door to attend WYLG

ACTION: Sarah to add to minutes distribution list

Scouting begins this week and family camp in 2 weeks.

Cadets – current efforts to encourage them to become part of WYLG so far unsuccessful.

8. Any other business.

Chair: Katie, due to work commitments, will be stepping down as chairman and treasurer in November and replacements will be required. **ACTION: All** to give this much thought. The committee expressed their regret at losing Katie, but wished her all the best for the success of her future projects.

Meeting ended at 9.01pm

Date of next meetings:

October 4th, November 1st, December 6th