

**Wotton Youth Liaison Group  
Minutes of Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 4th October 2016  
Civic Centre 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Katie Elliott, June Cordwell, James Honey, Steve Miles, Ken Tucker, Terry Luker, Paul Hemming, Sarah Watt, Karen Dover

**1. Apologies:** Jess Jenkins, Rob Axford, Paul Barton, Claire Bounds, Rachel Pratt

**2. Minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and matters arising**

**Minutes** Approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

**Shelter-** High Sheriff agrees that we can keep the £1,000 as we have full funding and the project has begun. John Pinch has produced design drawings (circulated) and costings, is preparing planning application and will submit once approved by WCSF. Also interested in making benches and picnic tables. Quotation for installing base is being prepared.

**Summer activities providers** – Katie will contact

**Spin classes** – These have now begun

**Residential** – Ongoing with Simon, Jess and Katie

**Mental Health Project** – We match funded £750 from GCC, so £1,750 to spend. Jess is talking to young people about how best to plan this project. Committee agreed to fund Jess to continue her research and also prepare peer education work as a pilot and then apply again to Stroud. We have to report within 12 months on money already with us.

**Heritage Project** – Jeff Walshe has offered to manage the Heritage Project. The bid refers to “young people” so all young people in Wotton are eligible, including youth centre, schools and churches.

**ACTION** – Katie to talk to Sue Bailey and ex Wott-On project people.

**ACTION** – June to talk to Jeff.

It was agreed that we need to recruit new members to the committee.

Katie introduced James Honey from The Door. James currently works with Cam, Dursley, North Nibley and Wotton youth centres, plus Youth Café on Fridays with Karen. Made good contact with KLBS and now working regularly with pupils. Would like to work with youth centre to become more inclusive and increase numbers generally. The Door has a team working a day a week on community profile and hopes to celebrate what is already happening and to develop new projects.

**ACTION** – Katie to send James results of Wott-ON questionnaire

James offered to prepare a draft bid to fund detached outreach work which would be submitted from WYLG. Accepted, with thanks

**3. Funding bids**

Situation is the same as for September.

**4. Financial Report**

The money is in from SDC and we now have funds to cover all current projects.

**5. Youth Forum, Youth Club and Outreach update**

**Youth Centre sign - ACTION** – June to talk to Sue Bailey

**Report from Claire Bounds – Participation People** – Claire and Molly are working with KLBS and meeting WTC on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Young people are being asked what they like about living in Wotton, and what they would like to see improved and campaigns are being

prepared. Also a district-wide consultation is taking place and results will be available next year. A main theme is that young people would like to feel safe in their area and Claire working to discover what that means to them.

**Steve** reported that, as Jess has done a considerable amount of work on mental health issues among young people, the Clinical Commissioning Group and other providers of health issues support could work with Jess and WYLG to work towards Wotton becoming a “mental health/Champion” town. Committee agreed this would be an excellent project, and Katie offered to take part.

**ACTION** – Steve to set up a meeting.

(Ref – On Your Mind – Teens in Crisis websites.)

## **6. Activity in the Town**

**Steve** reported that Rachel continues to work well in the town and her written report can be seen in the One Stop Shop each month.

## **7. Reports from other youth providers in town**

**Scouts** – All groups continue to thrive.

**The Door** – Volunteer mentors needed and youth workers, with training taking place at the end of October.

**WCSF** – Work has started on the safe path which is due to be completed by 5<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting. The first parkrun will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am – all welcome.

## **8. Any other business.**

**Future of WYLG** – Katie is to step down as Chair and Treasurer in November. June suggested that new Councillor Andra Proctor, who will take John Cordwell’s place on WYLG, could be asked to be Treasurer. We still need a new Chair and new general members.

Steve - The work Katie took on as Chair was extremely complex with regard to projects and funding and she should be highly commended for excellent outcome – the committee whole heartedly agreed.

**Projects** – Residential training – Simon : Heritage Project – Jeff : Shelter – WCSF :

Outreach – James : Mental Health – Jess and Simon

Our focus should be on all youth providers, not just youth centre – we are an independent group and bring others together – formal meetings to be every 2 months, with informal meeting at varying venues in month in between.

We should only apply for a grant when we know there is a need; when we have a distinct project in mind; when we have a project manager

Should we change our name – suggestions – Network Youth, Partnership Youth

We need publicity, and to check our terms of reference

**ACTION:** Sarah to put website address in the minutes [www.wylg.btck.co.uk](http://www.wylg.btck.co.uk)

WYLG AGM to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December and public to be invited.

**ACTION:** Ken to let Sarah have contacts for all Scout leaders

## **Date of next meetings:**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** – an informal meeting in The Star with other youth work providers

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – AGM and a normal committee meeting in Civic Centre