

**Wotton Youth Liaison Group**  
**Minutes - Bi-monthly committee meeting**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
**Civic Centre 7.30 pm**

**This was immediately following the 2016 AGM**

**Present:** Katie Elliott, Sarah Watt, Paul Hemming, Steve Miles, Rachel Pratt, Jess Jenkins, Paul Barton, Terry Luker, June Cordwell, Andra Proctor, Ken Tucker  
**Visitors:** Moira Buist, Bob Hughes (Lions), Pat Comer (Lions), Colin Perry (Lions), George Baker (SDC), Catherine Braun (SDC)

**1. Apologies:** Sharron Bates, James Honey, Karen Dover, Rob Axford, Claire Bonds, Jeff and Janet Walshe, Martin Clarke, Ali Lidbetter,

**2. Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016:** The minutes were approved and signed. Proposed by Katie, Seconded by Ken, Agreed by all.

**and matters arising:**

**Heritage Project: ACTION:** Katie to speak to Sue Bailey and ex-Wott-ON Project members, and to send results of previous Questionnaire to James Honey.

It was confirmed that Wotton Youth Liaison Group should transfer the necessary funds to WTC to purchase the equipment needed for the Heritage Project. Proposed by Katie, Seconded by Ken and Agreed by all.

Katie thanked June for liaising with Jeff Walshe, who is now to take on the running of this project. Katie also thanked Terry and Paul B for all the work they have put into setting up this project so far.

**Youth centre sign:** WTC felt that young people's designs had not been specific enough. Jess asked for a clear brief from WTC and **ACTION:** to resend designs to WTC. **ACTION:** June to ask for this to be on next WTC agenda. Steve suggested we ask Emma Grove Designs to work with young people on their ideas to produce a professional sign. Katie suggested £250 be paid by WYLG for this. **ACTION:** Katie to contact Emma re costs and time. **ACTION:** June to include question of necessary planning on WTC agenda.

**Mental Health Project:** Steve reported that the Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch and SDC Health and Wellbeing Officers are all keen to work with WYLG. Next step is to work out how these groups can best support this community in their aim of becoming a Mental Health Support town.

Katie is working with Mary Cook, a volunteer in The Ark coffee shop, who has set up Time Out, a drop-in session for people with mental health issues, using a grant from Barnwood Trust. Next meeting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 12.30-2pm and all to spread the word.

Chris Sweet from Trust in You group is organising mental health First Aid training and is looking for office space in the centre of town.

Change of name for WYLG: Following previous discussion, it was agreed that the group should now be known as Wotton Youth Partnership. The name on the bank account does not need to be changed. **ACTION:** Paul H to update website.

Steve commented on the excellent template that WYLG has developed and that it is now being copied by other groups in Gloucestershire.

**3. Funding bids:** See Treasurer's Report from 2016 AGM.

**4. Financial Report:** See also Treasurer's Report from 2016 AGM.

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

**Residential:** Jess reported that the WYLG funded residential weekend had taken place last weekend in the Forest of Dean and had been a great success. It was for 13-16 year olds interested in volunteering to help run sessions at the Youth Centre.

Numbers attending regular sessions at Youth Centre during the week are steadily increasing, and there are posters going up in town to encourage more.

**Youth Forum:** Steve reported on behalf of Claire, who had also sent a written report.

Claire's report: 'We now have six regular members of the youth forum who are all really engaged and looking forward to developing some activities for young people in Wotton.

They have settled on the idea of creating some music events for the young people of Wotton, to be held in Under-The-Edge Arts. At the next meeting the manager will be attending, so that the young people can ask her some questions and begin planning the events. The group are looking to hold six events across six months, with each event featuring two local bands. The forum have settled on the name 'Edgefest' and are looking for the event to be available for young adults from 14+.

If any Wotton Youth Liaison Group members are interested in supporting the group in any way or looking to hear more about it, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with either Claire or Molly'

Steve's Report: YF covers Wotton, Kingswood and Charfield and meets at the Youth Centre about every two weeks. It is a very positive and high energy group, who are not always the same young people who go to the Youth Centre sessions. There are up to 10 young people involved and their aim is to work with others in the community to become positive and active citizens within the community.

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

Rachel reported that a lot of work had been done, together with Mark Lifton who has replaced Ben Rollins, in some of the troubled areas of the town and things were already settling down. Rachel has been promoted to Senior Officer and will be based more towards Stroud from February.

Ken praised the work that Rachel has accomplished and the very positive effect that she has had upon the town since she began her work. The committee whole heartedly agreed and thanked her for all her efforts and the positive difference she has made.

Synwell is hoping to install a youth shelter and some adult exercise equipment and asks for help and suggestions. Steve suggested that young people should be involved in the design of youth shelter to promote responsible use.

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

Catherine reported that Bearlands and the Pitman Place play areas have begun development and would also appreciate some input. **ACTION:** Jess to liaise with Catherine re project done with young people about their ideas. Bearlands project has already received over £2,000 in funding and pledges, and will know by January what support SDC will be able to give.

Moira suggested that the Round Table are always very helpful, as are the Lions.

**WCSF:** Sarah reported that the new safe access path to skate park is now open and being well used. The base for the youth shelter is now in place and shelter should be built by end of January. The tenders for proposed BMX and pump tracks are expected back soon, when funding will be sought. The Lions have very kindly sponsored the purchase of a defibrillator for the “parkrun” event, which is to be fixed on site and will also be for general use. Extra seating is also being purchased through a sponsored scheme. **ACTION:** Sarah to send out details of the scheme.

**The Lions:** Pat Comer presented their aims and objectives, which include working in the area of mental health through TACaid. See attached information sheet.

Although they have so far had little success in working with KLBS, their aim is to continue to try and become so good that they cannot be ignored.

Colin Perry agreed to become Admin on Wotton Youth Partnership (WYP) Facebook page.

**ACTION:** Katie to add him to list.

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

**Steve:** Round 3 of funding is now open with SDC Youth Council, with deadline of 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Paul B:** Thanks to Steve for his help in facilitating the granting of funds for Heritage Project.

**Ken:** Proposed that final £950 be given to Simon Gillings for completion of project, with the proviso that a full breakdown of figures be supplied to WYP by Simon. This was seconded by Katie, and agreed by all. Simon also to produce an invoice.

**Katie:** Catherine, Moira, Pat, George, Ali, Martin and Andra all to added to email list for minutes and notifications. **ACTION:** Sarah

**Wotton Multi Sports Club** needs more publicity to boost membership. **ACTION:** All to spread the word.

**Website:** For next agenda: What other links can we add?

#### **Date of next meetings:**

Informal	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm in The Star. Ken to book space.
Formal	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm at Civic Centre. Sarah to book.
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