

Minutes of Wotton Youth Liaison Group
4th November 2014 at 7.30pm
Wotton Civic Centre

Present: Phil Sullivan – Chair; Katie Elliot – Treasurer; Sarah Watt – Secretary; John Cordwell – WTC; June Cordwell – WTC; Claire Galbraith – WTC; Jess Jenkins – Youth Forum; Sharron Bates – KLB School from 8.40pm

Visitor: Steve Bullock – University of Gloucestershire – to observe

1. **Apologies:** Rev Rob Axford, Rev Tom Wharin, Steve Miles – SDC, Charlotte Philogene, Paul Barton – WTC

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Youth Centre Building(YC) – Senior Guides have asked for a booking. **ACTION** June to ask Sue Bailey to keep a log of bookings in Google Docs and to give Youth Leaders access.

The YC office is used by everyone and needs sorting out. **ACTION** Phil to invite Vix, Jess, WYLG to meet.

Potential use of Over 60s club is progressing. Currently with WTC.

3.2 Activity in the Town – Beaumont Sq and Symn Lane garage – Notice was to have been served on owner. Letter received from resident. CCTV is aimed at YC and Police want to put mobile CCTV in Symn Lane at entrance to Blue Coat School.

ACTION: June to coordinate discussions between school and Andy Poole (SDC County Safety Officer.)

3.3 Youth Centre activities – Gardening & litter picking & Art Exhibiiton still in hand. Picnic Table and Bench made by Young People (YP) now installed at back of YC.

Mental Health – Youth and County Services – InfoBuz – to support Charlotte in her work. Group sessions every other Monday are planned and 1to1 meetings.

Bins – cigarette bin now installed at back, but further one needed at front.

Parking sign – now gone. **ACTION** Jess to phone Ben Rollins and discuss, then to report back to June who will report to Sue.

3.4 Katie has completed the Youth Survey as part of the Wott-on project and report is in progress. 68% responded they felt safe or very safe in Wotton, 68% felt they were treated fairly by a range of ages, but 84% said they did not feel they had a say in local matters and did not necessarily feel valued or listened to. Many said they would not go to the YC and felt they had nowhere to go, like a youth shelter. Funds had been received from SDC Youth Development Fund and the High Sherriff of Gloucestershire is taking a great interest.

There are lots of project ideas - use of the Town Hall on Friday evenings; film nights at cinema; cooking tuition are some of them.

John invited YP to speak to WTC for 10 minutes at next WTC meeting. **ACTION** Jess to coordinate

Phil would like to bring other agencies in the town to work with all youth groups.

3.5 Claire reported that SOSYP – a group of Dursley, Cam, Wotton and Berkeley youth groups – needs to renegotiate contract at its end in August 2015. There is SDC funding to do outreach for a music project in the spring with a Showcase Concert in the Easter Holidays. This has gone out to tender to Young

Gloucestershire and World Jungle. Katie suggested that Claire apply to Gloucester Music Hub for funding.

3.6 John reported that the Glos CC Active Together scheme had received 110 applications and approved only 17, of which Wotton Skate Park is one. There are now further funds available – speak to John for details.

Glos CC Road Safety Partnership is doing an event for year 12 and 13 pupils on driver safety at KLBS week beginning 9th February, with more planned for the future.

4. Steve Bullock reported that he is doing a PhD looking at how counties have responded to Youth Service provision. He is mapping and comparing what is happening in Stonehouse and Wotton. He will report back at end of project and thanked the committee for letting him attend the meeting.
Gloucestershire Market Town Forum has asked for Steve to talk to them **ACTION** June to liaise.
5. Phil thanked the committee for their work in getting this far and reported that he is getting to grips with all that he has to know and to do. The finances and the contracts are looking good and performing well.
6. Jess has applied to SDC Youth Development Fund **ACTION** Phil to ring Steve Miles.
7. Funding – **ACTION** Jess to check on High Sherriff funding with Simon. **ACTION** June to send list of potential funding bodies to Phil and Katie who will meet to discuss funding and how best to include YP in process.
Curry evening to be repeated this year. Phil is taking part in a stationary cycle ride from John O’Groats to Landsend and had done Cotswold Way in the past to raise funds. An 11 day, 174 km walk along Offa’s Dyke planned for next year and sponsors needed.
The Wott-on project is doing some fundraising and will give some to YC.
8. Date of next meetings: Tuesday 27th January and Tuesday 24th March 2015.

Meeting ended at 9.15pm.