

Wotton Youth Liaison Group
Minutes
Tuesday March 24th 2015
Civic Centre 7:30pm

Present: Phil Sullivan, June Cordwell, John Cordwell, Sarah Watt, Ken Tucker, Sue Bailey, Jess Jenkins, Katie Elliott

1. Apologies - Robert Axford, Tom Wharin, Sharron Bates, Ben Rollins, Paul Barton, Paul Hemming

2. Minutes of the meeting of January 27th 2015 and matters arising:

2.1 John Cordwell had sent apologies for previous meeting and did not receive a copy of the previous minutes. Minutes amended and Sarah to check mailing list.

3. Membership of the group – Phil

3.1 Roger Wyse and Mark Lovell to be removed from list.

3.2 Committee asked to seek new members

4. Funding bids – Phil

4.1 The High Sheriff's money has been received and we need a project to spend it on.

ACTION Jess and Simon to discuss and choose a project.

4.2 GCC Active Together money not received.

4.3 Jess and June to complete reports for Steve Miles on how previous money was spent.

4.4 Phil to continue to prepare more bids.

Submitted so far: Renishaw, Freemasons, Vernon Jotcham.

To pursue: Lions, Round Table, Glos Community main grant, Red Nose Day.

June will ask Wotton Town Council.

Sue reported that WTC is retendering for a Youth Provider from September 2016/17 for 2 sessions for 32/34 weeks. Core money needed for youth work, and fundraising needs to cover project work. June reminded committee that Phil is doing a sponsored walk in May and more sponsors are needed. ACTION Sarah to send form again with minutes.

5. Financial Report – Katie

5.1 Katie is stepping down as Treasurer.

5.2 SDC £5,000 now all spent, we have received £250 from Waitrose. WYLG holding £1,000 for a shelter for young people. Suggested positions – At Youth Centre, Up Adeys Lane near benches, at the Skate Park or where Browns Piece meets Water Lane.

5.3 Only John can currently sign cheques. Phil proposed that June and Ken be added as signatories, seconded by Sarah and agreed by all.

5.3 June has signed us up with TSB for a competition to get funds and volunteer help.

6. Youth Forum, Youth Club and Outreach update – Jess

Volunteer training and food hygiene training done.

InfoBuz to work with young people in need, whatever that may be.

YF Graphic Designer + Wott-on – funded by SDC for YF branding/logo/stickers/hoodies.

Jess, Katie, Sarah and Tara meeting re skate park path 4.30 on Thurs at Youth Centre

Simon and Jess working with student reps at KLBS and Jess and Ben Rollins to go in to do a police surgery.

YF concerned about path and road. Sarah – WCSF have asked Glos CC for help with hedge cutting, temporary warning signs and road safety awareness courses and visits.

YF have done consultation in North Nibley – report being prepared.

Jess - Simon asks “Who has the Youth Voice money?” John found £3,870 in papers. ACTION – June to look on bank statements and Jess to pursue with everyone.

Query whether it has gone to WTC.

7. Wott-on report – Katie

Katie asked for clarification as to the purpose of the Wotton Youth Liaison Group. After discussion it was agreed that it currently has two roles:

1. To be a forum for all providers of youth services in all forms within Wotton and the surrounding areas, including Youth Centre, Police, all schools primary and secondary, Wotton Town Council, Scout and Guide movements, Wott-on, WCSF, Neighbourhood Wardens, Youth Forum, Cadets, Churches and any other group which provides any service to young people.
2. To fundraise for all youth project work outside the funding provided by the Wotton Town Council now that Glos CC no longer provides funding for youth work.

There was concern over conflicting bids being made by different groups in the town. Jess reported that the PCC wants bids from all aspects of youth need and they will decide which ones to fund.

Phil wants everyone to work together for all young people.

ACTION Sarah to draft a form for all groups to fill in as a report for the meetings – these can be circulated for those unable to attend the meetings to ensure all have latest information. And Katie to contact all groups to ask for a rep and to ask for a regular report.

Katie will not continue Wotton-on project after July, but will do some intergenerational work with Dryleaze House.

On 14th February at the Town Hall the Wott-on project raised £600 - £200 for Youth work/skate park, £200 for Action for ME and £200 Bristol Children’s Hospital.

The first Youth Café in the Town Hall was held on Friday 1st March with 33 11-20 year olds, 5/8 adults and Youth Forum volunteers.

First film screening will be held on Friday 24th April - £3 – Men in Black 3 as young people’s choice. It will be monthly if successful.

8. Activity in the Town – Ben/Pete

8.1 Sarah reported that Ben had said incidents of anti-social behaviour had recently reduced in the town by about 50%, and John agreed – 86 incidents in 13/14 and 42 incidents in 14/15.

9. Skate park – Sarah

The Opening Ceremony had been well attended and £650 was raised towards the safe access path being planned by WCSF to allow all to reach park and whole site without using the path along New Road.

WCSF discussing hedge cutting, reduction of speed limit, temporary warning signs and road safety awareness talks and visits with Glos CC. Also planning to increase parking area by gate to avoid cars blocking entrance and reducing visibility.

Sponsor a Yard of Path scheme has already raised over £2,000 and £10,000 has been raised in total. ACTION – Sarah to send Sponsor a Yard of path form and ask John and Trish Claridge if we could use their windows for total money raised so far display.

Katie and Jess offered to help with recycling the waste from skate park bins and Jess to ask Steve Miles about possible money for recycling bins.

10. AOB

10.1 Jess – The pool table is still useable, but slot mechanism and exit tube are broken.

ACTION – Sue to investigate. Jess asked if a flat covering surface could be purchased.

10.2 June – Vix sent email to June re DJ equipment and its future use. The contents inventory has been done.

10.3 Jess – There is animal excrement on artificial grass at YC. ACTION – Sue to arrange for removal and detection of where animal getting in.

10.4 Jess – The WiFi at YC is very slow. ACTION – Jess to use website to check speed and June to talk to Mark.

10.5 June – Curry Night to be held on a Friday in October. ACTION – June to check out Blue Coat and arrangements.

11. Date of next meetings

Tuesday 23rd June and Tuesday 15th September.