

Wotton Youth Partnership
Minutes – Bi-monthly committee meeting
Tuesday 7th February 2017
Civic Centre 7.30 pm

Present: Katie Elliott, June Cordwell, Sarah Watt, George Butcher, Jess Jenkins, Andra Proctor, Paul Barton, Terry Luker

1. Apologies: Paul Hemming, Martin Clarke, Ali Lidbetter, Moira Buist, Rachel Pratt, Karen Dover, Steve Miles, Catherine Braun, Molly Jones

2. Minutes of the meeting of 6th December 2016: The following amendments were noted for the minutes of 6th December. George Baker should be George Butcher: Catherine, Ken and George are Stroud District Councillors: Pat Comer agreed to become Admin on Wotton Youth Partnership Facebook page, not Colin Parry: under 6. List of cheque signatories should read June Cordwell, John Cordwell and Ken Tucker (surnames added) and matters arising

Heritage Project: ACTION: Katie to speak to Sue Bailey. **ACTION:** Paul and Terry will contact the Gazette to ask for young people to help. **ACTIONS:** Katie to use Spring into Summer on 1st April in Under the Edge Arts to promote, and Sarah to use Party in the PARC also. Also Dementia Connections and Katie's contacts at Dryleaze House. George is experienced in media work and happy to train others in use of video camera. Suggested we use postcards for people's responses.

Bearlands Group: Jess did a flip chart consultation at youth centre and sent results to Catherine to feed into information gathering.

Seating: Base is in place, timber is purchased and being cut to size, installation in February.

ACTION: Sarah to take photos of base, and John working and write a report for High Sheriff.

ACTION: Sarah to send list of seating suggestions to committee.

Facebook: ACTION: Katie to add Pat Comer to Admin and to change name to Wotton Youth Partnership using pages app.

3. Funding bids

Mental Health Project: Good article and photo in Gazette. Meetings on Friday 6th January and Wednesday 8th February well attended. Jess is collating all information and although money from WYP is for young people specifically, MHP is to be for everyone.

Intentions are: Not to have a specific leader: to be grass roots up, not lead from above: to have shared ownership: to be like Wikipedia, a forum, a noticeboard. We must be sensitive to requirements of Data Protection, but we have sparked a conversation across the whole town. **ACTION:** Katie to add Sharron to circulation list, which includes a wide range of interested people.

4. Financial Report

Deposit cheque from 2015 curry evening has not been cashed and we now owe £71.50. June has sent new cheque. We currently have £11,554.08 in our account.

5. Youth Forum, Youth Club and Outreach update

Youth Forum's EdgeFest music event at UTEA on Friday was a great success. Ruby, Youth Arts Apprentice, is helping with lots of activities at Youth Centre. Simon has given an assembly at KLBS and is working in Charfield 7-9.30 Tuesday evenings.

No report from The Door this month.

Report from Participation People – Molly Jones

I won't be able to make it unfortunately as I have a youth session but please see my update below.

Wotton-under-Edge Youth Forum now has 11 members, 5 of whom have joined in the last fortnight. The group have been working on a project called 'EdgeFest', a series of gigs (one a month for 6 months) to encourage young people to get out and about and to foster a positive and vibrant youth culture in Wotton. Our first gig was a success, with over 80 young people in attendance and a total of £92 raised (50% of which will be going to teens in crisis). The next gig will be March the 3rd at Under the Edge Arts (who have been amazingly supportive), with Corrupting Josie as the headliners. We're still looking for a support band for this gig. Please do get in touch with me if you'd like to be involved or if you know of any young bands who might like to play.

6. Activity in the Town

Rachel hoping to be with us for April meeting to introduce her successor.

Very little activity and it is believed everyone is at home on their computers. PCSO Mark Lifton comes to youth centre once a month.

7. Reports from other youth providers in town

WCSF – Jess offered to work with Youth Centre to run Tombola at Party in the PARC in Wotton Community PARC on Saturday 17th June this year to raise funds for the PARC.

8. Any other business.

8.1 Youth Centre Sign. Andra had produced a drawing which the young people had approved. 3ftx2ft 1m from the ground. Cost will be £200 + VAT and Katie suggested that the £250 we had previously agreed to give to Wotton Town Council towards the sign should be paid over. June seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

8.2 Summer Holiday Activities: Parents have complained that these are too expensive. Production of Summer Activities Brochure of 2017 to be discussed at meeting in April.

8.3 Synwell Playing Equipment for fitness trail. ACTION: Paul to invite them to our meeting on 4th April. Sarah to invite them to have a stall at Party in the PARC.

8.4 Bearlands Development Group – They hope to request funds from WYP and Katie proposed that we offer £500 this year. Seconded by Sharron and Agreed by all.

Date of next meetings:

Informal – 7th March 7.30pm in The Star – Booked

Formal – 4th April 7.30pm in the Bradley Room – Sarah to book

Informal - 2nd May 7.30pm in The Star – Sarah to book

Formal – 6th June 7.30pm in the Bradley Room – Sarah to book