

## **Youth Liaison Minutes April 9<sup>th</sup> 2013**

### **Present**

Mark Lovell, Peter Glead, Steve Miles, Jackie Cartigny, Sharron Bates, Jess Jenkins, Ryan Pilkington, Sarah Watt, Lynne Harris

### **1] Apologies**

Hannah Khan, Kenneth Tucker, Rob Axford, Paul Hemming, Tom Wharin, June Cordwell

### **2] Matters Arising from the meeting of February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Attendees February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Lynne apologised for omitting Hannah Khan's name from the list of apologies received for that meeting

**Activity in the town:** there was an incorrect record of the theft from the changing room at KLB. The incident which is being investigated by the Police concerns thefts out of school hours when the public are using the site.

**WYLG logo:** Lynne has spoken with Draw Creative and came back with further suggestions for this design which were discussed by the group. Lynne had also discussed with Draw Creative the suggestion of some months ago that there could be a glass cover for the shelf which holds the computers. The Youth Forum had suggested that the shelf could be etched with images of local landmarks. The etching would cost approximately £30, but accurate measurements of the glass shelf are needed before a final quote can be given.

**Action:** Lynne will follow-up this matter

**Gift Aid for WYLG:** Jackie has the gift aid form from the Recreational Trust. Any donation cheques for youth work will need to be made payable to the Recreation Trust who will then pass these to the WYLG for completion of the Gift Aid form.

**Easter Holiday provision by SOSYP:** Lynne had obtained and circulated this information and had asked Young Gloucestershire to display the information on the notice board at the youth centre.

**Summer Activities with Charlotte Galling:** Charlotte is finalising these activities with Jess which will include the graffiti on the DJ booth. Charlotte has suggested that the fence at the rear of the youth centre could also be used as graffiti project for which she may be able to obtain funding. A wall would provide a better surface for this work, but when the youth centre was developed the cost of a wall was investigated and found to be prohibitive. Any art work which is carried out in the youth centre or the perimeter walls will need to be discussed with the Town Trust the owners of the building.

#### **Contacts for Volunteers**

Lynne has contacted Renishaws and they have put information in their staff news about WYLG Lynne has spoken with Mary Hurst the Dursley Volunteer Bureau, but currently there is no-one who could volunteer for the role of Chair or Treasurer.

### **3] Activity in the Town**

There was nothing to report on this issue

### **4] Financial report**

This report is attached. There had been no changes in the cash in hand except that Jess had been paid her monthly salary.

## 5] SOSYP

Neither Jackie nor Lynne could attend the March meeting of SOSYP, but Mark had attended to explain the activities of the WYLG in relation to youth work in Wotton and the application for grants to extend this work. Mark also explained that the WYLG will be working with Wotton Town Council to obtain an appropriate bidder for the extra sessions at the youth centre. SOSYP said that if a suitable bidder was selected the contract could be awarded through SOSYP.

Representatives from Uley were at the meeting as they are considering starting youth work sessions which would initiate work in rural areas.

## 6] Young people and consultation

**Youth Forum:** Ryan informed the meeting that he has set-up a face book account for the Youth Forum. All the members of the Youth Forum are investigating contacts for the groups in Wotton who work with young people. The Youth Forum have developed a plan to consult with the young people in Wotton about what resources and facilities they would like to see developed over time in the town. Jess and Simon are guiding this work.

**Wotton Community Sports Foundation:** Sarah had contacted Vix Thomas at the Youth Centre and had been able to visit the Youth Centre to consult with the young people about the development of the skate park at the Community Sports Ground.

- The young people were consulted on style of ramps, rails and general style of the skate park
- The young people contributed some good ideas for fundraising and getting their parents involved
- They asked for benches and waste bins at the site
- Concern was expressed about the path to the site as it next to a busy main road which they do consider to be very dangerous. Is there any possibility of an alternative route to the site?
- They discussed if there should be an age restriction for the use of the skate park
- The young people have started to make a promotional film about skate boarding which they hope to be able to screen at the Wotton cinema

## 7] AOB

### **Centenary of the opening of the Wotton Cinema on July 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Chipping will be closed and the Youth Centre will be open on July 7<sup>th</sup> and there is the possibility that the WYLG could use this event for publicity and show the plans for the future

**Action** WYLG need to start planning for this now

### **Town Hall Teas for 2014**

All the slots for these events are fully booked for 2013, so we do need to book now for 2014 if WYLG wish to use this as a fundraising event

**District Council Youth Strategy** This strategy is now in the second year from April 2013. The aim of this strategy is to support youth project management groups, contractors and providers.

Currently Youth and Community Services are employed by Stroud District to support and develop the Youth Fora across the district. The financial support this work only pays for one worker for each the Forum, so a second worker either has be paid from local funds [as in Wotton] or recruited as a volunteer.

The Forest of Dean area have had a successful support network like this for some years. All the information about the District Youth Work Strategy is on the Stroud Council website.

**Commissioning extra youth work sessions for the Youth Centre.**

The group agreed that Lynne can contact Glenys to agree a date to arrange a meeting with the Town Council to start the process of advertising for providers for this work as WYLG have now agreed the content of information documents. The Town Council agreed to work with the WYLG at the Town Council meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Website for the WYLG**

It was agreed that if this could be set-up and have a link to the Town Council website it would help in the dissemination of news about the youth work in Wotton

**Action** Mark will explore the options for a website.

**Dates of Future Meetings**

These will be held at 7pm in the Bradley Room on

Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Date of next meeting**

Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm in the Bradley Room at the Civic Centre .

If you do not wish to receive copies of the minutes of future meetings of the Wotton Youth Liaison Group can you please let Lynne Harris know of your decision.

**Signature of the Chair**

**Date**