

Youth Liaison Minutes February 26th 2013

Present

Ken Tucker, Sharron Bates, Sarah Watt, Jackie Cartigny, Jess Jenkins, Mark Lovell, Lynne Harris, June Cordwell, Peter Gleed, Mary Hutton

[1] Apologies

Rob Axford, Pete Wilson, Steve Miles

[2] Minutes of the meeting of January 8th and matters arising

Logo for the Wotton Youth Liaison Group

Action Lynne will contact Draw Creative to get the design changed to the agreed format.

Wotton Youth Liaison Group and the Wotton Town Council Youth Work Programme

Mark requested that the word 'tender' be replaced by 'bid' in all future information relating to the commissioning of the youth work programme.

Bid to the Co-operative Community Fund

Lynne had submitted this bid to the Co-operative following discussions with Mark and Sharron. The outcome of the application will not be known until May

Gift Aid for donations to the Wotton Youth Liaison Group

Jackie reported that Clive Baker is the person to contact at the Wotton Town Trust to seek clarification on whether WYLG can use this system using the Town Trust charity number for donations made to the WYLG.

Action Lynne will contact Clive Baker.

Charlotte Galling Youth Work Project work

Lynne has contacted Charlotte who will keep the group informed of any work she will be delivering in the Wotton area over the summer period. Charlotte is working with Jess to deliver the DJ booth graffiti project and possibly other associated youth work activities.

Tree Planting at the Wotton Community Sports Foundation Field

There will be another morning of tree planting on Sunday March 10th at 9.30am. Everyone is invited to help with this.

[3] Activity in the town

Peter reported that Wotton has been reasonably quiet, with some instances of noise when the youth centre closed in the evening. The Police have carried-out some patrols, but there is no consistent rowdiness from young people.

A window was broken in the offices next to the cinema, but this could have been people at The Star opposite. Synwell Playing Fields are quiet. There has been no more graffiti at the site.

It is known locally that a garage in Sym Lane is being used by young people for drinking and possibly the use of other drugs. This is being followed –up.

Cash and mobile phones have been taken from the changing rooms at KLB in the short space of time these were open at the start of a session. KLB are dealing with this incident.

[4] Financial Report

Cash has been transferred from the general Fund to the Building Fund to ensure that the £6000 is available for the sections of the building conversion for which WYLG have financial responsibility.

The group has recently received two very generous donations to assist with the capital purchases for the centre and the running of the youth work programme.

The Wotton Baptist Church has given £500 towards the programme.

The Local and Area Mason's Lodges have given £1308 to cover the purchase of the televisions, the computers and the new crockery at the centre.

This leaves a substantial balance to support the extension of the youth work programme.

A copy of the accounts is attached.

[5] Use of the centre

There is £13000 available to fund an extension of the youth work programme from the current one after school session and an evening session once per week.

Mark and Lynne had reported previously on their meeting with the Wotton Town Council on November 19th where the Town Council had agreed to work with WYLG to commission providers to extend the current programme to include activities which had been requested in the consultation of 2012.

Mark had circulated bid information papers which if approved by WYLG will be used as the basis of requesting bids from potential youth work providers. Mark asked the group members to contact him by the end of March if they wished to change these documents in any way. If approved these documents will be taken to a meeting with the Youth Work committee of the Town Council to start the request for bids process.

It is proposed that the management group for the commissioned company will have members from the WYLG and the Town Council.

[6] Report on SOSYP

Jackie and Lynne had attended the second quarterly evaluation meeting of SOSYP and Young Gloucestershire. A copy of the report from Young Gloucestershire is attached.

The numbers of young people involved with youth work in Wotton is greater than any of the other areas, because there is a centre which is for the sole use of young people with modern equipment available.

Jackie and Lynne consider that once the centre is more established the emphasis should shift towards more informal education, although it is realised that the space available is small for 30-45 young people at each session.

Action The group members requested Lynne to contact Vix Thomas to find what the opening hours of the centre will be over the Easter holiday period.

[7]AOB

Jess had asked young people from the Youth Forum, if possible, to attend this meeting, but no-one had been available.

Drawing on the experience of the other groups working with young people in Wotton, there was a lengthy discussion about how young people aged between 12 and 18 years of age can be encouraged to

- Join with the activities of the Youth Forum
- Give their opinions about youth work provision in Wotton
- Attend the meetings [or sections of the meetings] of the WYLG.

It was agreed that collaboration with other groups working with young people is an important element of this.

- The Youth Forum has already plans to contact young people through an open letter to all the youth organisations in Wotton and KLB.
- The Youth Forum is planning to set-up a face book account where young people will be encouraged to contact either the Youth Forum or the WYLG with their comments and ideas.
- There could be a suggestion box in the youth centre
- The Youth Forum with assistance from the WYLG to carry-out a consultation similar to that completed in 2012.
- Sharron suggested that contact is made with the parents as they may have ideas of what young people may be interested in but would not think of asking about.
- Small groups of members from the WYLG could, at the invitation of the Youth Forum, go to their meetings to explain what the WYLG does.

Action Lynne will meet with the Youth Forum to start this process

North Nibley Council Grants

June has received information that North Nibley Council are considering their grants for the year 2013-2014.

June will forward this information to Lynne who will send in a bid on behalf of WYLG.

A copy of the bid is attached

Concern was expressed again about how to encourage more people from organisations in Wotton to attend the meetings of the WYLG, especially as the groups is in urgent need of either a chair or treasurer as Mark is currently fulfilling both roles.

Action It was agreed that Lynne will contact the Dursley Volunteer Bureau and Renishaws to advertise the group.

Dates of Future Meetings

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

Tuesday April 9th

Tuesday May 21st

Tuesday July 2nd

Date of next meeting

Tuesday April 9th 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

