

Youth Liaison Minutes January 8th 2013

Present

Ken Tucker, Sharron Bates, Sarah Watt, Jackie Cartigny, Jess Jenkins, Mark Lovell, Lynne Harris, John Cordwell, June Cordwell

[1] Apologies

Rob Axford, Pete Wilson, Steve Miles, Tom Wharen, Hannah Khan, Paul Hemmings.

[2] Minutes of the meeting of November 13th and matters arising

The Wotton Sports Fund should be listed as the Wotton Sports Foundation.

The secretary apologised to Sarah Watt whose name had been recorded on the minutes as Sarah Watts.

Wotton Town Council and Young Gloucestershire

Young Gloucestershire has now signed an appropriate lettings agreement with Wotton Town Council for their use of the youth centre on Tuesdays.

June attended the meeting with Young Gloucestershire as the representative of the Town Council and is happy for the Tuesday afternoon After School Sessions to replace the outreach session on Tuesday evenings. June understands from Vix Thomas of Young Gloucestershire that they now have 54 young people registered for youth work with approximately 30 attending each of the sessions.

It was agreed that the programme being delivered by Young Gloucestershire should be given time to become established before questioning the style and hours of delivery, but that this discussion should take place between Wotton Town Council and SOSYP as SOSYP is the commission body with Young Gloucestershire.

Action Lynne was asked to contact Vix Thomas at Young Gloucestershire to ask for details of the programme being delivered on Tuesdays as there is no information on the notice board at the youth centre. Members of the group asked for this information to be e mailed to them.

Action June asked Lynne to e mail information she had received previously from Vix Thomas re the youth work delivery hours across the whole of the SOSYP area to be e mailed to Doina Cornell the Secretary of SOSYP.

Logo for the Wotton Youth Liaison Group

The original design will need to be moved through 90 degrees not 180 degrees as recorded in the minutes. The group will need to decide who will pursue the production of the logo with Draw Creative.

[3] Activity in the Town

Pete Wilson had sent apologies on behalf of the Neighbourhood Warden Team, none of whom were able to attend this meeting because of other commitments and illness in the team. There was no report from the Neighbourhood Warden Team.

There were no reports from the members of the WYLG of any activity in the town which was relevant to work with young people .

[4] Financial Report

The balance of cash available for tenders to deliver the activities programme has now been increased by £4605 from the successful bid to the Stroud District Youth Development Fund and the £703 received from the 4 Youth Gazette campaign. This will fund a programme until the end of the Summer, but fund raising is still needed on an on-going basis to maintain a viable programme of the activities requested by the young people.

See the attached financial statement prepared for the bid to the Co-operative Community Fund.

[5] Youth Work Programme to be funded by the Wotton Youth Liaison Group

The group re-visited the options available to the WYLG in terms of advertising for tenders for the delivery of the work requested by the young people. This programme will complement the youth work being delivered by Young Gloucestershire under the agreement with SOSYP.

The group agreed that the most effective way to achieve this will be for the WYLG to work in partnership with the Wotton Town Council, with the Council being the commissioning body with the WYLG providing the financial backing. Mark and Lynne had attended the Wotton Town Council meeting on November 19th where this had been discussed, with the Council agreeing to work with the WYLG.

Action John will check if there any restrictions on how many tenders are required for consideration by the Town Council when requesting work in the region of £10,000 to £15,000.

Lynne asked if the group would wished to complete an application to the Co-operative Community Fund to support the work of Jess with the Youth Forum.

Action It was agreed that Lynne will go ahead with this as the deadline for applications is February 8th.

A copy of the completed application is attached to these minutes.

Lynne also suggested that the group could consider an application to the Awards for All programme to maintain the extended youth work programme post September 2013.

There was discussion of the fact that the WYLG is registered as part of the Wotton Recreational Trust and use their charity number on funding applications. The question was pose could the WYLG therefore request Gift Aid status for any donations received.

Action Jackie will discuss this with the Recreational Trust.

[6] Report on SOSYP

Jackie explained that SOSYP are now actively working to become a company limited by guarantee and a charity as this process has now been made considerably easier as one application now covers both requests. The legal processes required have been speeded-up.

[7] AOB

Sports Foundation

Sarah distributed publicity for the Tree Planting which the Sports Foundation will be carrying-out at their ground on Sunday January 20th from 9.30am.

Sarah asked Jess if she could visit the Youth Forum in the near future to discuss the plans for the Skate Park with the members.

Action Jess will liaise with Sarah re a date for this discussion.

Action Lynne will e mail the contact details for Vix Thomas to Sarah so that she can arrange to visit the youth centre to discuss the Skate Park with the young people there.

Structural Checks on the Youth Centre

Jess has been contacted by the architect who was the project manager for the refurbishment youth centre enquiring if there are any problems with building which need to be corrected by the builder. Jess cited cracking in the plaster around the windows and mould in the toilet area. It was agreed that this enquiry should go to the Town Council as the they have the contract with the project manager.

Action John will raise this matter with Glenys.

e mail address and web site for the WYLG

Mark will set-up the e mail address, but we need to find someone who can develop the website for the WYLG.

Future Activities for Young People

Lynne will contact Charlotte Galling at Stroud District Council to determine how she will be able to assist with this from April 2013

Agenda Items

Include on agenda for the February meeting 'How can we encourage young people to attend the meetings of the WYLG'.

Dates of Future Meetings

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

Tuesday February 26th

Tuesday April 9th

Tuesday May 21st

Tuesday July 2nd

Date of next meeting

Tuesday February 26th 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