

## **Youth Liaison Minutes October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

### **Present**

Andy Murray [representing the Stroud District Neighbourhood Wardens] , Rev. Rob Axford, Cllr Jackie Cartigny, Jess Jenkins, Mark Lovell, Cllr John Cordwell, Cllr June Cordwell, Steve Miles, Jessica Fisher, Lynne Harris

### **[1] Apologies**

Peter Wilson, Peter Gleed, Mary Hutton, Rev Tom Wharin, Ken Tucker.

### **[2] Minutes of the meeting of September 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 and matters arising**

#### **Opening of the new youth centre**

All the names and addresses of people to be invited to the official opening of the new youth centre have now been received by Sue Hunt. The invitations will now be sent-out.

Please remember that the date of the official opening is Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am for the opening at 12 noon

#### **Charlotte Galling Community Development Officer Stroud District Council**

Jess had met with Charlotte on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wotton. Jess had given Charlotte a tour of the area indicating the places where young people meet informally. Jess gave Charlotte information re useful contacts in the Wotton area for work with young people. The WYLG will need to contact Charlotte in late 2012 to discuss work which she may be able to carry-out in Wotton after March 2013.

#### **Finance**

Both St Mary's Church and the Committee of the Big Lunch are in agreement with the funds they donate to the WYLG being used to support an activities programme for the youth centre. Each organization would like to have an official meeting to present their cheques to the WYLG .

**Action:** Mark will organise this and inform the Dursley Gazette of the presentation so that they can send a photographer to record the occasion.

#### **Programme Ideas for the new Youth Centre**

Steve pointed out the mistake in relation to the information on The Sexual Health Team. This team is employed by Gloucestershire County Council not Stroud District Council.

The Stroud District Council Youth Strategy has been agreed at Council. Steve will liaise with the WYLG about how this will put into action in the Wotton area.

The minutes were agreed

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

Andy reported that the Neighbourhood Wardens had experienced a quiet summer in relation to anti-social behaviour.

Jess told the meeting there had been 2 sightings in the area of a car whose occupant[s] had tried to entice a young person into this car. This had been reported to the Police.

#### **[4] Finances**

The current position of the finances is as reported at the AGM. The finance report is attached to these minutes.

#### **[5]Planning Up-date**

Mark explained how the cash available, both actual and potential could be used to deliver a programme of activities to complement the 2 sessions per week which will be delivered by Young Gloucestershire. These 2 sessions will be funded by the contribution of Wotton Town Council to the South of Stroud Youth Partnership. The activities which the WYLG wish to support are based on the information gained through the consultation carried-out by The Youth Forum.

The meeting agreed that an activities programme will be delivered within the budget available. Fundraising will need to continue to sustain and maximise the use of the youth centre by young people.

Local businesses will be approached to ask if they can offer support in kind from the skills within their companies.

Lynne and Mark reported on the application which had been made with the Youth Forum for funding from the Stroud District Youth Council Development Fund. If awarded this will be used to fund an educational programme based on the results of the consultation completed by the Youth Forum which indicated the need for a quiet study space after school and skills sessions relating to being 'work ready'. There is an intention to place all the activities required into a package which will go-out to tender within the available budget.

Steve shared with the meeting ideas about working within a partnership with a number of organisations to deliver services rather place all requirements in one tender to maintain local voluntary sector groups.

Mark and Lynne have met with Ellen Tattersall from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to start the work to make WYLG into a company with limited guarantee so support the work to place a tender for the activities programme.

#### **[6]AOB**

##### **Logo**

Jess has met with Draw Creative to discuss possible logos for the Youth Forum and WYLG. Draw Creative will send Jess design ideas.

##### **Youth Forum**

Stonehouse Youth Forum had visited Wotton to look at the new youth centre [exterior only]. They much enjoyed their visit which had given them ideas for developments in their own area.

The Youth Forum has a dedicated e mail address. It was agreed that the WYLG should follow this example with an email address and website

The Youth Forum has suggested that the etchings on glass covers for the shelf on which the computers will stand have could be of silhouettes of local land marks. It was agreed that this is an excellent idea as it will not be linked to any one group which uses the youth centre.

#### **The Coffee Morning on September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This event raised £124 and presented an opportunity for the people of Wotton to find out more about the youth centre and youth work in Wotton.

**Name of new youth centre**

The meeting agreed that the young people must be consulted on what will be the name of the new youth centre. A sign with the name of the youth centre will be placed on the external wall of the youth centre next to the main door.

**Plaque detailing donors to the youth centre**

A plaque will be situated in the youth centre which will list all the groups and companies which have contributed to the funding of the new youth centre.

**DJ Equipment**

Jess obtained an assessment of the DJ equipment. Jess has passed a list of the items which will be need to be purchased to make the equipment fit for use. The major section of the equipment is in good order.

**Stored Furniture**

June suggested that the furniture and equipment from the old youth centre, which is stored in the Civic Centre, should be sorted through and decisions made re what will be useful at the new youth centre and what is no longer required. This should be done in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of October.

**Christmas Under the Edge**

Rob gave information about the Chamber of Trade asking the Baptist Church to provide hot chocolate for young people at this event between 4pm and 7pm. The Baptist Church are willing to display any literature about the youth centre and youth work at this event.

**Date of next meeting**

Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Rushmire Suite 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**