

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE JOINT PARISHES YOUTH COMMITTEE

AT THE STEYNING CENTRE

On Thursday 14th November 2019 - At 6.30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Cllr Chris Verney(Vice Chairman), Cllr Alan Chilver, Cllr Georgia Saunders, Cllr Sarah Green
Also Attending – Upper Beeding Clerk – Celia Price

Clerk in attendance – John Fullbrook

No members of the public were in attendance.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Roger Potter and Kerry Taylor, and Youth Service provider CEO Chris Cook

2. Questions from the Public.

None

3. To Discuss whether the Joint Parishes Youth Committee agrees a new three-year Youth Service Contract with the existing service provider for the period 2020 – 23.

The JPYC committee had agreed with approval from each parish in March 2019 that the newly appointed service provider had a one year contract and within the first 6 months needed to undertake a consultation, the results of which together with the initial performance determining whether they would be considered to undertake the contract for a three year period.

Committee had received very favourable feedback from the service provider through both written and verbal reports, plus good feedback from Youth club members and several councillors had attended club sessions to see for themselves the changes and progress made. Cllrs were of the unanimous opinion that the youth members appeared to be very much enjoying the new regime, and that the transition to the new service provider had been handled very well. There was a lot of praise from Cllrs for the new staff and the newly worked programme of locations and sessions subsequent to the feedback from the consultation. Of particular note was that a close bond had already been struck between staff and Youth club members. It was agreed that breaking this bond by moving to a new provider so soon after the previous change in supplier, would have a serious detrimental effect on the service and drive the users away.

Indeed, the staff led very well it seemed by the new supervisor – Jo, had really taken ownership of locations adding decorations to rooms and were it seems full of new and interesting ideas. After poor initial attendance figures these too were seemingly picking up across all of the sessions.

The proposed 5% increase to cost of service was also discussed and due to better perceived service provision and an additional session being provided this was felt to be a very reasonable request. Also, the new service provider was keen to gain other funding streams in order to supplement equipment acquisition

Cllr Green **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Chilver that subject to ratification at each associated Parish Council that JPYC recommends the current youth service providers proposed three-year contract be accepted and that they therefore provide the youth service provision to cover the three parishes, and that JPYC also recommends acceptance of the 5% cost increase, all of which covers the period April 2020 to March 2023. **Unanimously agreed**

4. To discuss and agree to an MOU between the three associate Parish councils on the JPYC for the year 2020/21

Committee proposed some minor amendments to the wording of the supporting paper. Other than this Committee agreed the document had over a number of years worked successfully and didn't need to be altered. Cllr Saunders **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Chilver that subject to ratification by each associated parish council, JPYC recommends that the MOU subject to specified amendments be agreed. **Unanimously agreed.**

5. A.O.B / Correspondence / Information

The Clerk reported that thanks to assistance from Cllr Verney the process leading to the sale of the Bongo Bus has been successfully concluded. The Clerk suggested discussion needs to now turn to how the funds raised (£700) be reinvested. All members present very much appreciated the amount raised and the speed and nature of how this issue had been dealt with.

6. Date of Next Meeting. – 6th February 2020 @6pm

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Signed

Roger Potter

Chair of the Joint Parishes Youth Committee