

MEETING OF THE JOINT PARISHES YOUTH COMMITTEE

AT THE STETNING CENTRE

On Wednesday 26th May 2021 - At 6.30 p.m.

Members in attendance – Cllr Chris Verney (Chairman), Cllr Alan Chilver, Cllr Joanna Norcross, Cllr Rachel Burstow
Deputy Clerk from Steyning Hazel Roxby, Sussex Youth services co-ordinator Jo Bell, Youth Support worker Sheri Birch.

Clerk in attendance – John Fullbrook

Members of Public in attendance. 1

DRAFT MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Alexander, Cllr Blakelock, Upper Beeding Clerk Celia Price and Bramber Clerk Paul Richards.

2. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

- 2.1** The Member of Public asked if there is likely to be some clarity during this meeting of the way forward from September.

The Chairman responded that hopefully the reports for this evening will have some clarity from September onwards.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – (Supporting papers)

- 3.1** Cllr Chilver **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Verney to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th February 2021 as a true and fair record of the meeting. **Agreed**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 5.1** SAYS charity still listed but winding up takes considerable time – **Ongoing** -This item is still with Cllr Roger Potter. Cllr Verney offered to take this action on to complete the winding up of the SAYS Charity and get the listing removed.

Cllr Verney

- 4.2 5.2** Publicity through social media platforms regarding session content to be investigated by service provider. Posters have been sent out by the Service Provider and the councils have put these on websites and on notice boards. Cllr Verney asked if in future posters could have additional wording on them to acknowledge that the service provider is working in partnership with Steyning, Upper Beeding and Bramber Parish Councils.

Jo Bell

- 4.3 5.3** Cllr Saunders to investigate pulling together all the youth activity sessions provided in the area with the aim of compiling a 'what's on' leaflet for later publication – **ongoing**
It was noted that information has been going on twitter, Instagram, face book, parish noticeboards and through the schools. Jo Bell was asked to start to put information together on the activities sessions etc and the Committee will help to formulate something towards a what's on leaflet for the next meeting.

Jo Bell

- 4.4 6.1** To recommend the MOU to the Parish Council. **Actioned**

4.5 7.1 Letter to be sent to congratulate the service provider for the way they have coped and consistently continued to carry out a sterling job with the youths during the Covid 19 pandemic. **Actioned**

4.6 9.0 Youth Leaders to attend next meeting to report what they have been doing - the Youth leaders were not able to attend this meeting due to covid.

5.0 YOUTH SERVICE DURING THE PANDEMIC STAGES –

5.1 There have been virtual meeting provisions throughout the lockdown periods. The Youth leaders Have engaged with approximately 750 young people through the purple bus provision.

Jo Bell informed that she has received an email concerning the use of the Cuthman Centre and she has responded informing them of the days and times that are required. A response from the Cuthman Centre is awaited.

The Monday, Tuesday and Thursday detached groups have been continuing as usual. It is hoped that the Cuthman Centre will be back in use by September.

Jo Bell reported that there have been many referrals made to St Barnabas and MIND for mental health issues caused by the lockdowns.

It was suggested that a consultation with parents be made to find where the best places for the Youth Groups would be to meet and to report back to the next meeting.

6.0 TO RECEIVE YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDERS ORGANISATIONAL, YOUTH AND FINANCE REPORTS

6.1 Sheri reported that the virtual group meeting has been working very well during lockdown and had raised areas where extra support was required. The face-to-face meetings have now restarted and there are still 2 virtual meetings per week.

It was noted that there have been some reported issues of anti-social behaviour during the lockdown period which are being closely monitored by the Wardens, PCSO'S and the Police.

7.0 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS DURING COVID

7.1 This item has been covered in the previous discussions.

8.0 A.O.B / CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

8.1 It was noted that all staff have now received both covid vaccines.

8.2 Jo informed that she is leaving and a replacement is being sought. Jo and all the staff were thanked for the good work they have carried out during the covid 19 pandemic.

8.3 Steyning parish council have requested a presentation to a full council meeting in the near future, possibly the July meeting.

8.4 It was noted that the committee should liaise with Chris Cook to find out who at WSCC could be contacted to find out more about the caveat on the permissive use of the Cuthman centre. This may help to ensure that it can be used by the youth club now and into the future.

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. – Monday 15th September 2021 at 6.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm