

MEETING OF THE JOINT PARISHES YOUTH COMMITTEE

AT THE STEYNING CENTRE

On Monday 9th January 2023 AT 6.30 p.m.

Members in attendance – Cllr Simon Alexander, Cllr Alan Chilver, Cllr Rachel Burstow, Stephen Keogh- Clerk for Upper Beeding, Sussex Youth services co-ordinators Sheri Birch and Grace Martin.

Clerk in attendance - John Fullbrook & Hazel Roxby

Members of Public in attendance. 1 (Cllr Rodney Goldsmith)

DRAFT MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1** There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Joanna Norcross and Is Allen

2. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

- 2.1** Rodney Goldsmith made a statement concerning items 5.2 on the JPYC October Minutes and item 69.7 on the November Parish Council meeting and asked 4 questions relating to these item.

The Chairman asked for the questions to be written into the Clerk and the Clerk and Chairman will send a response.

The Clerk informed that the Youth Leaders had stated, when they reported the reasons for not wishing to remain at the MPF, that they did not wish to take the matter further. It was also noted that Cllr Simon Alexander had only repeated the description as per the JPYC minutes and that which had been relayed to him. A name had never been stated at the either JPYC or Full Council Meeting. Mr Goldsmith identified himself as the previously unnamed Councillor

The member of the public left the meeting after this item.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 3.1** Cllr Alan Chilver **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Simon Alexander to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th October 2022 as a true and fair record of the meeting. **Agreed.**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Taken as read)

- 4.1 4.2** Cllr Alexander to explore further groups in the local area to populate the booklet and bring back to the next meeting. **Ongoing**

Cllr Chilvers commented that the Fashion Show was an extremely good show.

5.0 CURRENT YOUTH SERVICE OPERATION OVERVIEW

- 5.1 To discuss how the youth service has been operating over the summer period and update on the plans for the Autumn Term.**

Upper Beeding Junior session is doing well and has lots of youths attending. The senior session held in Upper Beeding is not as popular at present. Some members have moved on to another group and new members have not yet started

The youth leaders said that the fashion show went really well and there are thoughts for doing another project in a similar way.

An intergeneration skill share project is being investigated for a future group which would be based on the older members of the community sharing a skill, such as knitting, and the youth sharing knowledge on how

to use computers and mobile phones.

The Cuthman Centre is still being used on Thursdays and the session is working very well. The group have requested a lockable storage box for the tuck items which could be left under a chair or in a small area.

5.2 Update on the plans of the use of Fletchers Croft Car Park with the Purple Bus for Youth Club Meetings

Sheri informed that the purple bus in its current location was had not been working out during the winter. Detached sessions have been carried out instead around the Steyning Area. It was Agreed to continue this at present until a resolution can be found.

There are discussions at present for the use of another premises in Steyning. Information will be given if there is an indication that it will be possible.

6.0 TO RECEIVE YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDERS ORGANISATIONAL TERMLY AND FINANCE REPORTS

6.1 Cllr Simon Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Burstow to accept the reports circulated . **Agreed.**

7.0 A.O.B / CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

7.1 It was queried of the youth leaders have discussions cover LGBTQ and non-binary issues. The leaders confirmed that they do this with the older sessions.

It was queried if the youth have to pay to attend the youth club – the response was that it cost £1 to attend the session and 50p for the tuck. All money taken is put back into the resources for the club towards day trips and purchasing tuck items.

The youth leaders were ask to leave the meeting due to going into confidential session, which they did.

8.0 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Cllr Simon Alexander **proposed, seconded by** Cllr Burstow to resolve, under the Public Bodies (admissions to Meeting) Act 1960, in accordance with Standing Orders 3d to exclude the press and the public on the grounds that the confidential matters be discussed under item 9 may involve disclosure of personal or privileged information which would be inappropriate to put in the public domain. **Agreed.**

9.0 DRAFT CONTRACT FOR 2023 – 26 – to discuss & agree to recommend the draft contract for the forthcoming year.

9.1 It was noted that the draft contract is missing a lot of information such as times of sessions, dates and where the sessions will be held.

Following further discussions,

Cllr Simon Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Chilver that the committee recommend to the councils to stay with the current youth provider, Sussex Clubs for Young People, and request an extension of 1 year to the current contract whilst the finer details are sorted out and in return offer a 4 year contract for the future. **Agreed**

9.2 Cllr Simon Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Alan Chilver that the Clerk for Steyning Parish Council be delegated to obtain the Draft Contract missing information from Chris Cook, of SCYP, and to be brought back to a yet to be decided date for an EOM to which hopefully Chris will be able to attend. **Agreed.**

Cllr Burstow commented that it would be useful if the termly reports included information to inform if the group are achieving their outcomes.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. – EOM – to be agreed

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.31pm