EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE JOINT PARISHES YOUTH COMMITTEE

AT THE STEYNING CENTRE

On Thursday 6th July 2023 AT 6.30 p.m.

Members in attendance – Cllrs Simon Alexander (Chairman), Alan Chilver, Sarah Linfield, and Helen Bayford.

Other Attendees – Stephen Keough (Clerk to Upper Beeding), and Sheri Birch, Jo Bell and Chris Cook {from SCYP}

Clerk in attendance – John Fullbrook

Members of Public in attendance – None

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 There were apologies for absence received from Cllr Fred Heaver.

2. **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.**

2.1 None

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

3.1 Cllr Simon Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Alan Chilver to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st June 2023 as a true and fair record of the meeting. **Agreed.**

4. **TO HEAR FROM FORMER REPRESENTATIVES FROM SCYP.**

4.1 Sheri Birch and Jo Bell confirmed their position which was as former JYPC youth service providers, a continued interest in, and availability for, any future JYPC provision. Chris Cook, former CEO of the Sussex Clubs for Young People, proffered his personal apologies for the swift and untimely demise of their youth service provision. He received questions from the Cllrs present, which focussed on the nature of the collapse of the company and the likelihood of the retrieval of the funds that had been paid by each council in advance of a service for the second quarter which is now not going to be provided. He said that frankly he didn't know the details of the financial issues as the matter had been taken over by the board of the Directors, and the Liquidators. He did say that the situation was born out of a much-reduced package of grant awards (Since the pandemic, and since there seemed to be less awards available) and that this dramatically affected the Cash Flow of the organisation. Chris also volunteered his personal time and expertise to help the JYPC replace its Youth service with a new provision. The Chair thanked Chris, Sheri and Jo for their attendance and continued support.

5. **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

5.1 Cllr Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Bayford to resolve, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, in accordance with Standing Orders 3d to exclude the press and public on the grounds that the confidential matters to be discussed under agenda item 6 may involve disclosure of personal or privileged information which would be inappropriate to put in the public domain. **Agreed**

The Chair asked that Sheri Birch might stay in the building and be available should there be a need to ask further questions relating to staffing availability, after the members had had an opportunity to discuss the several other matters at hand. Sheri agreed.

5.2 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR A WAY FORWARD FOLLOWING THE NEWS THAT SCYP HAVE CEASED TRADING.

Members heard from the SPC Clerk an update on the several meetings and phone conversations that had taken place since the last meeting on the 21st June, and following the news that SCYP was to cease trading. Progress had been made on an outline Business plan, should the service be agreed to be taken 'in house', plus, meetings with HDC representatives to see if a solution could be found. The Clerks office had also been in contact with other councils who had received the same news and were facing similar choices with attempting to move their own youth service provisions on, plus the clerk's office had contacted other parishes who had taken their service in-house to see what information, and advice might be forthcoming, and to see if there was a possibility of a 'buy in' to other service provision with either those Parishes or other organisations operating throughout the region, and more locally.

5.3 Members discussed the many options and resolved the following motions.
Cllr Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Lindfield that JPYC ask for Chris's support {Chris Cook} in the further compilation of a Youth Provision Service Business Plan, which could then be presented to each Parish Council. **Agreed**
Cllr Chilvers **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Alexander that the {local youth service provider volunteers} be asked to reality check and have input towards the draft Business Plan. **Agreed**

5.4 Cllr Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Lindfield that the meeting come out of confidential session. **Agreed**

6. TO HEAR FROM FORMER REPRESENTATIVES FROM SCYP.

6.1 Sheri Birch was asked to return to the meeting, and was asked questions relating to some of the details of the outline business plan, plus her personal availability should the JPYC be in a position to set up a small summer activity programme or, moving forward, her availability should the JPYC be in a position to start a selection process for possible service providers in the autumn. She informed both herself and Jo were still available and willing to be a part of whatever programme or opportunity the JPYC were able to construct in the future, but also informed that she had already been offered a part time opportunity elsewhere.

7. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

7.1 None for this meeting

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. – An EOM to be called as and when information arose on possible re-modelling of Youth Service provision. The Committee to be informed of the date as soon as possible. The SPC Clerk to continue to have meetings with key stakeholders, or potential partners or providers in the interim and to update the JPYC members, and parish clerks, with any pertinent news so that each Parish Council could be kept properly informed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Signed ………………………………………… Date TBC
Chairman