MEETING OF THE JOINT PARISHES YOUTH COMMITTEE

AT THE STETNING CENTRE

On Monday 13TH JUNE 2022 AT 6.30 p.m.

Members in attendance – Cllr Alan Chilver, Cllr Rachel Burstow, Cllr Simon Alexander, Celia Price- Clerk for Upper Beeding, Sussex Youth services co-ordinators Sheri Birch and Jo Bell.

Also present - 3 Young Leaders

Clerk in attendance - John Fullbrook & Hazel Roxby

Members of Public in attendance. None

DRAFT MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Is Allen, Joanna Norcross and Bramber Rep. Paul Richards

2. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

2.1 There were no questions from the floor.

Cllrs used the time to talk to the 3 young leaders that attended the meeting. Jo Bell informed that the young leaders, now in years 9 and 10 joined the youth club several years ago as members and have worked up to being the young leaders. There is a weekly rota for them, and they incorporate the work they do with their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The girls informed that they work with the younger youths organising games and getting the tuck ready for them. They said they would like to be able to do more board games and sporting activities with the youths. Cllrs suggested that the youths may want to get involved at the Upper Beeding School Fete with a fund raising table. It was also suggested that they may wish to ask if they can help at the new Ukraine Refuge.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3.1 Cllr S Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Burstow to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2022 as a true and fair record of the meeting. **Agreed.**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 **6.1** Cllr Chilver volunteered to take over investigating the process for the removal of the charity from the Charity Commission Website. **Actioned** It has now been confirmed by the Charity Commission that SAYS Charity will be removed from the website on 28th June 2022. Cllr Chilver was thanked with a round a applause for his persistence and hard work to complete this task.

4.2 **6.2** Cllr Alexander to explore further groups in the local area to populate the booklet and bring back to the next meeting. **Update from Cllr S Alexander** - he informed that he was still working on this and asked the young leaders for information on groups that they attend so that he can add them to the booklet. **Ongoing**

4.3 6**.3** New Youth Leaders to attend next meeting with Sheri Birch - -Sheri informed that the youth leader that had started the training after the last meeting had unfortunately left. There are 2 new Youth Leaders stating soon and she and Jo Bell will be working with them until they are ready to go out on their own. Volunteers youth workers are still very welcome and very much appreciated. All volunteers need to have a current DBS, which can be done by SCYP.

4.4 6.4 The Clerk to send the agreed MOU to the councils and SCYP. **Actioned.**

5.0 CURRENT YOUTH SERVICE OPERATION OVERVIEW

5.1 To discuss how the youth service appears to be coping following the re-opening and availability once more of facilities due to covid restrictions being eased.

The numbers of youths are back up to where they were before Covid. There are lots of youths attend the Steyning and Upper Beeding organised sessions. There are plans for camping activities during the summer holidays. There will be sporting events on the Memorial Playing Fields and Upper Beeding recreation ground. An upcycling of clothes from charity shops and teaching how to use a sewing machine is also planned for the summer holiday sessions.

5.2 Update on the progress of the use of the Changing rooms at Steyning Memorial Playing Fields

During the summer period the Monday evening group activities will be undertaken on the Memorial Playing Field, the changing rooms will be used if the weather is bad.

6.0 TO RECEIVE YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDERS ORGANISATIONAL FINANCE REPORTS

6.1 The termly reports for January and February were sent out to the committee.
The repots for April and May will be sent out to the committee tomorrow and will also be placed on the website.

7. 0 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTING 2 REPRESENTATIVES FOR EACH COUNCIL

7.1 Upper Beeding have confirmed that Is Allen is their second representative and the second representative for Bramber is Paul Richards, their Clerk.

8.0 A.O.B / CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

8.1 Sheri and Jo informed of an art project for the youth that they have an opportunity to start over a 20 week period however they need to work with a local artist and asked if the committee members knew of a contact of one. Committee to let them know if they have any contacts. Cllr Simon Alexander mentioned that there may be an opportunity to use South Ash play area fence as a canvas if the council agree to have the area brightened up.

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. – 12th September 2022 at 6.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.43 pm