

Joint Parishes Youth Committee

Meeting

Monday, 10th April 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Steyning Centre

MINUTES

Present: Alistair Russell (APC) Chair, Roger Potter (BPC), and Alan Chilver (UPC).

In Attendance: Emma Edwards and Liz Burt (Horsham Matters)

Clerk: Paddy Robson

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Nick Muggridge (SPC), Marilyn Goddard (BPC) and Les Nicholson (APC).

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

As the meeting did not have a quorum it was decided that Councillor Russell would continue as Chairman until the next meeting.

3. Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 March 2017 were read and agreed but formal approval deferred until the next meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Liz Burt confirmed that signed contracts had been received from Upper Beeding and Bramber. It was understood that Steyning's contract had been signed and Liz will contact the Steyning clerk. Councillor Russell confirmed that Ashurst PC will agree their contract at the meeting on 20th April.

He also said that the Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding will also be considered for approval at that meeting. These documents have received approval from the other three councils.

4.2 It was agreed by the meeting that Steyning PC's Standing Orders were the more appropriate for the committee but this will be formally agreed at the next meeting.

5. Questions from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

6. Horsham Matters Report

Liz Burt reported that Horsham Matters had won funding for an I.T. database which will amongst other things allow clients to make bookings for trips and for the company to be able to inform parents of any delays etc. She also said that Community Youth work had been accepted by the Co-op to be a sponsored charity and she asked that once it had been confirmed that this would include the Steyning shop it be publicised as widely as possible. Unfortunately, it has now been found that the Steyning Co-op is just outside the 15 mile radius for customers to choose Horsham Matters CYW as a local cause.

It was also confirmed that the operational costs for the final quarter of last year will be less than budgeted.

7. Youth Worker's Report

Emma Edwards went through her comprehensive report which showed a very successful term. Numbers across all three groups were consistently high and Emma stressed that these were different young people who attended each group meaning that there are over 70 young people participating each week.

There had been a wide variety of activities as well as trips, including one which had taken 36 participants. Bilge Kinas-Clarke has been appointed as sessional worker to replace Paul Conroy who has left for personal reasons. Maria now undertakes some mentoring alongside Emma for young people who have either been identified through the youth clubs or have been referred from the school.

Plans are well in hand for future developments and Emma is linking with other groups in the town including the Steyning Community Partnership and the Patient Participation Group at the Surgery.

She warned that it is to be expected that numbers may fall a little in the summer term due to some of the older ones having exams.

The committee commended Emma on the achievements this term.

8. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meeting will take place on **Monday, 17th July at 6 p.m. in the Steyning Centre.**

Meetings will also be held on:

Monday, 20th November 2017 and **Monday, 19th March 2018**

