

Steyping Area Youth Services

Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, 19th May at 5.45 p.m. in the Cuthman Centre

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Michelle Syred (SPC) (Chair), Alistair Russell (APC), Alan Chilver (UBPC), Marilyn Goddard (BPC), David Coldwell and Roger Potter (Trustees)

Horsham Matters: Emma Edwards, Liz Burt and Maria Colenso.

Clerk: Paddy Robson

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Nick Muggridge (SPC) and Katherine Bowlan (UBPC)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th March 2016 were read and agreed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Youth Worker's Report

- i. Emma's report had been distributed prior to the meeting and this will be published in full on parish websites.
- ii. Maria reported that the Hub Fun club in Upper Beeding has been well attended with members from all across the area. There is an excellent team of volunteers and contact has been made with a lot of parents within the community who are enthusiastic about this new provision for the younger age group. A trip to Chessington World of Adventures has been arranged for half-term.
- iii. The Tuesday club for school years 7&8 has good numbers and has been doing a wide variety of activities.
- iv. The Thursday group sadly lost a long standing volunteer due to ill health but the group is fortunate to have a new trained volunteer who has brought new skills with her. A half-term trip to Airhop (trampoline park) has been arranged.
- v. The Purple Bus-a mobile youth club with lots of activities is opposite the sports centre in Upper Beeding every Wednesday from 7.00-9.00p.m. until mid July.
- vi. The Youth Voice held its first meeting in April and will be speaking to 2 members of the Steyping Patient Participation Group at its May meeting.
- vii. The team have trained several new volunteers and there has been interest from a few 6th formers who would like to become youth leaders.
- viii. Emma continues to be on the steering group for the Steyping Downlands Scheme and over the last few months they have been dealing with some issues of anti social behaviour on the Downs. The Youth Voice Group, the Wardens, SGS and the scheme are all working with the steering group to resolve the issues.

- ix. The Mocktail Apprentice project took place at the grammar school in April with pre-lessons teaching about the health dangers and possible health risks of drinking too much. Sadly despite this being such a successful and valuable project it cannot continue next year due to withdrawal of funding.
- x. Forthcoming events include participation in the Steyning Festival, a summer sports week in partnership with HDC Leisure Link, mobile skate ramps available in Steyning on July 26 and August 16 and an overnight summer camp at Brinsbury campus.
- xi. Emma continues to support students on a one to one basis at the Steyning Grammar School and The Towers when required. She also sits on the Action Against Bullying group representing the voluntary sector. She also took a group of young people to the Free Your Mind convention where both young people and professionals met to look how to break down stigma and raise awareness of mental health problems.
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5. Horsham Matters Report

- i. Liz Burt reported that there was now an updated agreement with SAYS for 1 year with a 3 year intention.

6. Any Other Business

- i. Emma reported that the Purple Bus which is a very well equipped mobile facility will be in Upper Beeding from 7 -9 pm on Wednesdays from after Easter until the end of the summer term. It will be manned by a Youth Worker from West Sussex as well as Emma and Maria and will be located on the car park by the recreation ground. The committee felt this was very good news.
- ii. The mobile skate ramps still need extra volunteers and locations. It may be possible to use the concrete strip in the Memorial Playing Fields and also the MUGA in Upper Beeding. Emma will also speak to Mr Wurgan at the Grammar School. **Action: E.E** Liz said that Horsham Matters were practising erecting the ramps at Ashington car park from 10 -3.00 the next day and anyone was free to join.
- iii. Liz also said that a grant of £9,000 had been received in order to purchase a towing vehicle but that it was proving difficult to find a suitable one.

7. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 19th May 2016** at the **Cushman Centre** from **5.45 -6.45 pm.**