

STEYNING AREA YOUTH SERVICES

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NOTES OF A TRUSTEE MEETING OF STEYNING AREA YOUTH SERVICES

Date: Friday 20th February 2014 *Time:* 2.00pm *Place:* Steyning Centre

Present:	Trustees: P Bowell (SPC), D Coldwell (UBPC), R Potter (BPC) Parish reps: T Lloyd (SPC), G Stevens (APC) Parish officers: S Booth (SPC), S Coberman (UBPC) Other: T Kerr (former SAYC)
1. Cuthman Centre	<p>Tim Kerr set out the background of the former relationships he had as SAYC with WSCC and the school regarding the Cuthman Centre. He had never seen any documentation regarding the legal status of the centre, and it was therefore uncertain whether legal ownership vested in the Foundation, the school governors, or the County Council, though the original construction had been funded with WSCC money. There are also, as far as can be ascertained, no separate trustees specifically for the centre. The concept of shared use between the school (during school hours) and SAYC (outside school hours) evolved over time by custom and practice, abetted by a good working relationship at staff level. There was a signed service level agreement in place between the school and WSCC (as funders of SAYC), but this expired in July 2013.</p> <p>Tim Lloyd indicated an opinion that the Foundation were the legal owners and that the expired SLA could legally be deemed to still be valid. The meeting as a whole, however, believed these matters remained uncertain.</p> <p>It is clear that the school wish to extend the use of the centre for classrooms, and have provided Philip Bowell with plans for a £60,000 refurbishment. Whilst they have not rejected out-of-hours use by SAYC, the plans take no account of the needs of youth provision. The head teacher (and school governors) appear to believe, whether well-grounded or otherwise, that they have proprietorial rights over the building.</p> <p>David Coldwell believes the Foundation governors are in a sensitive position, caught between the school and the need for youth provision.</p> <p>It was suggested, and agreed by the meeting, that David Coldwell should approach Sue Rogers with a view to establishing from the Foundation who has final authority over the building. A meeting can then be arranged between ourselves, the final authority, and the head teacher and Mrs Gue.</p>

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.