

## **Minutes of Paddock Wood Youth Council Meeting**

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 6 – 7 pm**

### **Present**

Carol Williams (PWTC)  
Helen Fenner  
Elizabeth Thomas (note taker, PWTC)  
Katharine Ridger (Brownies and Rainbows)  
Joshua Boyle (Army Cadets)  
Alice Boyle (Guides)  
Megan Woodgate (Guides)  
Amy Fenner (Scouts)  
Alicia Thompsett (Pathfinders, St Andrew's)  
Peter Hammerton (New Gen, St Andrew's)  
Emily Mackie (new Gen, St Andrew's)  
Henry Atkins (Explorers and Paddock Wood Athletics Club)

### **Apologies**

Derek Boyle (PWTC)  
Mollie Dew (Pathfinders, St Andrew's)

Joe Angelo (Street Cruizer)  
Jay Green (Street Cruiser)  
Sophie Dezecache (Street Cruiser)

### **YC 1 Welcome & apologies**

Mollie Dew & Derek Boyle sent apologies

### **YC 2 Minutes of last meeting & updates:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and updates given as follows:

- Richard from Feria had been impressed with the list of indoor and outdoor features submitted from the YC for the Community Centre.
- Feedback on logos – Carol has reviewed the logos and gave feedback about what was good from the logos submitted by the Brownies, especially the theme of making young people's voices heard. Other issues to consider are whether we want oast houses to link to other Town Logos or do the YC want to be different. It was agreed that any groups wanting to submit a logo bring them on 13<sup>th</sup> June for final agreement. The aim is to put this on Town noticeboards with where information for young people is displayed. The town council are being approached to agree a prize.

- The Town Litter pick is on 24<sup>th</sup> June between 6 & 8 pm – the group were asked to speak to groups about being involved. The Brownies have agreed an area.

### **YC 3 Feedback from Neighbourhood Planning events 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Carol gave some feedback from the two day event, outlining where young people had been involved and the excellent input from New Gen and Paddock Wood Primary School. She provided copies of the Commercial Road Street Scenes and asked the group to work in group to explore what is good and any additions they would like to see in the town centre. Feedback largely focused on the type of shops the young people would like to see including:

- a second large supermarket,
- a well-known chemist,
- a phone shop,
- electrical shop including one that can fix items,
- sports clothing shop, low cost clothing such as New Look or Primark and modern clothing.
- less hairdressers/beauty shops/ estate agents and charity shops.
- Branded shops
- Saturday market
- Cafes which open later

In addition the group wanted to see people parking in car parks and parking spaces with no parking on yellow lines. There need to be more signs advertising free parking & a return of 2 hours free. They would like roadside parking marked into bays so that some drivers do not take two spaces

They would like the high street advertised at the petrol station (as well as cheaper petrol) and for it to be one-way/pedestrianised, with benches, flower beds and cycle racks.

Carol gave brief feedback regarding proposals for the Town Centre and Community Centre arising from the planning event. She will feed comments back to Neighbourhood Plan Team/Feria.

### **YC 4 Youth Cafe**

Carol outlined a proposal to trial a Youth Café in the Pavilion on Memorial Field during the summer holidays if she could find sufficient volunteers to run this. Carol asked the group to discuss this with their groups and friend and bring ideas back to the next meeting. This would be a place to get drinks and snacks and to access equipment to play games on the field.

### **YC 5 Skate Park**

With reference to previous discussions Carol asked how the young people would like to see the skate park extended. The needs of both older and young age groups were discussed and it was agreed that it would be useful to visit other skate parks and get some ideas. To be discussed at a later meeting.

**Next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**