

Minutes of Paddock Wood Youth Council Meeting

11th April 2016, 6 – 7 pm

Present

Carol Williams (PWTC)
Derek Boyle (PWTC)
Helen Fenner
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)
Henry Atkins (Explorers and Paddock Wood Athletics Club)
Joe Angelo (Street Cruizer)
Jay Green (Street Cruiser)
Sophie Dezecache (Street Cruiser)

Apologies

Mollie Dew (Pathfinders, St Andrew's)

YC 1 Welcome & apologies

Mollie Dew sent apologies

YC 2 Minutes of last meeting & updates:

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

- Town Council have discussed the location of the information drum and agree the town centre near the public toilets would be a good site. This is being looked at, because it may be difficult to see all sides of the drum.
- The group spoke about the thinking behind draft logos which were shown. Carol and Derek collected these in and will give feedback next time.

YC 3 Neighbourhood Planning events 27th & 28th April

The YC Members were reminded about the Neighbourhood Planning events on 27 & 28th April and encouraged to attend with other members of their groups as well as families. The

group identified a number of issues they would like to see considered in the Neighbourhood Plan:

- A swimming pool (this was universal)
- Shops for young people including sports clothing shop
- An evening café and safe space to hang out
- Wider range of restaurants
- Hand painted benches around the town depicting local scenes
- A town campsite where uniformed and other groups can camp possibly near Foalhurst Wood
- Football goals on sports fields
- An adventure park for older children
- Restaurants suitable for young people
- Public toilets
- More car parking
- Extend skate park
- Dog walking area
- More playing fields – particularly with new developments

YC 4 Community Centre

The YC Members had been asked to discuss a questionnaire relating to a proposed community Centre with their groups and bring feedback to this meeting. Working in groups they were asked to share their discussions and produce a list of facilities they feel the community centre should include. The following results were obtained:

Outside facilities:

- Outside space is essential to combine use of the facilities with outdoor activities (universal)
- Outside space should include a shelter with seating and a bin/ veranda/decking & gardens
- Facilities for outdoor activities such as drone flying, crazy golf, paintballing
- Climbing wall
- Multiuse space outside including netball/basketball hoops
- Outdoor table tennis
- Picnic or BBQ area/outdoor seating
- Chalk/graffiti wall

Indoor facilities:

- Youth café/Clubhouse, including internet access & free wifi, TV, Pool, air hockey & football tables
- Bowling, badminton, trampolines
- Graffiti wall (electronic/3D digital)
- Cooking facilities/experience cooking

- Science room/small study rooms
- Cinema/theatre
- Art gallery
- Café with healthy food choices
- Disabled access & ramps
- Toilets open reasonable hours
- Access to more activities such as gymnastics, ballet, karate

YC 5 Queen's birthday celebration

The YC suggested having a picnic in the park, with live music/a choir, stalls and a giant cake. This could possibly be combined with the litter pick on 24th June – to be taken to Town Council.

Next meeting: 9th May