

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

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 6 – 7 pm**

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

Mollie Dew (Pathfinders, St Andrew's)  
Sophie Dezecache (Street Cruiser)  
Megan Woodgate (Guides)  
Alicia Thompsett (Pathfinders, St Andrew's)

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

Sophie Dezecache had sent apologies and was to prompt Jay Green and Joe Angelo about the meeting

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

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

- A concern has been raised by the Athletics Club that there is not space to extend the skate park at Putlands. CW will check plans, as the original plan had identified space for expansion in the future.
  - Update on litter pick – this is going ahead on 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm and Youth council groups have volunteered for the following areas:
    - Car parks off Commercial Road – Brownies
    - Alleyways off Commercial Road & War memorial area – Guides
    - Putlands – Athletics Club
  
    - Old Kent Road, Forest Road & School – school children
    - Ridings – local resident
- Other areas awaiting response:
- St Andrew's Field – possibly the Scouts
  - St Andrew's church and surrounding areas – church groups

Josh Boyle will ask re Cadets doing refreshments at Memorial Field Pavilion. We still need people to do Maidstone Road and other residential areas.

- Feedback on logos – None of the groups has finished their logo as yet. CW informed the group that there would be a £40.00 prize from the Council for the winning entry. To be submitted at the next meeting.

### **YC 3 Youth Cafe**

CW reported that she had undertaken a brief electronic survey regarding the times a Youth Café might be provided. The most popular days are Fridays, followed by Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the most popular time being between 3 to 6 pm, with 5 to 8 pm and 6 to 9 pm coming equal second in popularity. This possibly reflects the age of respondents, although KR reported that the Brownies would like this to run between 8 am and 8 pm or at lunch times. CW stated that the dates and times would be dependent on having sufficient volunteers for those sessions.

The survey indicated that young people would like access to equipment for sports such as football and rounders. The Brownies offered a wide range of suggested activities, including skipping ropes, a ball pit, soft play area, sand pit, crazy golf and an area for children with disabilities. They provided a comprehensive list of activities to be considered and would like the café to have adult supervision to address concerns such as strangers, injuries and the age range who would use this.

### **YC 4 Carnival**

CW reminded the group that the Carnival is on 9<sup>th</sup> July and the Town Council plans to provide information on the Youth Council. She has asked if any of the young people would be willing to spend some time on the stall to talk to other young people about the YC. Most of the group are on stalls representing this group, but felt that some time would be free to be on the Council stall. Derek will source Lanyards which identify the young people as a YC member.

### **YC 5 Litter slogan**

CW outlined information from an email from Sarah Stanley, PCSO regarding finding a slogan to make people think about putting litter in bins and looking after play areas. She provided a few examples:

<b>R</b> espect	<b>P</b> lay 4 all
<b>E</b> ach other	<b>L</b> earn together
<b>S</b> elf and	<b>A</b> ppreciate each other
<b>P</b> lay	<b>Y</b> ours and mine
<b>E</b> quipment	<b>G</b> row up together
<b>C</b> ommunity	<b>R</b> espect 4 everyone
<b>T</b> ogether	<b>O</b> wnership of the park
	<b>U</b> nite to protect
	<b>N</b> urture nature
	<b>D</b> iscover and enjoy!

CW asked if the groups would like to come up with one of their own for use around the Town. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **YC 6 Picnic in the Park**

CW asked the YC about a previous discussion relating to a picnic in the park, suggesting a date prior to return to school for autumn term. It was agreed that 3<sup>rd</sup> September between 2 and 4 pm would be good. CW will check out the date with the Town Clerk, to see if other activities are taking place at Memorial, St Andrew's, Putlands and Green Lane parks that day.

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

**Youth Council dates from September:**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

10<sup>th</sup> July 2017