



Minutes of Meeting of 6th February 2017, 6 – 7 pm

Present

Carol Williams (PWTC)
Emily Mackie
Katharine Ridger
Sarah Woodcock
Elizabeth Thomas

In attendance: Hannah Patton and Elena Ewence from Kent Youth County Council
Martin Eyre, Chairman, Paddock Wood Scouts
Andrew Morgan, NOMADS with two young people
Tom Hooker, Paddock Wood Football Club
Barbara Giles, Town Centre Group, Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan

YC 1 Welcome & apologies

Henry Atkins, Amy and Helen Fenner sent apologies.

YC 2 Minutes of last meeting & updates:

- Carol circulated a contact list to get up to date contact details.
- Discussion regarding the Neighbourhood Plan was deferred to later in the meeting to enable the KYCC representatives to get a train home.

YC 3. Kent Youth County Council – Hannah Patton (Youth Participation Officer) and Elena Ewence (Youth Councillor)

Hannah and Elena provided a brief overview of the role of the Youth Council, with supporting information (see pdf link below). They meet one Sunday a month and work on different topics in groups during the day. They are also provided with training such as how to write a manifesto. Young Councillors are expected to attend most meetings over the year. KCC provide the youth council with a budget for the year, which they use to spend on projects. Projects for 2017 include bullying and mental health, but they have looked at cycling and transport to ensure the continued availability of the young people's travel pass.

The council has members between the age of 11 and 18 years, with representatives from schools in the major towns in Kent. Hannah said that Mascalls was not yet involved and they did not have anyone from Paddock Wood or the surrounding area/villages.

There are 160 members, with 90 young people elected each year for one or two years. Elections are advertised in July each year and voting takes place in November. More information is available at:

YC 4. Neighbourhood Plan – Town Centre Group

Carol welcomed Barbara Giles, who came back to receive feedback from the groups about the town centre. Katharine fed back from the uniformed groups, which identified significant variation in the views of younger age groups from the older groups. Whilst the younger age group was positive about Paddock Wood in terms of living here and being able to see friends in town, the older group were less positive and did not visit the shops in the town centre. A varied list of shops that the young people would like to see was provided, which Carol will type up for Barbara.

Emily reported that at New gen they had discussed the need for a family friendly restaurant or pub, and cheap food outlets. They also saw the Town Centre as spreading down Maidstone Road rather than being confined to Commercial Road.

The information discussed will be fed into the Neighbourhood Planning event on 1st and 2nd March. This will take the form of an exhibition in the Day Centre from 1 pm on 1st and from 9am to 1 pm on 2nd.

YC 5. Taking Youth Council forward

CW suggested that at the next meeting we discuss KYCC and look at what PWYC would like to achieve over the next year.

YC 6. Any other business

There will be a litter picking event during the weekend of 3rd to 5th March. This will take place from the Pavilion between 3 and 5 pm on Sunday 5th March, with refreshments available between 3 and 5 pm. There is also the option for groups or individuals to collect bags, gloves and litter pickers from the Town Council Office and collect litter any time during the preceding week. All black bags of litter should be returned to the Estates compound on Memorial Field between 3 and 5 pm on 5th March.

Sarah suggested that Mary Morgan might be a good contact at Mascalls School.

YC 7 Next meeting: 13th March 2017, 6 pm Day Centre

Youth Council dates for the remainder of the year:

10th April 2017

8th May 2017

12th June 2017

10th July 2017



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