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## Minutes of Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 6 – 7 pm

### Present

Carol Williams (PWTC)  
Helen Fenner  
Derek Boyle (PWTC)  
Alice Boyle (Guides)  
Josh Boyle (Army Cadets)  
Elizabeth Thomas (Chair, PWTC)

Stewart Wild (Fusion Leisure)  
Andy Mackie (Community Centre Project Rep)

### YC 1 Welcome & apologies

Apologies were received from:

Sophie Dezechache (Street Cruiser)  
Sarah-Joy Woodcock (St Andrews Youth groups)  
Emily Mackie (New Gen, St Andrew's)  
Henry Atkins (Explorers and Paddock Wood Athletics Club)  
Amy Fenner (Scouts)  
Katharine Ridger (Brownies and Rainbows)

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

Due to the cancellation of the November meeting, the previous minutes were from October 2016.

Carol updated the group on the following:

- Youth Café will open again in the spring and the Council is still investigating wifi access in the Pavilion
- A summary regarding the Youth Council has been sent to Meryl Flashman to add to the YC page on the Council website
- Gerry Byman has produced a poster about litter, which we will look at in the January meeting

### YC 3 Community centre

Carol welcomed Andy, who updated the YC on progress with a community centre. He explained that this had been investigated and discussed for the last 10 years but now there was an opportunity to get the finance from the new developments. The halls currently available in Paddock Wood are often fully booked making room booking difficult.

The centre is likely to be built on memorial Playing Field, where the current car park is, as there is good access from the road, it is visible and parking can be provided, whilst leaving room for other activities on the field. The plan is for a high quality building with meeting rooms for small group activities and a large hall which can be sub-divided to create smaller spaces. It is proposed that it will be 2 storey, with art displayed in the reception. It will contain a café/bar.

The Pavilion is small for the Youth Café – East Malling has a large room for youth activities with storage and access to a cafe

Young people had previously contributed to a neighbourhood Plan event and created a specification for the Community Centre (see attached) which included an outside picnic space and climbing wall, with large space inside and small rooms to do small group activities such as homework.

Issues which the group thought might be added to the list are a multi-faith room.

Andy stated that a questionnaire would be circulated in the New Year and Carol suggested that the YC look at this as a group.

#### **YC 4 Neighbourhood Plan – Sports & Recreation Group**

Carol welcomed Stewart Wild who came to talk about the work of the group and gain feedback from the YC. Carol also provided a brief overview of the other groups: Town Centre, Heritage, Green infrastructure.

Stewart introduced himself and the work of Fusion who offer after school clubs for young people at Putlands. He also referred to some of the activities for younger children at the Wesley Centre. The Sports & Recreation group are looking at sports facilities for the future and would like ideas from young people. Discussion took place regarding what is currently provided and what the young people would like to see:

- Indoor climbing wall – the facilities at the Hop Farm are no longer available
- Dance, badminton, pickle ball (played on a badminton court, Wednesday pm) & table tennis are currently provided indoors at Putlands
- Outdoor sports available include athletics, netball, rugby, football and tennis
- The YC would like to see all sports provided together in one space/area
- Facilities they would like to see in the future are a swimming pool, ice skating rink, go karting and virtual reality game facilities
- They would like to have somewhere locally to show films – small cinema or Youth facility
- A toy library to exchange toys and games
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#### **YC 5 Kent County Youth Council**

Kent County Youth Council have agreed to send one or two local reps to the February or March meeting to look at how the YC can link into the work they are doing.

#### **YC 6 Any other business**

- Derek Boyle updated the group regarding wifi hubs, but BT is not a viable option going forward and we may have to look at businesses. Stewart Wild offered to investigate this. It was suggested that PW Business Association might invest in this.

**YC 7 Next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**Youth Council dates for the remainder of the year:**

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

# Community Centre: outside

- ▶ All groups want outside space to combine use of the facilities with outdoor activities
- ▶ Include a shelter with seating and a bin/veranda/decking & gardens
- ▶ Picnic or BBQ area/outdoor seating
- ▶ Facilities for outdoor activities such as drone flying, crazy golf, paintballing
- ▶ Climbing wall
- ▶ Multiuse space outside including netball, basketball hoops & outdoor table tennis
- ▶ Chalk/graffiti wall



# Community Centre: inside

- ▶ Youth café/Clubhouse, including internet access & free wifi, music, 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/live music/entertainment
- ▶ Art gallery
- ▶ Café with healthy food choices
- ▶ Disabled access & ramps
- ▶ Toilets open reasonable hours
- ▶ Access to more activities such as gymnastics, ballet, karate



# Neighbourhood

- ▶ All want a swimming pool
- ▶ Shops for young people including sports clothing shop
- ▶ An evening café and safe space to hang out
- ▶ Wider range of restaurants suitable for young people
- ▶ Hand painted benches around the town
- ▶ A town campsite possibly near Foalhurst Wood
- ▶ Football goals on sports fields
- ▶ An adventure park for older children
- ▶ Public toilets
- ▶ More lighting in alleyways – some areas feel unsafe
- ▶ More car parking
- ▶ Extend skate park
- ▶ Dog walking area
- ▶ More playing fields – particularly with new developments

