



Notes of Meeting 10th December, 2018, 6 – 7.00 pm

Day Centre, Dowding House, Commercial Way, Paddock Wood

Present

Emily Mackie
Amelie Maxwell
Alice Boyle
Eileen Wilson
Carol Williams
Derek Boyle

YC 1 Apologies

Adam Fleming
Caitlin Marks
Sarah Woodcock

YC 2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were agreed, but it was agreed to add the charity registration numbers for the two charities discussed:

Children's Burns Club: 1048542

Peanut Ward, East Grinstead Hospital: 1056120 (QVH)

YC 3 Reflection on Young Person of the Year Award

Reflections on event identified a number of issues that did not go to plan:

- the time allowed for the slot was less than originally allocated and involved the winners of the competition as well, so it was hurried;
- the compere/announcer did not have the information sent to Nicki about each young person and did not appear to know what was happening,
- the audience did not seem interested (not all local residents) in what was going on and many had gone home (possibly too late in the event)
- the stage was too small to accommodate everyone.

Things that worked well included:

- The award was well publicised
- It was a community celebration of young people
- Jessie fed back positively and was pleased with her award and prizes

What we need to do for next year:

- Advertise earlier – possibly a stand at the Carnival
- Improve the announcement process.

CW suggested it may be better to present the award at the St Andrews Christmas event, which is attended by Paddock Wood residents and families of the children who perform at the event – this may be a more appropriate audience. CW will feed back concerns to PWLU.

YC 4 Community Centre Update

In Sarah's absence, EW updated the young people on progress as follows:

- Diagrams are now available – but are indicative only, although we have looked at some of the external materials. These will be discussed at Full Council.
- Public engagement events are planned for 10th & 12th January 2019
- The plans will possibly be submitted to planning in February 2019
- If planning approval is granted it is hoped construction will start towards the end of summer 2019, opening in 2020/21

YC 5 Plans for next year

The group discussed increasing membership and the need to develop a video was discussed again, to ensure consistency of messaging when speaking to groups. Alice volunteered to go to the Guides to talk about the Youth Council.

The need to build on the PWYC successes was discussed to identify projects for 2019:

- Alice asked what is happening with the litter pick? CW stated that this had been scheduled in to the work of the Estates Committee. Eileen suggested one should be in conjunction with a community picnic/games. Emily raised the possibility of working with Lee Probert (Nextdoor) to hold a community event as an incentive to get people involved. Amelie suggested a treasure hunt combined with a litter pick – winner is the first group back with the most litter. The group agreed that this was a good idea and that these events needed better advertising e.g. The Big Paddock Wood Clean Up.
- The group felt the litter picks should be more frequent and suggested the following dates: March 15th, June 28th, September 20th, November 17th
- Emily suggested fund raising for one of Jessie's charities and awareness raising of the other
- The group asked about the skate park: CW stated that this was being put forward as a project for funding in the Neighbourhood Plan

YC 6 Any other business

Derek gave apologies for arriving late

YC 7 Date of Next Meeting:

14th January 2019, 6-7 pm, Day Centre, Paddock Wood