



Notes of Meeting on 13th May, 2019, 6 – 7.00 pm

Day Centre, Dowding House, Commercial Way, Paddock Wood

Present

Emily Mackie (Chair)
Adam Fleming
Alice Boyle
Amelie Maxwell
Lucy Hill
Carol Williams (notes)

YC 1 Introductions & apologies: no apologies received.

Alice Boyle was elected chair and thanks were given to Emily and Adam who are leaving school and thus will no longer be eligible to sit on Youth Council.

YC 2 Minutes of last meeting & matters arising:

- Activities list – CW will try again to contact the Cadets but will forward the amended document to Teresa Maxwell in the office to make amendments and post on the board.
- Litter posters have been taken down, so the Brownies are developing some more. CW will ask Nichola about the spare ones in the office.
- CW will ask Teresa Maxwell if she can recreate the log electronically based on Alice's approved redesign.

YC 3 Community Centre Update; there is no update at present as the project went on hold either side of the elections and whilst awaiting documents from the architect. The young people expressed frustration that this was not moving forward as some groups were held in inadequate space. In particular, the young people cited the Rainbows and Brownies who currently have small spaces, which limits their activities. There is no space available to add new groups/activities.

The Youth Council also raised the range of misinformation that is being discussed in the community such as:

- The Community Centre will cover the whole field
- The field will be concreted over for car parking

They felt angry that people are spreading false information which could make the community oppose the development when it is much needed.

YC 4 Plans for this year:

- Creation of a video/pictures – to be deferred, as the young people are currently lacking inspiration about what they enjoy in Paddock Wood. This will be reviewed after the exam period!
- Plans for the Open meeting on June 10th were discussed.
- Carnival planning – CW to write to local businesses including Waitrose requesting prizes

YC 5 PCSOs visit – this visit re hate crime will take place in June.

YC 6 Any other business: None

YC 7 Next meeting: 10th June 2019, 6 – 7 pm, Day Centre, Commercial Road, Paddock Wood

Future meetings:

July 8th 2019

August 12th 2019

September 9th 2019

October 14th 2019

November 11th 2019

December 9th 2019

January 13th 2020

February 10th 2020

March 9th 2020