



**Minutes of Paddock Wood Youth Council,
9th July, 2018, 6 – 7 pm,
Day Centre, Dowding House, Commercial Way, Paddock Wood**

Present

Alice Boyle, Guides

Caitlin Marks, Pathfinders

Sarah Woodcock, Youth Leader, St Andrew's Church

Councillor Eileen Wilson

Councillor Carol Williams (notes)

YC 1 Apologies

Emily Mackie, New Gen

Councillor Derek Boyle

The group welcomed Juliette Vincent from Mascalls School. Juliette is a prefect and also attends the Army Cadets.

YC 2 Minutes of last meeting & matters arising

CW has still not heard from Arriva, so will send a follow up email for the outstanding information.

YC 3 Attracting new members

The group discussed how we could attract new members:

- Angie Gorst is leaving PWPS and year 6 will now be led by Lottie Burnden – Carol to contact her
- We discussed with Juliette the possibility of having a members from Mascalls Lower and Upper Schools. Juliette will explore this further.
- Visit groups and talk about the Youth Council
- Make publicity information such as a video clip of spliced photos. Members could interview one another to find out what each member is most proud of
- Have Youth Council Suggestion Boxes in key places such as the church, schools, the cardshop and library asking people what they think PWYC should be working on

YC 4 Young people's award – actions update

Sarah showed the poster she had put together and the group confirmed the timeline as outlined in the previous minutes (see below). Emily had confirmed that she had agreement from Carole Stirling to be on the voting panel. Carol & Eileen were yet to speak to Ray and Harriet.

- Dates for submission of nominations – 5th October 2018
- Judging will take place on 8th October at the Youth Council Meeting.
- Finalists and winner to be announced at the Paddock Wood Lights UP event on 25th November.

Eileen, Emily and Carol will look at trophies and certificates before the next meeting.

Juliette offered to put posters up in Mascalls

YC 5 Community Centre Working Party update – Sarah Woodcock

Nothing to report at present.

YC 6 The Big Conversation Rural Transport Questionnaire – Eileen Wilson

Eileen circulate information from KCC about the Big Conversation, which is asking for individual's responses to a consultation on the future of rural transport in Kent. Eileen stated that there were basically three options:

- A feeder service of small buses to connect to major services, which would not require booking
- A bookable, flexible service
- A taxi style bus service

Eileen encouraged young people to log and have their say.

YC 7 Paddock Wood Youth Groups List

Carol will update and ask Teresa to present as a poster to go on the notice board

YC 8 Any other business

Sarah reminded the group about the Pop Up Sports at Memorial Field from 24th – 27th July and the Family Fun Day on 26th August between 1 & 4 pm.

Next meeting: 10th September 2018, 6 – 7 pm, Day Centre, Commercial Road, Paddock Wood