



Meeting Notes 13th September 2021, 6.00 to 7.00 pm

118 Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood for PWYC BBQ

Present

Amelie Maxwell

Lucy Hill

Carol Williams

Jonathan Alawo (in attendance)

YC 1 Apologies – Alice Boyle, Sarah Woodcock

YC 2 Welcome to Jonathan Alawo

CW introduced Jonathan Alawo to the group as Jonathan is interested in working with PWYC to increase presence on social media and help develop activities for young people in Paddock Wood.

Jonathan said he recently read some negative comments about young people on Facebook and was inspired to find out how he can help, having not long been a teenager/young adult himself. He understands how easily young people get labelled, especially when there are limited activities and boredom is common. Having looked at what is available in Paddock Wood he is going to help out at Pathfinders at St Andrews Church and would like to get involved in young people's provision more widely. He has experience in music promotion and works for the Environment Agency.

The group welcomed Jonathan and were keen to explore the ideas he presented. It was suggested that a programme of events would be planned by PWYC over the winter, with these going live in the spring. Further discussion at the next meeting.

YC 3 Activities for 2021/22

- CW presented some feedback from Pathfinders & New Gen where they had been asked what they would like to see in Paddock Wood which might improve facilities for young people. Using nominal group techniques, each young person had been asked to allocate votes to items on the list. The following list was compiled in order of preference.

- Youth Hub

11 votes

- Skate park with facilities for basketball & football (MUGA) 7 votes
- Coffee shop with barista training 6 votes
- Shed in a garden 6 votes
- Mobile library/computers & books/telephone box or mini library 5 votes
- Piano/music activities 2 votes

The need for a survey of young people in Paddock Wood was discussed.

- It was suggested at the next meeting we look at 3 things PWYC could do in this year, so that we can plan over the winter
- There is a need to improve social media profile. CW will ask Henry Atkins to close the existing Facebook page as it is not possible to add posters and documents to this site. CW to set up new Facebook Page.

YC 4 Community Centre update – awaiting planning permission decision on 22nd September 2021

YC 5 Neighbourhood Plan update – nothing new at this time.

YC 6 Next meeting: 11th October 2021

Future meetings: to be agreed