

Coxhoe Parish Council Meeting: Youth Strategy Group

Date & Time: 3 September 2020 6.00pm

Venue: via Zoom

Councillors present:

W Lavelle (Chair), N Brown, K Lowes, K Simpson.

Also present:

I Thompson, Senior Youth Worker; S Graham, Youth Worker; C Llewelyn, Parish Clerk.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Y74 Zoom meeting information and Parish Council Public Participation Policy

Cllr Lavelle gave information about Zoom meetings and Councillor Simpson offered to chair the meeting if there were technology issues. **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y75 To note apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Dunn and Hedley. **Resolved** apologies were noted.

Y76 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor N Brown declared an interest as Co-ordinator for Coxhoe Neighbourhood Watch which has a youth element. Councillor Lowes declared an interest as a close relative is employed by the Youth Service.

Y77 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2020

A draft copy of the minutes had been circulated with the agenda. It was **Resolved** that the draft minutes from 30 January 2020 be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record. These will be countersigned by the Clerk and signed by the Chair when possible.

Y78 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

Y79 Review of Youth Provision

Youth Club Action Plan

Discussion took place over resumption of face to face activity. Staff will be talking to Active Life and Quarrington Hill Community Centre about their risk assessments and concerns, and ensuring each organisation's risk assessments work together. Staff may need to give priority to young people from within the parish if there is more demand than can be met, as numbers are likely to be limited. Pre-booking will take place. Equipment for staff will be provided. Staff have been consulted on the risk assessment and it is going to full Council next week.

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Covered above.

Coxhoe, Quarrington Hill and Zoom Youth Clubs

Staff said that Facebook interactions increased when the summer packs went out. Attendance has been up and down. A parent sent chocolate to thank the staff. Staff said young people are coming up with more ideas and plans include special effects make up for Halloween. Discussion followed about making up or providing ingredients for broth or mince and dumplings and delivering to young people, and Christmas cookie ingredients. North East Youth may have some funding for equipment. Storage would be beneficial at Quarrington Hill. It was **Resolved** the information is noted and activity endorsed.

Youth Council and Ambassadors

S Graham said the staff will look for accredited work experience for Ambassadors. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y80 Programme

Termly planning and dates

Officers said that activities will be restricted and limited as it is not possible to provide all activities under the current control measures. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Holiday activities

The Clerk thanked the staff for their hard work ensuring 250 packs with packed lunch and sports equipment were delivered to young people in the holidays. Christmas closure dates have been sent out to staff. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y81 Mission Statement

I Thompson said the mission statement is on the website and it includes aims and objectives. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y82 Engagement with Young People including those who are Seldom Heard, Parents and the Community

Staff said they are currently engaging with young people who have special educational needs and the staff have undertaken some training on mental health issues. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y83 Youth Budget and Funding

Budget

It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Grant Applications

The Clerk said there is still money left in the AAP funding for coaching. **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y84 Staff Feedback

Staff feedback was given. Staff felt that smaller numbers could allow a more youth work oriented approach.

Councillors said it was commendable that the staff have kept going and kept young people engaged and adapted quickly to the situation brought about by the pandemic.

It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y85 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 21 January 2021 at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Certified as a True Record:

Chair (Sign)

Date

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