



HENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Children and Young People Committee held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 10.30 am in the Henfield Hall

Present: Cllrs N Farrell (Chairman), E Goodyear and C Simmonds.

In attendance: Mrs R Grantham (Operations Manager- OP) and three members of the public.

MINUTES

1. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

None.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Potts and Donoghue.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING 13th DECEMBER 2022**

Approved, to be signed in the Parish Office after the meeting.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

1. Henfield Club Membership Fees

Discussions are ongoing to allow 16 and 17 year olds to attend the Club on a Friday and Saturday evening without paying a membership fee.

2. DBS Checks

It was agreed that all members of this committee would undertake DBS checking, to be paid for by the Parish Council.

Action Point: The OP to resend the details on how to arrange a DBS check to committee members.

3. Safeguarding Policy

This was approved at Full Council on 3rd January 2023.

OPEN FORUM

A representative from Tic Tac skate school offered support for improvements to the skate park and made several suggestions for how to engage local young people, He suggested regular live music events with a small entry fee (no alcohol to be on sale) to fundraise for improvements as well as develop a working relationship and opportunity for consultation with young people. Representatives present from the Youth Club offered their venue and assistance.

5. **CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM HENFIELD YOUTH CLUB**

Youth Club representatives confirmed that there has been significant progress on their application to become a CIO, a draft constitution is with their solicitor. They are also recruiting a new trustee. They are launching an additional evening for seniors on a Friday and have signed up to provide sexual health services. The Youth Club explained that their future plan involves creating a mezzanine floor above the sports hall to create a separate flexible space that can be used as a chill out area for older children after school and evenings but would also be available for day-time use for groups This would provide a rental income to facilitate hiring more staff. Initial plans with a layout were shown to the committee. An initial quote from a local builder for the work, which includes a new staircase, wheelchair accessible lift, new entrance and outdoor fire escape is £75,000 to £85,000. A business plan is being produced. **It was all agreed** to support this proposal and recommend to Full Council the inclusion of the project on the Parish Council IDP.

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PROJECTS

1. Improvements to Skate Park

Initial plans have been provided by one company so far at a likely cost of £40,000. It was explained that there is no need to increase the footprint of the skate park, but that it could be greatly improved with some changes to the layout which would provide distinct areas for beginners, intermediate and expert and allow for better flow back and forth to allow safe use for multiple skaters including scooters. The importance of a pump track was also highlighted for scooters to progress to as well as use by bmx riders. It was mentioned that bmx and skating are now Olympic sports and funding may be available from Sport England as well as SBGB. The importance of the basketball court being free to use at any time was also discussed and there was also a recommendation for a community graffiti wall, which could be launched at a skate jam event. **It was agreed** that the next step would be to approach other providers for quotations and designs.

Action Point: The OP to arrange for further quotations.

2. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The working group are meeting next week so there is nothing new to report.

3. Use of existing high street café

This is ongoing.

4. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Year of Young People should feature as a topic at the meeting and a display could be produced explaining the vision of the committee as well as planned projects and ideas. A meeting to discuss further was arranged for 1st February at 11am.

Action Point: the OP to inform Cllrs Donoghue and Potts of the meeting to plan the APM presentation.

7.

RECRUITMENT OF A YOUTH COORDINATOR

A meeting with Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP) on 16/1/23 was postponed. A new date is being arranged.

Action Point: The OP to rearrange the meeting with SCYP.

8.

CONSIDER GREEN FLAG CHECKLIST AT PLAY AREAS

A draft of the checklist was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that it was a useful way to potentially identify areas for improvement. Scores were discussed and it was resolved to arrange a site visit of all play areas in the Spring.

9.

ARTICLE FOR BNS MAGAZINE

A draft was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to update once there is further information available from the Henfield Club, Leisure Centre and High Street Café.

10.

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER GROUPS

1. Survey of organisations

This is ongoing.

11.

EVENTS

1. Launch Event

It is hoped launch events can take place in March for the Henfield Club and High Street Café projects. Dates to be confirmed.

2. Skate Jam

This will be planned to take place in the Summer term 2023.

3. Cinema Night
This has been provisionally booked for May 27th.

Action Point: The OP to check on the film release dates with cinema provider.

4. Job Fair
It is hoped this can take place in the Autumn term 2023.

Action Point: The Chairman to discuss with Cllr Potts.

5. Coronation Event
It was agreed to arrange a Family Fun Day at the Rothery on Sunday May 7th. Children's Activities to take place from 3pm to 6pm, with a BBQ and music to take place later into the evening. A working group meeting will be arranged at the next meeting of this committee.

Action Point: Cllr Simmonds to approach the BP Guild to provide marquees, BBQ, bar and music. Lighting of the Beacon to be discussed further at a later stage. He will also suggest 50% of profit to be donated to this committee for spending on youth projects.

Action Point: The OP to establish the Parish Council position regarding accepting donations for youth projects and contact the following to ask whether they would be prepared to be involved.

- **Get Fit to provide traditional sports games**
- **Henfield Leisure Centre**
- **Henfield Football Club**
- **Henfield Youth Club**
- **Henfield Guides**

12. **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Financial update
Nothing to report.
2. Any further updates
Nothing to report.

13. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman explained that due to now taking on full time work she is now having less time available. Following further discussion it was agreed to increase support from fellow committee members and to discuss at the next meeting moving the CYP meeting to an evening time slot

14. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

22nd February 2023 at 10.30am.

Meeting Closed at 12.46pm.