

HENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting of the Children and Young People Committee held on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 5.30pm in the Henfield Hall

Present: Cllr N Farrell (Chairman), E Goodyear, A Donoghue and C Simmonds.

In attendance: Mrs R Grantham (Operations Manager – OM) and one member of the public.

MINUTES

1. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

None.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr J Potts.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING 22nd FEBRUARY 2023**

Approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

1. DBS Checks

These have not yet been completed for committee members. Cllr Donoghue mentioned that she will not be standing for Parish Council so there will be no need to carry out a check for her.

2. Recruitment of Youth Coordinator

Instruction has been given to advertise the position and terms for a two-year contract have been agreed.

3. Basketball back boards

These have been ordered, works officers will install.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

The Chairman suggested, and it was agreed to invite the member of the public to speak in the items relevant to him i.e. relating to the skate park. It was also agreed to discuss item 9.2 directly after 7.1 so that the member of the public can leave the meeting if he wishes.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that the OM is in discussion with the World Boxing Council to consider whether they may be able to bring their youth training sessions to Henfield Leisure Centre, who are supportive of the suggestion.

6. **MOTION: TO CONSIDER THE QUOTATION FOR GRAFFITI WALL AT THE SKATE PARK.**

Following discussion it was agreed that this should take place on a trial basis, therefore the committee decided that the much cheaper option of standard ply would be most appropriate. This could be upgraded to marine ply at a later stage if the standard ply deteriorates and the project is successful. It was also agreed to just put the boards on the central rear section facing the skate park to include a frame to discourage graffiti from spreading onto the areas to the side. It was noted that the additional layer of wood would enhance the acoustic protection qualities of the wall. The Works Officers will construct, paint and treat, and install the wall to be launched at the skate jam event in the summer.

It was **PROPOSED** by the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Simmonds and **VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR** to accept the quotation for £600 to construct and install a graffiti wall to the acoustic fencing at the skate park.

7. **PROJECTS**

1. Improvements to Skate Park

A response from Barratts regarding variation of the S106 agreement has not yet been received. It was suggested to approach Sport England as Skateboard GB are promoting an ongoing improvement grant. It was also suggested to approach Sainsbury's and to set up a separate skate park improvement fund.

**Action Point: The Clerk to set up a budget line for Skate Park Improvement Fund.
Action Point: The OM to chase Barratts and look into the Sport England grant.**

2. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The working group met at the leisure centre on the 28th February and the plans to lower the ceiling in the squash courts and create an additional floor above were explained in more detail. The cost is likely to be in the region of £90,000. It was noted that an additional area for the kids' club upstairs would need an adult member of staff present. Up to date quotes were requested. Cllr Goodyear explained at the meeting on 28/3/23 that the Committee hopes to fund more than one project and that the Leisure Centre will likely need to find additional funding sources. Quotes have also been requested from the Henfield Club for a pool table, electronic dartboard and improved seating. It was agreed to keep looking for premises on the High Street for a youth café and seek potential fitting out costs. It is hoped that the Youth Coordinator once appointed will also be involved in this initiative

3. Hub on the High Street

The trial at Goodness in March was well attended and very good feedback was received from young people attending. Goodness would like to continue opening on a Wednesday afternoon and have adjusted their menu slightly to accommodate young people's requests. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not make a decision on continuing with this initiative until the Youth Coordinator is appointed. Goodness have also been asked not to use the name 'Hub on the High Street' and the Parish Council will no longer subsidise the drinks.

4. Hub at the Club

It was agreed that although full club membership would not be required unless young people wanted to play snooker, any young people aged 16 – 18 attending the club would be required to sign in with a separate book as it is important to know who is in the building, particularly if the young people are to be unsupervised upstairs. It was agreed that any alcohol purchased would need to be consumed downstairs in the bar area and that if the project continues beyond the launch, that separate soft drinks could be made available for young people to purchase upstairs or they would be welcome to bring their own as the Parish Council would likely be paying room hire.

8. **FEEDBACK FROM OTHER GROUPS**

1. Survey of organisations

This is ongoing.

9. **EVENTS**

1. Henfield Club Launch

Ten pizzas have been ordered at a discounted rate from Kebab Knight and will be collected at 6pm. The OM and Chairman and committee members will meet and set up the upstairs room at 5.30pm. Raffle tickets will be handed out as young people arrive to hand in at the bar in exchange for a one free drink to be paid for by the Parish Council.

2. Skate Jam

A date was chosen, Saturday 15th July. Henfield Skate Jam will be a launch event for a series of four skateboarding competitions named 'The Four H's', Henfield, Hassocks, Haywards Heath and Horsham. Tic Tac skate school will organise the practise sessions, competition, professional demo's, music prizes and give aways. The Committee offered to contribute towards prizes. It was agreed to ask the Youth Club if they would like to provide burgers and hot dogs. It is hoped that this may become an annual event. A working group will be formed after the coronation event.

3. Cinema Night
This has been confirmed for the 27th May. Tickets are now on sale online and will be available on the door. It was agreed not to provide refreshments but to suggest people bring their own when advertising. Promotion to begin at the end of April and will include flyers/posters for the school, leisure centre and Youth Club.

Action Point: The OM to check what promotional material may be available from Cinemobile.

4. Job Fair
It is hoped that this can take place in the Autumn Term and can be organised with input from a Youth Coordinator. As provision of job fairs has been passed to WSCC, it was agreed to contact them to ask whether they can coordinate for Henfield.

Action Point: The OM to contact Cllr Sarah Payne to see if she can assist with bringing a job fair to Henfield.

5. Coronation Event
A working group has been set up and met last week. Members of the BP Guild are providing a marquee, bar, BBQ and live music as well as arranging toilets, posters, tables and chairs and the lighting of the Beacon. First Aid cover will be provided by the Chairman, OM and the wife of one of the Guild members. A local fitness instructor has confirmed he will provide traditional sports and games and it is hoped the Leisure Centre will be able to provide the bouncy castle. The Chairman and OM will arrange the craft activity, purchase craft materials, medals and stickers as prizes and suitable free soft drinks for children. **It was agreed** to hire Circus Rio at a cost of £250 to provide circus skills workshop activities from 3pm to 5pm which will include juggling, diabolo, poi, stilts, hula hoops and unicycling.

Action Point: The OM to confirm with Circus Rio and arrange to meet with the Chairman to order craft supplies, medals and stickers.

Action Point: The Chairman to ask the Youth Club if they would run a bubble activity.

Action Point: The OM to arrange for immediate neighbours of the Rothery Field to be notified of the event.

10. **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Financial update
There is nothing to report.
2. Any further updates
None.

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

None.

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

To be confirmed due to election period.

Meeting Closed at 7.20pm