



HENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Children and Young People Committee held on Monday 13th May 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Henfield Hall

Present: Cllrs Samantha Leader (Chairman), Chris Simmonds, Adrian Willard and Fiona Ayres.

In attendance: Mrs R Grantham (Operations Manager-OM) and Ms G Campsey (Youth Coordinator-YC)

MINUTES

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Simmonds, **SECONDED** by Cllr Willard and **VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR** to elect Cllr Leader as Chairman for the forthcoming year.
2. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Leader, **SECONDED** by Cllr Simmonds and **VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR** to elect Cllr Willard as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.
3. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**
None.
4. **APOLOGIES**
Cllr Goodyear and Cllr Potts.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING 15th APRIL 2024**
Approved. Signed and dated by the Chairman.
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
 1. DBS Checks. Cllr Willards and Cllr Ayres are complete, and copy submitted to Clerk. Cllr Goodyear to complete.
 2. ROSPA repair progress. YC gave progress update and listed outstanding repairs. Agreed the work on the basketball hoops should now be completed by works officers as there has been no recent contact from Youth Justice Reparation Team who had shown an interest in completing this. The Rothery Play area is currently closed for repairs to be completed on the wooden bridge structure, to be completed by Cllr Simmonds with assistance from the works team. YC passed to committee costing for replacement cradle swing seats for the Wantley swings.
 3. Youth Forum. YC stated this is an ongoing project and will look to promote this at the grand fair.
 4. Repainting of street art wall. Works officer to complete as there has been no recent contact from Youth Justice Reparation Team who had shown an interest in completing this. Suggested the Youth Club may like to take this on as a project. YC to liaise with the manager.
 5. Tree planting at Kings Field play area. Agreed this is now complete and can be removed from agenda.

The Chairman adjourned meeting.

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Cllr Leader spoke of the success of the Scoot Jam held on Saturday 11th May 2024 and thanked YC and everyone who had assisted in the organisation of the event. This prompted a further discussion about the event and it was agreed by the committee that this event should be a yearly event. Also discussed the idea of hosting another Skate Jam possibly in September and again aim to host yearly. In response to this, Cllr Ayres suggested that the

events could be made bigger by inviting other companies and groups to have representation making it more appealing to a wider audience and enhancing attendance. Cllr Leader would like to see a write up in the BN5 and YC agreed and will progress this.

8. **REPORT FROM YOUTH COORDINATOR**

Report emailed to all members with the agenda. Updates given on the skate park, Kingsfield play park, Scoot Jam, youth hub, meetings attended and any upcoming. Cllr Leader suggested photos of Scoot Jam to be included in the next months' YC report.

9. **PROJECTS**

1. Improvements to Skate Park.
 - a) Funding update. YC advised a decision from the Financial, Risk & Change committee is awaited.
 - b) Design options. Cllr Leader suggested creating a working group for consultations on ideas and designs. OM advised this would require 2 councillors, YC, OM, and suggested a skateboard representative, a scooter representative, parents, and users of the park. Also suggested in the interim, maybe purchasing some jumps/equipment that are not permanent and make approach to Henfield Youth Club to see if that is something they could manage. YC to contact.
 - c) Planning Application. Cannot be submitted until design is sorted.
2. Hub on the High Street. YC advised no response as of yet from Foster & Co re Ivy House property. YC to chase for outcome, positive or negative.
3. Improvements to Play Areas. Also previously discussed in Matters Arising. YC suggested the next play area to focus on improving would be The Rothery. Cllr Ayres voiced concerns that Chessbrook Green should be included in consideration for improvements and YC confirmed that all play areas are included but Chessbrook Green already has a good play area and The Rothery has very little. All play areas will be looked at for improvements. Cllr Leader suggested maybe another walk around the play areas to reassess what is needed.

GREEN SPACE STRATEGY

Views on whether HDC strategic approach is the right one. Committee agreed that it was supportive and had no objections to the draft strategy.

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YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY FOR YOUTH

- a) Ideas for projects.
- b) Identify groups to include.
- c) Identify locations.

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YC advised contact has been made with Sustainable Henfield and will be organising a meeting with them to discuss options. This to include a local ecologist with regards to the inaturalist app.

1st HENFIELD SCOUTS ADUR

1. Community Action badge, equipment purchase. YC explained the scout group wishes to do litter picking as part of the Community action badge and HPC had lent them some litter rings and pickers. YC requested funding for a set of these to be given permanently to the scout group. Cllr Ayres PROPOSED spend up to £50, Cllr Simmonds SECONDED this, VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR.

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FEEDBACK FROM OTHER GROUPS

1. Survey of organisations. YC stated this is ongoing. She has recently met with the Scouts and next to visit will likely be the Bump to Baby Group, Football Club and Cricket Club. Cllr Leader suggested other groups to contact that may have some appeal to young people joining.

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EVENTS

1. Scooter Jam. Cllr Ayres confirmed she agrees to be invoiced for £400 as her sponsorship of the event.
2. Grand Summer Fair. Committee gave ideas as to what to do for the fair. Suggestions were a treasure map with prizes, display CYP achievements so far, pictures of Scoot Jam, promotion of a working group for skate park improvements and the setting up

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Youth Forum. Suggestion that CYP request they have their stand positioned between the skate park and youth club.

15. **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Financial update. OM reported £9 spend so far this financial year.
2. Any further updates. None.

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

YC read out email sent by from Henfield Youth Club which gave an update from them as to how the previous funding from CYP was being use and their future plans. This had been previously shared with the Council via email. A discussion between committee members about future funding and the importance of Henfield Youth Club in the community, concluded that YC to meet with the youth club to discuss their current situation, grant applications/funding and future plans. Cllr Ayres suggested an email from the Chairman to thank Debbie for the update would be beneficial as an official response.

Time of committee meetings was raised by Cllr Willard, with a suggestion of a 6.30pm start. It was agreed by members to hold next months meeting at 6.30pm to see if it works and then it can be discussed for subsequent meeting.

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

Monday 10th June 2024 at 6.00pm.

Meeting Closed at 7.34pm