



Meeting: 14th September, 8pm at Alison Heath's House

PRESENT: Kit Lee, Mark Sturdy, Jane O'Dwyer, Alison Heath and Sharan Jackson-Rimmer

APOLOGIES: Sian Hooban

1. GENERAL ACTIONS:

- 1.1. **Sian** to work towards producing sponsors list with John Lock. **On going**

2. CONNECTIONS BUS:

- 2.1. **Kit** to ask if it would be possible to drop the age of the children allowed to attend the bus to 10 years of age. **Closed**
- 2.2. **Kit** to produce leaflet to advertise the Connections bus (for 22nd July) and **Jane** to put an 'invitation' onto Facebook. **Closed**
- 2.3. **Jane** to approach the Youth Committee and ask them either for a date of the next bus visit or to see if they would prefer to do something else.

3. YOUNG LIVES:

- 3.1. **Kit** to contact YL to check that Sharan's email address is registered with them to ensure that she is on their newsletter mailing list. **Closed**
- 3.2. Membership has been renewed so we have 15 'points' to spend

4. HUNTINGDON YOUTH SERVICES:

- 4.1. **Jane** to contact the Youth Store to arrange a time to have a look at the resources that they have available. **Ongoing – difficult to get to the Youth Store has restricted opening times.**
- 4.2. **Kit** to arrange a date when the HYS 'sports van' to visit next summer.

5. MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA) PROPOSAL

- 5.1. **Kit** to contact the District Council to get their support/advice on the land available. **On going – Mark to forward the contact that he has been given for someone in the district council planning department**
- 5.2. **Sharan** to email Rachel Prior to chase up the promised written confirmation that the Govenors support the proposed siting for the MUGA. **Ongoing**
- 5.3. **Kit** to email MUGA quotes to the committee members. **Closed**
- 5.4. **Kit** and **Mark** to collate the details of the quotes and present the findings to the Parish Council on 13th October. **Mark** to speak to David Stowell to get an item put onto the agenda.

6. ESCAPE YOUTH COMMITTEE:

- See attached minutes from the meeting held on 13th September.

7. YOUTH CLUB:

7.1. Review of last session

- 7.1.1. Jane produced membership and club rule forms which were handed out to all those that attended.
- 7.1.2. Numbers – we had nearly 50 kids at the session. There was a discussion about how we should cap the number attending the session. It was decided that we will wait to see how the next session goes.
- 7.1.3. Year 6s – it was decided that the year 6s acted very immaturely at the session and that if their behaviour does not improve we may have to stop them coming until they are in year 7.
- 7.1.4. Tuck shop – it was decided that we should shut the tuck shop ten minutes before the end of the session.

7.2. Youth Club volunteers rota – we need more volunteers with high attendance figures if volunteers are not forthcoming then we will have to find ways to 'encourage' parents.

7.3. Youth Club dates – dates are booked until Christmas.

7.4. Equipment and storage – **Jane** and **Sharan** to talk to Rachel Prior to try and arrange better storage for the clubs equipment.

7.5. Structure/planning advice – **Mark** to contact Young Lives and Huntingdon Youth Services to see if they can help us structure/plan the sessions.

8. TREASURERS REPORT:

8.1. Financial figures:

- £63.18 petty cash
- £892.57 bank account

8.2. **Jane** to make a donation to the Ellington Gala of £10.

8.3. Xbox Kinect and games to be purchased. New console games and board games to be purchased.

9. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

9.1. **Jane** to contact Alison about Facebook login. **Closed**

9.2. **Kit** to do a small newsletter for the last youth club. It will remind the young adults/parents of future events, e.g. Connetions bus, Spider Mountain it will also remind everyone of the entrance fee and that we close promptly at 9pm. **Closed**

9.3. **Alison** to ask Mark (Heath) if it is possible to get an email address: escape@spaldwick.co.uk **Closed**

9.4. **Mark** and **Kit** to put something together for next months newsletter.

10. FUNDRAISING:

10.1. Magic Of The Musicals. **A cheque for £200 has been gratefully received.**

10.2. **Alison** to write a letter to St Neots St Marys Rotary Club to thank them for the money and to let them know that the money is going towards a table tennis table which will be purchased when we have suitable storage. **Closed – Jane waiting for the cheque from them.**

- 10.3. National Lottery Awards for All – **Jane** and **Mark** to do the application. **Ongoing**
- 10.4. **Sian** to chase up the items already promised, e.g. television. **Closed**
- 10.5. **Sharan** to find out if the Ellington Gala committee make donations to charity.
- 10.6. **Alison** to write a letter to Sandra Southerington to request a donation for the youth club.
- 10.7. Parish Councils – with the increase in numbers from surrounding villages it is planned that in 6 months we will contact the parish councils concerned and request a small donation. Other funding opportunities – **Kit** to investigate a couple of opportunities available through Young Lives and action any that are time critical.
Jane has approached a local person to see if they would be happy to look into funding opportunities and complete funding applications on behalf of the committee.

11. FUTURE EVENTS:

- 11.1. **SPIDER MOUNTAIN** – the event went very well. It was agreed that we will look at doing this again in 2/3 years (depending on funding).
- 11.2. **PAINTBALLING** – this event went very well and the kids who attended it really enjoyed it.
- 11.3. **VILLAGE FETES** – these went well and it was agreed that we would attend both again next year.
- 11.4. Basket ball training – **Kit** has a contact for a level 2 basket ball coach who charges £15 per hour. The kids seem very excited about this. **On going**
- 11.5. Judo demonstration – **Sharan** to get a date. **With such large numbers it was agreed to put a hold on this until next summer.**
- 11.6. Halloween spooky urban junk event. **Ongoing – Mark to contact Mark Hunter to see if he can make October 21st (Micheal Jackson Thriller themed)**
- 11.7. Bowling evening – it was decided to approach Lakeside Lodge and book a Saturday in March (**Sharan to organise**). This event will be part funded by the Youth Club, those attending will be expected to contribute.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1. T-shirts – **Sharan to order printed t-shirts for the committee.**
- 12.2. Committee Christmas Party – all committee members and regular helpers will be holding a Christmas party at the Cinnamon Restaurant on Saturday 3rd December (**Sharan to book table**).

❖ **NEXT MEETING** – 5th October at Jane O'Dwyer's house.



Youth Committee Meeting Tues 13th Sept 2011

Present: Paddy Bird, George Sturdy, Sarah O'Dwyer, Samuel O'Dwyer, Rachel Butt, Rebecca Heath, Bethany Heath and Jane O'Dwyer.

How do you think Youth Group is going?

All members thought the group was successful and growing in size. As regards to inviting the Yr 6 they have concerns in the number of children attending (50 children) committee feels this is far too many, room crowded and very noisy and too many children to the equipment. They also felt that the Yr6 were too young and would have preferred to have stuck with the original agreement of Yr7 upwards.

Contact Sports?

It was discussed that numerous children were playing contact Tag Football and Tag Bull dog, and the committee thought this was inappropriate and dangerous. The committee decided that all contact games be banned, staff will be talking to the children in the next Youth Group session about this matter.

Suggestions about numbers attending?

Committee discussed the options as regards to numbers and some suggestions were discussed and a number of 40 was agreed to be the maximum number to attend.

1. First 40 on a first come first in basis - the committee agreed this would be difficult to manage as children are dropped off and parents would not be aware the limit had been reached therefore leaving the children unsupervised especially those coming from surrounding villages.
2. First hour young/second hour older children – the committee thought this was not a good idea as an hour isn't long enough especially those coming from surrounding villages also would be difficult for parents who may have a child in both sessions. Also chaos signing out and signing in at the same time.
3. Yr7 upwards – the committee agreed that the original agreement of Yr7 upwards should have been kept. Especially as none of the older members had not left.
4. Waiting List – a suggestion of a capped number of 40 should be made and a waiting list made for those children interested in coming, when a space became available the child would be invited. The committee liked this idea but thought it might be time consuming to manage.

Equipment?

Suggestions were made as to some additional equipment:

Fairy Light to go under the covered area, ? about safety and electrical cables.

Xbox Kinect + Games

Games for the Xbox & PS3

Scattergories

Twister

Pool/Snooker Table

Basketball

Various Board games to play during the winter months

It was agreed that time allocations should be given to the Table Tennis and Game consoles as children sat for long periods of time. It was suggested that time slots were given for the consoles and the bats and balls be collected and returned once their time allocation had ended. Jane O'Dwyer to set up a system ready for next session.

Tuck Shop?

The committee felt the tuck shop was a huge success and they were happy with the way it was run. Suggestions were made for more chocolate bars, brownies and possibly hot chocolate with marshmallows – committee aware that lidded cups and restriction to the community room would apply for safety reasons.

Request for crisps to be charged at 40p and maybe disco's to be available.

Bullying and Swearing?

It was noted by most of the committee that swearing was being used at the sessions by a few of the children, and the committee had noticed that no warnings were being issued. It was also apparent that name-calling was being used by some children and was becoming a regular thing.

It was agreed that all the children would be told the rules at the next session and that warnings would be issued, as this was unacceptable. Continuous monitoring would be undertaken to eradicate this problem.