

Outer North West Area Committee

Children & Young People Sub Group



10th January 2014 Meeting
10.00 am Otley Police Station

Present:

Cllr P Latty (Chair),
 Cllr C Fox, **Cllr F**
 Cllr D Collins, **Cllr C**
 Cllr R Downes **Cllr D**
 Sally Coe **SC**
 Simon Toyne **ST**
 Kevin Donnelly Youth Service **KD**
 Ian Jones - Youth Offer **IJ**
 Inspector Richard Coldwell **IC**
 Rachel Marshall AST **RM**
 Nicole Darbyshire AST **ND**

Apologies:

None

Key Issues discussed:

1. Introduction and Apologies

Cllr Latty welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Minutes & Matters arising

It was noted that the meeting minutes from 29th November 2013 were inaccurate and should state 'Cllr CI left before deliberations on the projects were complete'

Further to clarify that the minutes should reflect that the Boiler Room project rather than The Drop was chosen as it had a confirmed venue in Horsforth. The Drop had no designated venue.

The Outdoor Sailing project was felt to be unsuitable for the time of year that projects would be taking place and was something that could be considered for commissioning in the summer.

The Up Our Street project was not felt to offer value for money by the young peoples' panel and again would be adversely affected by bad weather.

3. Neighbourhood Policing Update

3.1 Inspector Coldwell gave an update on crime in the area over the past few months. Overall it had been very quiet in all areas with the majority of issues being around either 'Burglary Other' – theft from garages, sheds etc. or 'Criminal Damage'. There had been some issues with young people at the Westfield Retail Park McDonalds. IC is to meet with the Area Manager to discuss methods of resolving the problem. It would seem to stem from the young people overstaying their welcome and not wanting to go when asked to by staff resulting in a call to the Police.

- 3.2 There had been a problem with the Crown pub in Guiseley when a new landlord had taken over in and was encouraging more young people to come in, resulting in some problems. However the landlord has since been replaced and the new manager is working to turn it back into the kind of good friendly pub it used to be.
- 3.3 Horsforth Town Street and St James has been a hot spot of activity with a particular group of older teenagers causing problems. The Police are working with the ASB Team to deal with this. The leader of the group has recently been charged and bailed to an address outside of the WNW area which should hopefully help reduce activity.
- 3.4 KD advised that the Youth Service have recently relocated their mobile provision to interact with the group.

4. Youth Offer

- 4.1 KD gave the group some background to the Youth Offer and Youth Service divisions. The Youth Offer being the overarching organization incorporating voluntary organisations as well as Council sections. Information is attached with minutes. As the Youth Service Team Leader for WNW he will be liaising with the Clusters and Police, attend tasking meetings and look to feed into partners any relevant information held by the Youth Service.
- 4.2 For a full picture IJ then discussed his role and the remit of the Youth Offer Team. This was in the main around the formation of Youth Panels across the city. They are expected to be ready to begin by the end of February and will run on a 6wk cycle. IJ will be arranging for the recruitment, induction and training of the children and young people involved. Recruitment will be done through various organisations and partners, Clusters, Breeze, Breeze Culture Network, Voice & Influence team, local youth groups etc. The expectation is around 15 young people to form the panel. It is expected that there will be some sort of rewards system in place but what that is and how it will work is as yet unclear. A flyer will be sent out IJ to forward to RM for information and to send out to members and relevant organisations. IJ to maintain contact with RM re progress on setting up the Youth Panels.

5. Youth Activity Fund

- 5.1 RM went through the list of organisations that the commissioning flyer had been sent to. Although Chris Gott the Sports Development Officer for WNW was contacted with the flyer to disseminate to local sports club, the sub group would like any future commissioning round to look at contacting the clubs direct to invite them to bid for funding.
- 5.2 It was agreed that the sub group would like to look at the monitoring information from the first round of projects before looking at supporting the providers with further funding.
- 5.3 No further applications had come forward to consider.
- 5.4 The sub group considered potentially funding the Clusters to deliver day trips for young people and their families. No destinations were considered.
- 5.5 A decision was made to contact local leisure centres to ask about the possibility of hiring the pool for subsidised or free swimming sessions. SC and ST to action this and report back to the next meeting.
- 5.6 No recommendations for funding to be put forward to the 3rd February Area Committee.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 RM discussed the Basic Need Workshop to be run by Childrens' Services and asked members for a suitable date. The 20th February was mentioned and RM to try and arrange this with Gavin Pheasant.

7. Future Meetings and Venues

- 7.1 The next meeting was arranged for 28th February 2014 at 10.00 and Otley Police Station was agreeable to all and availability was confirmed by IC. This would allow any recommendations to go forward to the 24th March ONW Area Committee.
- 7.2 It was also considered that future meetings of the sub group would need to take place more frequently to allow for the Youth Activity Funding process. Potentially 6 weekly but nothing agreed.

Actions and Recommendations:

1. KD to forward information to RM to pass on to members.
2. SC and ST to approach leisure centres in ONW to discuss the swimming activity session
3. RM to contact Children's Services to arrange the Basic Need workshop
4. IJ to pass on the flyer being sent out re Youth Panels and update RM as necessary re progress.