

Coxhoe Parish Council Meeting: Youth Strategy Group

Date & Time: 18 March 2021 6.00pm

Venue: via Zoom

Councillors present:

K Lowes (Chair), S Dunn, A Hedley, K Simpson.

Also present:

S Graham, Youth Worker; C Llewelyn, Parish Clerk.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Y97 Zoom meeting information and Parish Council Public Participation Policy

As the Chair had sent apologies, it was **Resolved** that Councillor K Lowes would take the Chair.

It was **Resolved** the information about Zoom meetings and the Public Participation policy were noted.

Y98 To note apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors W Lavelle and N Brown. It was **Resolved** apologies were noted.

Y99 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor Lowes declared an interest as a close relative is employed by the Youth Service.

Y100 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021

A draft copy of the minutes had been circulated with the agenda. It was **Resolved** that the draft minutes from 21 January 2021 be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record. These will be countersigned by the Clerk and signed by the Chair when possible.

Y101 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

Y102 Review of Youth Provision

a) Youth Club Action Plan

Discussion took place about funding pots which may be available through Amazon and North East Youth. It was **Resolved (1)** the information was noted.

It was **Resolved (2)** the action plan was noted.

It was **Resolved (3)** that the action plan would be updated by the Clerk and Youth Worker following this meeting.

b) Coxhoe, Quarrington Hill and Zoom Youth Clubs

The Youth Worker advised that four Zoom sessions are held each week, engagement in Quarrington Hill is increasing after efforts were made and general engagement is steady with good feedback. Discussion took place on the return to face to face activities which will be assessed by Officers based on advice and guidance, weather and how the virus is presenting in the village. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

c) Youth Council and Ambassadors

The Youth Worker advised this has been on hold somewhat due to the pandemic but part of North East Youth funding is to develop mentors so there are two young people working on this currently. They would get a certificate of accreditation. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y103 Programme

a) Termly planning and dates

Officers advised that planning is being done as far in advance as possible but also needs to be reactive due to changes in restrictions and guidance. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

b) Holiday activities

The Youth Worker said staff have ideas but need to see what the restrictions are likely to be. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y104 Engagement with Young People including those who are Seldom Heard, Parents and the Community

Officers said that they are doing as much as they can on consultation and engagement. Staff talk to young people and parents and guardians and are undertaking a lot of engagement work on social media. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y105 Youth Budget and Funding

a) Budget

The Clerk spoke through the budget. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

b) Staffing

The Clerk had circulated a report with current staffing levels and advised that the Human Resources Committee had discussed future staffing and the Clerk is to provide information to Council to be acted on. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

c) Grant Applications

The Youth Worker and the Clerk have submitted a bid for £804.29, which includes £81.22 remaining from a previous application, for Holiday Activities with Healthy Food over the Easter holidays, giving a week's worth of healthy meals and some fitness activities and challenges. This will tie in with youth clubs and is expected to reach 45 people. Staff time has been incorporated into the bid. It was **Resolved (1)** the information was noted and the application was approved.

It was **Resolved (2)** the Committee delegates authority to the appropriate Officers to apply for grants for the benefit of the Youth Service.

Discussion took place about Groundwork and Area Action Partnership funding which Officers can discuss with those organisations. The Clerk advised she has contacted nearby parishes and that the Youth Club at Bowburn are interested in discussions about co-ordination of projects and this will be followed up. It was Resolved (3) the information was noted.

Y106 Staff and Volunteer Feedback

Staff advised that all is well. Councillor Lowes praised the social media activity.

It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y107 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 17 June 2021 at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Certified as a True Record:

Chair (Sign)

Date

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