

Coxhoe Parish Council Meeting: Youth Strategy Group

Date & Time: 21 January 2021 6.00pm

Venue: via Zoom

Councillors present:

W Lavelle (Chair), S Dunn, K Lowes, K Simpson.

Also present:

I Thompson, Senior Youth Worker; S Graham, Youth Worker; C Llewelyn, Parish Clerk.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Y86 Zoom meeting information and Parish Council Public Participation Policy

Cllr Lavelle said that information about Zoom meetings and the Public Participation policy had been circulated. **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y87 To note apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors N Brown, Barber and Slater. It was **Resolved** apologies were noted.

Y88 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

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

Y89 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2020

A draft copy of the minutes had been circulated with the agenda. It was **Resolved** that the draft minutes from 3 September 2020 be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record. These will be countersigned by the Clerk and signed by the Chair when possible.

Y90 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

Y91 Review of Youth Provision

a) Youth Club Action Plan

- The Clerk and Senior Youth Worker have carried out risk assessments and audit items are discussed at one to ones as physical audit has not been possible.
- Football coaching being publicised with a view to running during sessions if people are interested.
- Some training has been undertaken and detached youth work training will be looked at by staff.
- Staff have undertaken Child Protection training.
- Training is available for Level Three Youth Work, subsidised by North East Youth to at least half the full cost. The remaining cost would be up to £900 dependent on the cost of the course and the proportion to be funded by North East Youth.
- Information sharing is happening through North East Youth currently.
- No subs have been coming in when clubs are online.
- Holiday closures will be notified to staff.

- Recruitment may be required in future.
- Parents have been providing feedback during Zoom sessions, and a survey is to go out with the next Chronicle.
- Sessions are currently being held with Years 1 and 2 children following requests from parents.
- From next week there will be seven sessions per week.
- Online dance sessions are arranged; football sessions may be arranged and boxing and taekwondo sessions are to be arranged if possible.
- Facebook and Instagram are being used for publicity with 2492 people reached on facebook in the current week.
- Reports are provided for Parish Council monthly meetings.
- Holiday activities are under consideration with Youth Workers wanting to ensure children from both villages have access to them.
- Science activities were discussed and Councillor Simpson is to send ideas to Youth staff.

It was **Resolved (1)** that the Parish Council would contribute up to half the cost which could be up to £900 for the Level Three Youth Work qualification through North East Youth, for our Youth Worker who is prepared to work towards the qualification in her own time as well as gathering evidence through youth club sessions.

It was **Resolved (2)** the information is noted.

It was **Resolved (3)** that the action plan will be updated following this meeting.

b) Coxhoe, Quarrington Hill and Zoom Youth Clubs

These were covered under Action Plan above.

c) Youth Council and Ambassadors

The Youth Worker said encouraging Ambassadors is to be part of the forthcoming survey and that staff are looking for a formal way to recognise the role.

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

Y92 Programme

a) Termly planning and dates

Planning is being done generally in three and six week timescales and changes as restrictions change. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

b) Holiday activities

No further planning has been done for holiday activities and staff wish to see what restrictions will be in place. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y93 Engagement with Young People including those who are Seldom Heard, Parents and the Community

Staff wish to increase presence and engagement with young people in Quarrington Hill. Staff keep in contact with some parents who do not use social media It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

Y94 Youth Budget and Funding

a) Budget

The Clerk had circulated the budget with the agenda and said she will revise the projection on staff expenditure as it may be too high. It was **Resolved** the information was noted.

b) Grant Applications

Youth staff are delivering packs to young people taking part in youth club online sessions. £500 was received following a bid to North East Youth Scholfield Trust for arts and crafts items. Discussion took place about having a more co-ordinated approach to holiday activities and potentially working with other parish councils or local organisations to co-ordinate funding bids and activities so that all children locally can benefit.

It was **Resolved (1)** the information was noted.

It was **Resolved (2)** the Clerk to contact neighbouring parish councils or local organisations with a view to establishing a working group to co-ordinate funding bids and activities.

Y95 Staff and Volunteer Feedback

Staff had no further feedback.

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

Y96 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 18 March 2021 at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Certified as a True Record:

Chair (Sign)

Date