



Minutes of Meeting of 9th January 2017, 6 – 7 pm

Present

Carol Williams (PWTC)
Amy Fenner
Alice Boyle
Emily Mackie
Peter Hammerton
Helen Fenner
Josh Boyle
Katharine Ridger
Sarah Woodcock
Elizabeth Thomas
Derek Boyle

YC 1 Welcome & apologies

No apologies were received

YC 2 Minutes of last meeting & updates:

At the last meeting the plans for the community centre were discussed and Carol pointed out the two slides attached to the minutes outlining the things young people had suggested be included in our community centre. The group were asked to discuss in their groups to see if there are any other suggestions.

Stewart Wild from Fusion had also attended at the last meeting to discuss the sports and recreation group. Carol updated the group on the suggestion that the Town would have one hub for outdoor sports, offering all outdoor sports

YC 3. Neighbourhood Plan – Town Centre Group

Carol welcomed Barbara Giles, who came to talk about the work of the group and gain feedback from the YC. Barbara informed the group about her background as a teacher and her role on the Town centre group. She had become involved because she lives in the town centre rather than being a business owner. The remit of the group had been specified by Feria, the consultants leading the neighbourhood plan. Richard Barsley chairs the group, which is looking at the whole of the town centre, from Maidstone Road, including the derelict area and the existing shopping area. Barbara is keen to get the views of young people about what they like and dislike about the town centre. There may be a questionnaire to hear public views.

The following ideas were suggested by the group:

- Clothing shop for young people
- Possibly independent shops focused at young people, although not priced out of their range
- Recreation such as reality and Internet café
- Small, local cinema with film nights
- Need things to attract young people back to the town after university – good jobs & recreation
- Good cycle routes, which connect areas of the town

There are two events for the Neighbourhood Plan, which will be advertised for the public to attend:

- 2/3rd February, 12 noon to 10 pm
- 1/2nd March, 9.30 to 1 pm

Both in the Day Centre

We need to think about what Paddock Wood brand is – not just a logo, but what is good about the town centre, what do we want to keep & what do we want less of? We have a station, a thriving high street, but the area of bare land needs developing. What would people like to see. Please discuss in groups and bring back to next meeting.

YC 4. Litter posters

Discussed the poster from Gerry Byman – the group were concerned that the poster suggested that young people dropped litter rather than young people were concerned about litter.

The use of 'Bin it Now' was discussed, using it on photos of the town. Helen will look at this with the group, but there was not time at this meeting.

YC 5. Kent County Youth Council

Kent County Youth Council will be sending reps to the February meeting to look at the work of KCYC and how the PW YC can link into the work they are doing.

YC 6. Any other business

None

YC 7 Next meeting: 6th February 2017, 6 pm Day Centre

Youth Council dates for the remainder of the year:

13th March 2017

10th April 2017

8th May 2017

12th June 2017

10th July 2017