



Prudhoe Town Council Young People's Forum Meeting : Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 @ 4.00pm

Venue : The East Centre

Time	Agenda	Actions
4.00 – 4.05	1)Apologies for absence  Attendances and welcomes	George McCreedy, Jennifer McGee, Michael Connelly, Stephen Borrows, Eddy Wilkinson  Gerry Price, Carol Quinn, Stephen Burrows, Taz Mukthar, Pam Kidd, Caroline Gibb, Ash Brown, Dylan Batey, Imelda walker, Charles Cross,
4.05 – 4.10	Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a true record.</li> <li>• GP said our new logo is commendable! The meeting agreed.</li> </ul>
4.10– 4.20	3)New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forum members reported that there are several potential new members keen to attend. However this week there are a lot of residentials and other end of term activities, explaining the lack of young people at this particular meeting.</li> <li>• AB said we need to boost this for our next meeting in September</li> </ul>
4.20	4)Youth Unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good to see Imelda here at our meeting. IW now working with SEND as an EHCP (Educational Health and Care plans for ages 0-25) Prudhoe is a part of her caseload. Early days as yet but Imelda hopes to continue to have some input with us.</li> <li>• <b>At this point JMcG brought in some flowers for PK!! And thanked her for her invaluable input to the Forum.</b></li> </ul>
4.20- 4.30	5)Issues from Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report at this meeting</li> </ul>
4.30 – 4.35	6) Young People's Wish List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB further described the Wish List and a small pot of funding we have available. CG will continue with this further in September. AB will find out how much is available</li> </ul>
4.35 – 4.40	7) Highfield Park (Including Fest and Kitefest)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both Fests went extremely well, being attended in large numbers. There were lots of positive comments from local folks during and after the event.</li> <li>• PK raised a question regarding Prudhoe Community Street Fair. BB Guns have been on sale there for the past 3 years. CC said they should not be sold to under 18's. The vendors are not part of the official site, setting up on the periphery where they don't have to pay to pitch. GP reminded the meeting this is a Community Partnership event,</li> </ul>

		<p>not PTC. AB asked the meeting if our forum could mention this to the organisers. DB thought this would be a good idea. There should be some input from the Police as well to demonstrate the seriousness of the matter.</p>
4.40 - 4.45	8) Petition to The Duke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will be taken further when we can discuss with GMC</li> </ul>
4.45 – 5.00	9) Highfield Middle and St Matthews Schools: Parking Issued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was reported in the Courant, however Highfield Middle made no comment as it was not deemed constructive. We all know there is no quick fix here. Governors at the school are working with relevant authorities towards a meeting.</li> <li>• CC commented that this remains a universal issue at every single school in the morning and afternoon.</li> <li>• PK remains concerned about safety, with several near misses, as well as continued abuse and attitudes from parents which has a negative impact on the schools.</li> <li>• DB thinks parents should let their children walk to school. AB said there are a variety of reasons why parents want to make sure their children get to school safely within time constraints</li> </ul>
5.00	10) Boxing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boxing Club continues to flourish with a steady membership</li> </ul>
5.05 – 5.20	11) East Centre and Youth Service Update, including Detached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB explained that the Youth Service has been undergoing threats and changes over the years, with still more proposals for further cuts. As reported at our last meeting, the Youth service has secured a 3 year contract running the NCS programme. This will begin in October this year, with 900 young people aged 16-18 from Northumberland being involved. (Including Community Projects). This is a very positive programme occupying young people in their free time and of course extremely positive for the Youth Service. Recruiting begins within the next few weeks, 25% from Youth Service and 75% by Catch 22 who will pass on recruits to us.</li> <li>• AB reported on our Whithaugh Residential funded by LMAPS. From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. The Residential will focus on Safe Practices for Young People. It will focus on such issues as "Safe Selfies", Cyber Safety, appropriate behaviour etc. CC to pass on true life scenarios that we can use in the workshops.</li> <li>• AB informed our meeting that Youth Workers safeguarding training has been updated as well as training in grooming and radicalisation. First Aid training has also been updated.</li> <li>• The Motor Project has recently been successful in its bid for Motor Engineering equipment from PCHS. The project is thankful that Deborah Reeman was keen to see the equipment be used in a community project. It is already being well used.</li> <li>• Two young people will be starting a Chain Saw course. TM has been working with Laura Waugh (Groundworks) and Paul Muto. The plan is to help out elderly folks in the community.</li> <li>• AB said our computers are now linked in to a system monitoring words and actions as part of safeguarding. Reports are received on a monthly basis. The system works well</li> </ul>

		<p>and is much more secure than previously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB said the East Centre will be open as the Cycling Tour of Britain passes through Prudhoe. We are liaising with PTC and CC over decorating bikes for front Street. CC will provide bikes. We will be decorating some of the bikes here as part of our Summer Programme with banners to fit to the outer yard fence. PK suggested they could be in a T shirt shape, white with red, plain green and yellow).</li> <li>• GP said the race will be starting from here on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September and reps of the Tour will be meeting with PTC in August. Front Street will be closed from 7.00am until lunchtime, with a 10.00am start from Waterworld. Bunting in appropriate colours will be displayed, with pavements also painted. A prize will be awarded to the best decorated shop</li> <li>• There will be barriers in place and throughout Front Street and of course repercussions for transport, parking, schools and businesses. CG said it would be great if Highfields' students were able to watch. GP said that PTC is coordinating with organisers and will hopefully be able to allocate places to schools and other youth organisations. CG and PK agreed it would be a shame if our Young people could not be involved.</li> </ul>
5.20	12) £100 Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PK reported back on the success of £100 challenge at Highfield. One of the challenges has involved making activity packs for RVI Children's Cancer Ward. (See attached article) The packs are to be presented next Tuesday at the RVI. Accounts have been prepared with Enterprise and delivered to CQ.</li> <li>• "Slurps" Challenge is continuing in September, moving on to Hot Chocolate when the days grow colder.</li> <li>• PK thanked the forum for the opportunity to achieve success in these ventures. It has been a valuable learning opportunity for all involved and has become part of the alternative curriculum</li> </ul>
5.20 – 5.30	13)Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The forum presented Pam with a bouquet and card, thanking her for her valued contributions to the forum over the years. There followed some emotional speeches and a buffet. We will miss you Pam!</li> </ul>
5.30	11)Date and time of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be confirmed</li> </ul>