



Prudhoe Town Council Young People's Forum Meeting: Wednesday 18th November 2015 @ 4.00pm

Venue: East Centre

Time	Agenda	Actions
4.00 – 4.05	1)Apologies for absence Attendances and welcomes	Imelda Walker, Eddy Wilkinson, Caroline Gibb Molly Paisley, Sarah Humphreys, Sarah Johnson, George McCreedy, Ashley Brown, Carol Quinn
4.05 – 4.10	Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a true record, following apologies form CQ for omitting SJ from last minutes. Highfield Middle and St Matthews Parking Issues: GMc reported that he attended a meeting regarding these issues last week, with another meeting to be convened with Heads of Schools at Highfield and St. Matthews. Parking up the lane has worsened, at which the meeting was astounded. Different resolutions are being looked into, including the path from Highfield Park again. At this point GMc mentioned the proposed new development at Highfield Lane. Planners have discussed a roundabout at the schools which would only make matters worse. Schools now aware of this proposal thanks to this report. Highfield Park: GMc reported that extra bins are being requested through PTC budget. Seats are to be sprayed, awaiting prices from Motor Project. Football Match with Sunderland U18's : This will now take place versus the Prudhoe Youth Club Football team Chainsaw Course : Awaiting results of the course undertaken by one of our Young People, funded by PTC through WNYS Pen Pals : GMc said the next Town Twinning meeting will address the issue of Pen Pals and further communication with Young People in Mitry-Mory
4.10– 4.20	3)New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Matthews would like to increase their membership, which will be most welcome. Highfield should have representatives at our next meeting in the New Year. The apprentice at St Matthews is interested to attend too. St Matthews will be in touch with ex members; hopefully we can also further encourage membership through PCHS.

		Detached workers continue to encourage membership too. A publicity drive will also take place as soon as possible for the New Year.
4.20	4) Youth Unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB has requested that figures be forwarded to the Youth Service which should give us some idea of figures for future meetings.
4.20- 4.30	5) Issues from Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMc encouraged Young People to bring up issues to bring to the attention of the Town Council. • St Matthews raised concerns about cars parking across the lines where the Lollipop lady stands. There is now a vacancy, which is only advertised on NCC website, reported GMc. GMc is appreciative of the problems in crossing busy roads. He will look into this further and raise with PTC, perhaps advertising on People of Prudhoe website. Although Police have not been up lately, camera cars will take photographs. "Parking Safely" banners are to be erected outside of Highfield and St Matthews schools. The forum continues to fear for the safety of Young People and the lack of a patrol crossing exacerbates the problem. Footpaths on the way to the schools are inadequate and more police presence is required. GMC is to approach the matter with NCC. • CQ reported continuing issues re CV, apprenticeship and job application support. There have also lately been some problems with local racism which could be linked to IS
4.30 – 4.40	6) Young People's Wish List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to St Matthews who have won a Participation Award of £500 for Sports equipment • Young People from St Matthews have been discussing their wish list. They are going to cost out iPads (there are only 6 in the whole school). They are also looking at costs of a variety of craft equipment. Application forms to be forwarded by CQ. • AB said the £100 challenge is running again and perhaps ST Matthews could use this towards their wish list. Forms will be forwarded
4.40 – 4.45	7) Highfield Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMc mentioned the possibility of a footpath from the Park to school. New equipment is still being well used and hopeful of a new access gate.
4.45 – 5.00	8) East Centre & Youth Service incl Detached and Princes Trust)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB reported that the NCS programme for Autumn is going well. The Social Action Programme has involved making up hygiene packs for homeless young people and Priory School Activity packs for Special Needs. This is county wide. There are currently 5 from Prudhoe with good turn outs at Friday evening meetings at The East Centre. • AB said a further 23% cut to the Youth Service will be implemented by April 2016. This will mean restructuring, consultation and staff receiving S188's. Competitive interviews will be held for posts across the service. • AB reported that CQ recently celebrated her 25th year at The East. Thanks from CQ for everyone's good wishes. • CQ reported on reopening of the centre following refurbishment, including extensive

		<p>damp proofing. CQ and JH have further plans for more grant aid to continue with renovations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five of our Young People received Tynedale Youth Awards, for volunteering and taking a lead in the refurbishment programme. • Princes trust have completed their 5th Course at The East Centre, with their presentation evening tying in with The East reopening • The Motor Project has new members form Ferndene and Highfield Middle who are thoroughly enjoying the experience. Young People from HYI have also joined, although they need to look into transport to continue attending • Detached work continues to attract new members to the centre. The team are reacting to reports of local racism. However we are not coming across any anti-social behaviour • Daytime sessions continue to attract Young People with varying issues and needs, supported by staff • Evening sessions are busy with more than 50 young people attending regularly • Staff from the East Centre will be involved with Christmas Lights and the annual Switch On again this year
5.00-5.05	9) Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMc proposed the Forum forward a letter of condolence and solidarity to our friends in Mitry-Mory. He has spoken with Councillors there who said 150 of our friends were at the Stadium and of the huge impact that is being felt in France. The meeting agreed this was an excellent idea.
5.05	11)Date and time of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 20th 2016 4.00pm @ The East Centre • The next meeting March 16th 4.00pm may be held at St Matthews School