



Prudhoe Town Council Young People's Forum Meeting: Wednesday 07.12.2016 @ 4.00pm

Venue: East Centre

Time	Agenda	Actions
4.00 – 4.05	1)Apologies for absence Attendances and welcomes	George McCreedy, Imelda Walker, Ian Warburton, Highfield Staff and students Eddy Wilkinson, Tim Knight, Pete Jorysz, Gerry Price, Carol Quinn, Ashley Brown, Lizzie Lambert, Becky Rutherford, Gill Grevett Welcomes to all.
4.05 – 4.15	2) Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowling Club: GP and CHC to follow up interest from Young People
4.15 - 4.25	3)Issues from Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EW has been made aware of request to Council to run a bus service to Humbles Wood and Ferndene. AB said that Northumberland Youth Cabinet have approached Arriva re rural isolation issues and the reduction of bus services/access It may be worth contacting Andrew Elliott (Participation Team) to ask for an update re transport issues. Also pushing for a flat rate teen card for any journey • GP said the bus service was very uneconomic and underutilised. Discussions are being held on the redevelopment of Low Prudhoe, with an additional bus service being considered as part of that • PJ reported that a group of 5 Young People have been to Romania in October and linked into organisations helping practically; eg. Building, visiting orphanages etc. Young People were shocked at how little people had. They want to do an ongoing collection of clothes, food books etc to send out to make a difference. GG, AB and CQ suggested contacting Prudhoe Youth Charity Shop for support. Perhaps some partnership working would be a possibility. Guides would be interested too. • GG reported issues in getting more people involved in Youth organisations. Girls from the Guides find their club a safe place to be due to constant peer pressure over body

		<p>image/self-esteem, confidence and Social Media. AB asked where the guides meet. Weekly at Prudhoe Parish Hall for ages 10-14. A very Young Person led organisation encouraging independence. Brownies and Stocksfield unit growing. GG daughter is planning to go into Middle schools to explain opportunities for girls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EW reported that people leaving Ferndene are afraid to walk up the road because of the lack of street lighting. LL and BR agreed that it is horrid and dark there. GP said that NCC have not approved that area for improvements to street lighting. AB agreed that Young People must be able to feel safe and GG queried whether building companies could help. GP said a formal approach must be made through Highways department. CQ suggested a petition through online 38 degrees and AB suggested contacting Andrew Elliott to see who our Youth Parliament members are in Prudhoe
4.30	4)New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above and to continue to promote forum amongst youth groups in Prudhoe
4.30-4.40	5)Youth Unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to Imelda for the latest figures: Prudhoe North: 2 NEETS, one unavailable for work as a teen parent Prudhoe South: 3 Only one cannot be contacted. These figures are Year 12 to 14 NEET.
4.45	6) Young People's Wish List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred from agenda for the time being A Chainsaw and related equipment has been purchased for a very grateful young volunteer who continues to work in the community with Laura Waugh and Groundworks.
4.50	7) Highfield Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damage to equipment at Highfield Park is going through insurance The Motor Project has stripped and painted new seating from Prudhoe Youth Charity Shop in vibrant colours
4.50-5.15	8) East Centre & Youth Service incl Detached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB reported that the 1st Summer of the NCS 3 Year programme has been successfully completed. Over 200 Young People were involved in 4 week programmes including 2 weeks of Social Action and some fantastic Projects. (One from Prudhoe by Team Quack produced a video which was uploaded to You Tube. Called "Life by the Pond, it explored mental Health issues and how to get support)Over 16's will continue to be invited to take part in this great opportunity in 2017. AB to supply info to PJ and TK on Tynedale Youth Forum CQ and six girls from The East attended the annual residential held by TYF, this year at Broomley Grange CQ with the invaluable help of John Temple has applied for IFunding to cover the costs of a "Wiseup to Wellbeing" project based at The East Centre. We should hear results early next year.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Simon Packham (Community Safety, we are now able to collect "end of day " food from Greggs on Monday and Thursday evenings for Young People at The East. • This year we delivered 24 Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child to Horsley Church. • County wide we are working with Streetwise on digital Footprints and they will be visiting the East Centre. A counselling app is also being developed. • Please also see reports to be circulated to Town Council
5.15	9) Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EW thanked AB for his support with the Northumberland Challenge which is proving very effective in working with disengaged Young People. It is an alternative to D of E with six challenges. Examples to be forwarded to PJ and TK • GP asked if Princes Trust were to be housed at The East Centre again. CQ said not at present but still advises the trust on available Young People
	10)Date and time of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC