

Staplehurst Youth Club Meeting

Tuesday 26th April 2022

Present: Stuart McPhee (chair), Paddy Riordan, Jose Castro, Kelly Maclean, Rob Yorke (Youth Worker) – part meeting, Michael (youth worker) – part meeting

1. Rob and Michael outlined a typical evening and took questions about how the Staplehurst Club Evenings would be run. Each weekly club night would have the organised part which would cover issues of interest to the young people (self confidence, self esteem, sex education, cooking, lifeskills, etc.). There would also be an unconstructed part where the young people can do their own thing (play games, chill out, use computers).

It was confirmed that the target audience would be from age 12 to 16.

Actions:

- **Kelly to liaise with local primary school to target the outgoing Y6 in order to tell them about the club.**
- **Youth leaders will organise the publicity for the opening of the club in Staplehurst. Rob will send over leaflets for handing out to the village residents. It was agreed that the football groups and the skatepark users should be targeted.**
- **There is a problem with the link for volunteers. Rob and Michael to check the link and make sure it is working.**
- **A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 3rd May at 5.30pm for all volunteers to help them get to grips with what is required for DBS checks which have to be done by the Youth Workers.**
- **There is an open invitation for a visit to the Maidstone Youth Hub which meets on Wednesdays from 4.30 to 6.00pm for the younger members and fom 6.30 to 8.00pm for the Seniors.**
- **Young people to paint the inside of the Youth Hut themselves a few weeks after the opening.**

In answer to whether there could be a young people's computer club after school, the Youth Workers confirmed that they could do another night for that – perhaps Thursdays.

August Young People's event – A fun day is being planned for 22nd August. It is proposed that this should be held at Surrenden Fields and will run from 11am to 5pm and consist of such things as assault course, face painting and other activities. **Action: Rob Yorke to write up a summary of the event for permission from the Parish Council. Volunteers will be needed to help run that.**

(Michael left)

2. Update on previous actions
 - 2.1 – Parish Council has approved expenditure for the 10'x11' shed. **PR to investigate. JC to stay in touch with the Men's Shed.**
 - 2.2 Electrics – **PR to get date and organise the work.**
 - 2.3 Sewage pump – work to be undertaken on Wednesday 26th April.
 - 2.4 Wifi – to be installed on 26th April.

- 2.5 Computer racking – this will be undertaken on 5th May.
- 2.6 Toilet refurb quotes – **PR to chase.**
- 2.7 Shed and lockable store - **PR to investigate. JC to stay in touch with the Men’s Shed.**
- 2.8 Skip and rubbish disposal – there is no need for another skip at present.
- 2.9 Painting and refurb – £120 has been approved for the paint. Colours chosen are Dulux ‘Proud peacock’ as the main colour and ‘Marine splash’ as the secondary colour. **SMcP to buy.**
- 2.10 Cleaning plans – **PR to get quote for a one off big clean and then a weekly clean thereafter.**
- 2.11 Budget summary – **Alison to provide.**

3. Next set of actions

- 3.1 Internal painting – to be organised by Rob Yorke for the young people to undertake – perhaps graffiti?
- 3.2 Schedule for opening – end of May to allow for volunteer DBS checks to be carried out.

4. Any other business

Grants - The group has secured another £4k.

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