

SCENIC MINUTES – 3rd July 2024

Present:

Cllrs. J. Castro (JC) (Chair), A. Sharp (AHS), P. Riordan (PR), A. Martin (AM)

Apologies:

Cllr. M. Alesi

Minutes/Matters Arising 3rd June

- Minutes agreed as an accurate account
- JC asked if this group could adopt the Payback Team in the future. Currently there is a lack of staff to supervise the Payback Team. PR had contacted the admin CPT to ask if we could be loaned a team from another area. This was refused. PR will research further via MP. Staplehurst School has asked for help clearing foliage.
- Beacon event was very successful and thanks to all who took part. AHS suggests that the beacon remains in situ till next year's commemorations. JC would like SPC to acquire a portable megaphone/loud hailer. **ACTION: AHS to write report to SPC. PR to forward details of suitable megaphone product.**

Youth Club Building Update

- Internal decorations by Men's Shed are on track. There are no labour costs involved.
- PR has not received any response from West Kent Youth Services. He has spoken to Lottie Parfitt-Reid (KCC). She is keen to progress a pilot scheme with Marden, Coxheath and Staplehurst to share a Youth Worker as YC Leader. Hopefully this could be in place by August. JC reported that Rob York is happy to offer assistance with paperwork/DBS etc but cannot become involved in person, as he is now based in Canterbury. DBS checks currently cost between £30 and £60.
ACTION: JC to prepare report on pilot, which will include costs once figures are received. It may be necessary to ask the office to accept report slightly later, so that it can be included on next PC agenda.

Telephone Box Defibrillator

- Clerk meeting shortly with Patrick Blunt to agree PC choice of most suitable product.
- **ACTION: PR to send iconic village photos to Iden Signs re laminated backdrop to phone box.**

Surrenden Pavilion Update

- AHS continuing to liaise with Hanson's. Clerk has contacted MBC re required planning permissions. **ACTION: PR also to enquire of MBC planning.**
ACTION: AHS to prepare report to SPC at next meeting, as we would like the pavilion cleared out and to this end, ask Clerk to write a formal request to SCEG to remove their possessions.

Community Assets – King's Head and Library

- Forms have been completed re listing both buildings as assets of the community.

- PR suggested an action plan would need to be in place, plus further information about what is involved in this, apart from a six - month moratorium if either building were to be put up for sale. **ACTION: AHS TO PREPARE REPORT TO SPC.**
ACTION: AM to research other libraries sold to and run by the community.

AOB

- Rob York had asked JC whether a summer event was still going to take place (via youth club.) Once YC is up and running, we will consider a summer event for next year.
ACTION: JC to enquire of Rob York about likely cost of running an event. To go on future agenda.
- Xmas lights need actioning, whether purchasing new wraparound as already agreed, or retaining current motifs. **ACTION: AHS to ascertain costs of previous spec v new wraparound, hopefully to be installed this year.**
- Re volunteer day on 13th July, JC has made some posters. **ACTION: JC to ask Jean to continue advertising event.**
- **ACTION: Re Churchyard clearance (if there are sufficient volunteers) ask Jean if MBC would provide a track to collect churchyard rubbish as well.**