



PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL  
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM

Prudhoe Town Council Young People's Forum Meeting: Wednesday 17th October 2018 @ 4.00pm

Venue: East Centre

Time	Agenda	Actions
4.00 – 4.05	1)Attendances  Apologies for absence  Welcomes	Jennifer McGee, Gerry Price, Eddy Wilkinson, Pete Jorysz, Darren English, Gordon Stewart, Ashley Brown, Catherine Hubbard Coats, Carol Quinn  Margaret Boonstra, Angie Scott, Caroline Gibbs, Daniel Freyhan, Bernadette Pye, P Hatherly, Tim KNight, Chris Cuthbert  Welcomes
4.05 – 4.45	2)Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Princes Trust:</b> will as part of this team Community Project, be making improvements to East Centre decor.They had said they would help out with Manors benches, but apparently this is now being carried out by Essity. Mark Pae to check. PT were not happy about renewing the Badger at this time of year due to risk assessments etc.</li> <li>● <b>Boxing Club:</b>CHC reported progress in that one of our Young People is interested in doing ABA Coaching Training. GS talked about development of new Sports provision in Prudhoe. Fraser runs a boxing club in Consett GS to link with CHC and liaise. Also possibility of a new Skate Park. JMc said we already have one which could be updated, Eastwoods residents have historically resisted a Skate Park there, but some excellent work has been carried out to improve eastwoods Park.</li> <li>● GP asked if the boxing club was on hold. CHC says the October deadline will be extended to become active. GP also queried adult participation. AB would prefer the club to be for Young People as we have a safeguarding responsibility to Young People accessing facilities at The East.</li> </ul>

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4.45-5.00	3 & 4) NewMembers/Communications, Profile & Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP asked if there had been any change in membership. Manors Mark Pae has been added, some on our contact list just do not show any interest. AB suggested having a clearout of the list to become more focussed. Look at who has regularly attended in the past and membership renewal?</li> <li>• Profile and publicity, GS wants to get as much info out there as soon as possible. AB suggested inviting AE to the Forum. Youth Service has recently received awards for involvement with social media. CHC said a poster could be produced for meetings for the next year "Come and meet people at..." to provide a timescale to encourage Young People's attendance. GP reminded us of the quarterly PTC newsletter for the New Year. (Cllr Russ Grieg is contact person). AB said PTCYPF could prepare an article for the newsletter as well as other partner organisations.</li> <li>• GS asked for an update on Christmas Lights switch on, it will be Friday 30th November. Also recruitment drive for retained firefighters 16+. AB reported that Youth Workers are currently working on FSA course on Wednesday evenings.</li> </ul>
5.00-5.10	5) Ideas/Issues identified by Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CV support continues as well as relationship issues, consent, mental health issues. We are often the first point of access and know who to refer to. Youth Workers support and discuss options with Young People on a variety of issues from Parental neglect to college support. Issue based work includes personal hygiene, drugs and alcohol, mental health, very much led by Young Persons agenda.</li> <li>• GS often has requests for help in the community eg West Road Cemetery. CHC we can always work towards this but cannot guarantee. CQ asked about timescale as it may be worth asking Prince's Trust if they are able to help. GS said it will be risk assessed in the next couple of weeks. This includes topple testing. Vandalism that took place there some months ago has been repaired.</li> <li>• Discussion continued around PCHS becoming more involved with GS saying students could add voluntary work to their cv. AB reported on a number of voluntary schemes such as VInspired which is a nationally recognised award scheme. EW suggested advertising for volunteers on PTC website. GS said it already is on Visit Prudhoe/Prudhoe Matters. CHC suggested this could also be advertised on PTC newsletter.</li> </ul>
5.10-5.25.	6) Youth Unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB said Northumberland Knowledge may give insight into Youth Unemployment figures. The Performance team may also have info or through Adult Ed Learning route. GS is querying Figures but Youth Unemployment 2011.</li> </ul>

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5.25-5.30	6) Parks and Hotspots & Recent Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Areas identified by the survey include Halfway, Manors, Pavilion and Parks. As the nights grow darker Young People will be moving back into the town centre</li> </ul>

5.30-6.00	7) East Centre & Youth Service Update/Summer Programme review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tynedale Youth Forum residential for girls is planned for half term week.</li> <li>● Tynedale Youth Forum Awards will be presented on Friday 23rd November</li> <li>● Detached: CHC hoping we can work in partnership with others as at present we do not have the capacity to staff every week. JMc wondered if staff could be sourced from elsewhere. CHC explained that staff have been on extended leave, other staff have left and not been replaced. CQ often unable to get to work on a Friday evening until 7.00pm.</li> <li>● GP said PTC can support with 9K left in funding. PJ reported that a Youth Worker J Ballantyne has offered to do training which MB is heading up. Some may work within a religious perspective, but all are keen to work together.</li> <li>● AB agreed there are a number of issues with detached work and we must decide what is the most appropriate purpose. Training issues are very specialised and experience extremely important.</li> <li>● Summer Programme (42 Days) has had positive feedback so far, but not yet formalised. SE contacting those participating for feedback. PTC programme supplemented lunches, groups at the east could use this funding for food. CHC said the East Summer Programme was supported with food by NCS groups who made three course meals, as well as Greggs end of day food donations. NCS Prudhoe People's Fair was a great success and we hope to replicate that in other holiday weeks.</li> <li>● GP and JMc that feedback has shown that time has been constructively occupied, meals helping with hunger, isolation and inactivity, about which PTC were concerned.</li> <li>● EW is very grateful for PTC support for the Forest School project. Young People took so much from it, thoroughly enjoying the experience. The new lighting has made a massive difference too.</li> <li>● EW has negotiated 2 sessions with Cramlington Climbing Wall Major Boris Spence</li> </ul>
	8) Youth Services in Prudhoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GP said the town Council objective is support all areas of Youth Service to benefit the right age groups, to all sessions where Young People are involved. Still awaiting feedback from NCC regarding Youth Service report yet to be issued. GP disappointed it has been held back. GS said it is on the agenda with WD. AB agreed that the Youth Service review has not moved as quickly as we would all wish, with</li> </ul>

		<p>other NCC changes underway too. Intentions are to provide the best Youth Services possible for Prudhoe, with due process being designed to protect Youth Service staff throughout the review. GP said that PTC understand the broad areas of discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JMc reminded the forum that the TC want The East centre building retained for community use, with CAT also moving very slowly and TC must progress this. Concerns that if another organisation took over the building, Youth Services may be sidelined. GS said NCC started out with a positive response, it is a long and complex process. JMc wants to move this matter forward so PTC are able to access funding sources and GS offered support</li> </ul>
	9)AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EW informed the forum of Football Match at Ferndene on 3rd May</li> <li>• GS reminded us the graffiti art boards still need to be positioned at West Wylam Shopping Centre</li> <li>• The Town Council has it's youngest ever Town Councillor at 18! To be added to our mailing list</li> </ul>
	10)Date and time of next meeting	Wednesday 21st November @ The East Centre at 4.00pm



