

MINUTES OF A REMOTE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD 22nd OCTOBER 2020
AT 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs T Clark (Chair), D Hockey, P Crocker, E Pennell. D Goodwin joined the meeting at 8pm.

APOLOGIES: Cllr L Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: FACE representative D Teml and D Young; Swift Sports representatives D Meek and R Elsbury; plus, A Durn (Parish Clerk). Cllr P Hockey was invited and joined the meeting for item YS.20.19

YS.20.17 To receive apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr Williams was received. It was noted that Cllr D Goodwin would join the meeting at 8pm.

YS.20.18 To receive any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations under the Localism Act 2011

None received.

YS.20.19 To approve the Minutes of the Youth Services Committee Extra Ordinary meeting held on 28th September 2020

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Youth Services Committee meeting held on 28th September 2020 as a true and accurate record.

YS.20.20 To receive the Chairman's report

The Chairman welcomed the representatives from FACE to the meeting. He reminded the Committee that due to the impact of COVID-19 there was currently an underspend in the budget and for councillors to consider options on how to use that underspend for maximum benefit for young people.

YS.20.21 To receive submissions from members of the public

None received.

YS.20.22 To approve the risk assessments for the use of the Council's community buildings for youth services

The Committee reviewed the risk assessments. FACE explained how they were working with young people and their parents/guardians on risk management. There was a discussion on the possibility of CCTV being installed in the area and the implications on young people. FACE gave examples of best practice that could be considered.

It was RESOLVED to agree to the risk assessments for youth services held in community buildings.

YS.20.23 To discuss the variance to the Youth Services contract and agree actions

Due to COVID-19, the number of people allowed to attend the indoor youth clubs must be restricted to meet with Government rules. The service has been reconfigured so that there are increased number of sessions to allow young people to attend which requires an increase in staff support.

It was RESOLVED to agree to the variance to the previously agreed contract to allow for the extra staff required at a revised total cost of £9751 for the period 1st October 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Cllr D Goodwin joined the meeting

YS.20.24 To receive a presentation from Swift Sports Coaching

Two representatives from Swift Sports Coaching introduced themselves and the company giving a profile of their experiences and the current partnerships they have with parish councils, schools, and churches. They explained the work they did with young people using sports activities.

The Chairman thanked them for their presentation and their proposals of the potential of opportunities for widening the support to young people. He opened the discussion to councillors and the FACE representatives. It was explained that the Council has a youth services contract with FACE and any partnership with Swift Sports Coaching would have to be done through and in collaboration with FACE as a holistic programme for young people. It was thought there needed to be a discussion with young people on what they want and would think of opportunities and activities such as these.

FACE offered to meet with Swift Sports Coaching to discuss their services in more detail and whether it could be integrated in the youth services provision for Frampton Cotterell and to report back with any options.

The Chairman thanked FACE and Swift Sports Coaching and looked forward to receiving the report from their meeting.

YS.20.25 To discuss options for future youth service provision as part of the business planning and budget preparation for 2021/22 to 2024/25 and agree actions.

There was a discussion on the current provision of detached and outreach work and the relationship work that had been commenced and was being developed with groups of young people, parents and guardians, the Police, and schools. Councillors thought that the service was a positive development but the service to young people had suffered in the past due to a lack of continuity of service provision. There was a discussion on the use and location of local venues for the different types of youth provision.

A reminder was given on the forthcoming local Youth conference, 'We the 33%', being held on 3rd November 2020 at 4.30pm. Young people from Frampton Cotterell will be taking place and will be using the Brockeridge Centre and laptops to hold their Zoom session. The conference will cover young people's experiences including:

- Isolation
- Education, training, and employment
- Mental health
- Digital safety
- Safe community spaces
- Equality of access and opportunity

Councillors were encouraged to attend and hear the thoughts of local Young People.

FACE then gave a briefing on their thoughts on how youth services for Frampton Cotterell could develop over the next three years. Councillors shared their ideas and there followed a lengthy positive discussion on options for the future and use of the current year's budget underspend. FACE gave examples of best practice in other parish and town councils that the Clerk said she would follow up and share with the Committee.

There was a discussion regarding running in parallel with the South Gloucestershire Council Medium Term Financial Planning period which ends in 2021/22, and therefore setting the next contract for one year, and then setting the three year plan and contract from 2022/23.

It was RESOLVED for:

- FACE to develop the options for the current year regarding the use of the underspend and for next year's budget.
- To contact South Gloucestershire Council's Youth Services Commissioning Team regarding funding and their proposals for budget preparations.

It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders 3x to allow completion of the agenda.

YS.20.26 EXEMPT ITEMS: Prior to consideration of the following agenda items, councillors are invited to pass the following resolution:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by S100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that its consideration would involve the disclosure of exempt information.

It was RESOLVED to agree to exclude the public and the Press.

YS.20.27 To review the planning conditions for the Pavilion and licences for youth organisations and agree actions

The planning conditions for the Pavilion were set in 1984 and the licences were drawn up by a solicitor in 1996. There was a discussion on the history of the Park and its covenant, the Pavilion and its use, It was noted that the legislation had change significantly since.

It was RESOLVED:

- To recommend to Full Council that it hires a solicitor and contacts the Diocese to review and renegotiate the Covenant on the Park
- To recommend to Full Council that it hires a solicitor to review the licence for youth groups and whether a hiring agreement is appropriate
- To recommend to Full Council to hire a planning solicitor to review the planning conditions for the Pavilion and make recommendations

The meeting closed at 9.46pm