

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURE
COMMITTEE HELD 13TH NOVEMBER 2018**

Cllrs present: Cllr Margaret Allingham (Chair), Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Jim Mitchell

In attendance: Cllr Shankerlal Sthankiya
Donna Love – Youth Team Manager

CC617 Apologies

Cllr Keith House

CC618 Minutes and Matters of the last meeting held 11th September 2018

Minutes were signed

CC619 Correspondence

None received

CC620 To receive a HEWEB Youth Report

A report was given to members by the Youth Team Manager;

The Community Hub News –

- Once again, they would be having a stall at the Christmas lights Switch on.
- The local primary and Junior Schools within HEWEB had been contacted to assist in the recruitment of new members to the Junior session.
- There were varied activities taking place throughout the Autumn and Winter.
- Service information had been put together and was now on Hampshire County Council's website.
- Outreach – It was confirmed that the mini bus had passed its MOT, was taxed and insured. Pricing was being sought to have it re-painted and signed with the HETC logo. However, funding still needed to be found in order the Outreach sessions could take place.
- The Friday Night Project – Post 18's group. Many of the group were now approaching or had approached the upper age limit for attendance. She felt that many were still vulnerable and needed the extra support.
- There was currently no session for members (aged 11-15 years) to move up to once they had left the Junior group, this she felt was also very much needed.
- It was felt that either t-shirts or hoodies were needed both for the sessions at The Hub and for any Outreach sessions that would take place in order the Young People could identify the staff.
- Getting and keeping volunteers was a big problem. She had been in contact with One Community with the possibility of having a bank of volunteers that could be called upon when needed.
- DSL – The Youth Team Manager had been assigned the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead with the LTA and following discussions with the Clerk would DSL for Children's Service providers that hired any HETC facilities.

She also added to the report that a good response had been received from the requests she had put on the Hedge End Botley Facebook page for volunteers and donations and had in fact received many boardgames, puzzles and CD's as a consequence.

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Cllr Cynthia Garton commented that more Outreach, especially during the Summer months was needed to connect with the Youth. She also commented that there were many youth groups within HEWEB that could make full use of the mini bus, that was currently being unused.

Staff & Volunteers – One staff member had resigned. Volunteers were very hard to hold on to, so she would be introducing Volunteer Induction Packs and session planning for them.

Grants & Funding – They had been successful in obtaining 24 tickets and coach contribution to Merlin's Magic Wand and had booked the tickets for next half term. A bursary had been granted towards the Easter residential from Avon Tyrell. She was also waiting to hear of possible funding from Wave 105 for £1,130.00 and £4,000.00 from Tesco "Bags of Help Scheme". Funding for £287.00 from the Youth Partnership had been approved for the FNP Christmas meal.

Training & Development - All staff had had in house training on Safeguarding Disabled Young People, the Youth Team Manager, on the E Learning Academy having training on Self Harm & Suicidal thoughts, Safeguarding Children in Education, Early Child Development – Foundation, an introduction to Safeguarding Children and Working with Children with Disabilities. She had also successfully passed her MIDAS Refresher Training for the mini bus.

Autism Ambassador – Safer Places Scheme. She was concerned if people were actually aware of this scheme, as it had been brought to her attention that one of her staff members also worked in one of these "Safe Places" but was unaware that it actually was and what she would need to do. Should she be monitoring? How up to date was the leaflet? She would investigate.

CC621 Christmas Lights

Update on lights and events

Members were given an update on costings spent to date, along with information on how the event itself was progressing.

It was asked if the Bandstand was to be used. Cllr Margaret Allingham commented that the countdown for the switch on would take place there and that the Bandstand itself was to be dressed in icicle lights.

Cllr Jim Mitchell said he would be available for that day and asked that he was emailed with the time he would be required to help out.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 7.52pm