



PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL  
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM

Prudhoe Town Council Young People's Forum Meeting: Wednesday 16.01.19 @ 4.00pm

Venue: East Centre

Time	Agenda	Actions
4.05-4.10	1)Attendances  Apologies for absence  Welcomes	<p>Lynsey Waddilove (Princes Trust), Eddy Wilkinson (Ferndene), Cllr. Gordon Stewart (NCC), Cllr Gerry Price (PTC), Leon Foster (Highfield Middle School), Michael Errington (Princes Trust), Leanne McGinn (Princes Trust), Caroline Gibbs (Highfield Middle School), Matthew Robson (Highfield Middle School), Daniel Freyhan (Church of England), Carol Quinn (Northumberland Youth Service).</p> <p>Alex Bond (Prudhoe Poppets), Peter Jorysz (Stocksfield Baptist Church), Mark Pae (Manors), Sharon Walton (Northumbria Police), Ashley Brown (Northumberland Youth Service), Rob Mills (Highfield Middle School).</p> <p>Welcomes and Introductions.</p>
4.10-4.20	2)Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accepted as a true record</li> <li>● <b>2019 Meetings:</b> EW said that Ferndene are keen to hold two of our meetings this year. (We also need to add East and Spetchells Centre as possible venues).</li> <li>● <b>Boxing:</b> A meeting was held before Christmas and this is ongoing</li> <li>● <b>Eastwoods Park Running Track:</b> GS reported that a petition has been handed in re the track with some funding and support from the Town Council. Prudhoe Plodders Holly Kellehere are moving this forward. It will cost 100k without lighting.</li> <li>● <b>Vape Shop &amp; Londis displays:</b> GS has raised this matter with Police and as yet there are no updates to report. IT is not an offence nor are there any restrictions although considered inappropriate.</li> </ul>

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4.20	3 & 4) New Members/Communications, Profile & Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>GP</b> requested CQ to provide average attendance figures for The East Centre along with an outline of sessions taking place</li> <li>● <b>Princes Trust:</b> A new team has started this week, the last team having qualified just before Christmas. GP asked about Community Projects for this team. LMcG said the time of year precludes outdoor projects and invited the forum to make suggestions over indoor work that could be done in Prudhoe. It will start in 2-3 weeks with a fundraiser. To be added to item 4 in the agenda. CQ asked about the Pavilion at Eastwoods Park and GS said the Bowling Pavilion could benefit from redecoration. However this will not fit in with the timescale. EW and CG said their current projects involve outdoors. CQ said the Charity Shop could be a possibility with a planned refit coming up at Half Term. GP will also take this to PTC.</li> <li>● GS said the Tidy Britain Spring Clean campaign is coming up, LMcG will see if this meets with Princes Trust requirements. Litter picker supplies are held by Emma at Adderlane School</li> </ul>
4.25-4.50	5) Ideas/Issues identified by Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
4.50-4.55	6) Youth Unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GS again reported that nationally figures are low. Figures are not entirely accurate with few claiming JSA under 18. A "Mini Me's Hairdressing initiative has been started at The Manors, a bridges project creating self confidence for employment.</li> <li>● The development at Low Prudhoe will include ALdi and KFC, who are both good employers with fair rates of pay. Planning applications are in for a possible garden centre. The development will have up to 300 potential employees. To go before the Council on first Tuesday in March or April, with 98% of residents supporting development. GS has had several meetings with planners and there is also the possibility of an hotel. Planning cannot just involve food, must be other retail outlets there too Prudhoe residents who undertake a DWP course will be guaranteed interviews.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GP queried transport. There is the possibility of a bus service through town to the interchange to new shops. Footpaths are being repaired too. EW asked if some of the jobs would be available for Young People too. GS is trying to get some training courses running at The Fuse.</li> </ul>
4.55-5.10	6) Parks and Hotspots & Recent Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MR spoke about the wall in Spetchells lane, where Young People have been vaping and swearing at passers by, in between 5 and six o'clock.</li> <li>GP said the Co-op lighting has been improved and is to be extended towards the Glade which may discourage such grouping.</li> <li>There has been a spate of egg throwing at cars lately. GS has met with Police and CQ has spoken to shop owners/managers.</li> <li>Last Friday and Saturday 40 - 50 Young People were at The Manors, fighting which was pre arranged via social media. Letters have been sent to parents</li> <li>Drunken girls who have not been in trouble before had set a bin alight</li> </ul>
5.10-5.25	7) East Centre & Youth Service Update/Youth Services in Prudhoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gp said the recent report on the Youth Service indicates that main resources will be concentrated in areas of deprivation (Blyth, Ashington and Bellingham)</li> <li>Other areas, Hexham, Haltwhistle, Haydon Bridge and prudhoe are becoming more independent. To that end PCP have formed a committee to look at the future of Youth Services as a whole in Prudhoe. AB has made presentations to the committee. Local Prudhoe people (Youth, business, CC and TC are discussing with Trustees to be appointed. Visiting HYI, CYI and Blyths fact finding and information seeking. The Youth Service in Prudhoe is likely to be renamed "Prudhoe Youth Project". It will be supported by CC and incorporate working alongside the established Youth Service here. It will not happen overnight and will be a forward looking programme, with much support. GP said an Outreach project is being seriously considered to be funded by PTC. It was recognised that it is most important to be qualified in this work.</li> <li>DW asked if the new Youth Project will have a clear approach. GP said all will be documented with GH holding data.</li> <li>GS said the Youth Service review has completed with no cost cutting. Savings have been made at managerial level</li> </ul>

5.25-5.30	8)AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EW reminded the Forum Sunderland FC will be playing their 3rd match against Prudhoe Town on May 3rd. The sports hall at Ferndene is used by local groups for sporting activities Monday to Friday. (Monday Di &amp; Jim's, Tuesday Additional Needs training with NUFC, Wednesday Prudhoe Plodders, Thursday PYC Football, Friday Football Academy Training and trampolining) Coaches bring their own Liability Insurance and DBS. GP asked EW to contact SE for PTC support</li> <li>• EW asked if there were any updates on the walled garden. GS said Gentoo are obliged to put in K300 for a community project. GS still in discussions with CC Senior Management over this. It would have to be open for public use and be sustainable. Has been possibility of a restaurant there, lots have shown interest but the project is not moving.</li> </ul>
	9)Date and time of next meeting	Wednesday February 20th 2019 @ Ferndene. Other locations to be confirmed for the rest of the year



