

PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT

Minutes of a meeting of trustees held on 13th June 2019

Present: , Dorothy Dickinson, George Hepburn, Rachel Noble (chair), Richard Shrimpton, Vesta Moore, Cllr Chris Barrett, Peter Surridge, Cllr Brenda Grey, Cllr Tracy Gilmour, Don Hutton, Cllr Gerry Price

Apologies, Kiz Crosbie

1 Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 11th April were agreed subject to deleting 'Gemma' and inserting 'Becca' under 'Welcome'

2 Matters arising

- (i) **Constitution:** Peter has tried to get the Charity Commission to treat our request as 'urgent' but without success. He thinks we may be considered in two months time.
- (ii) **Prudhoe Youth Forum :** Gerry said the Forum was suspended pending a meeting with the County Council in September. It appeared that the Youth Forum now only covered the statutory services provided at East. Members thought it would be good to convene a meeting of all the youth organisations in the town and agreed to call a meeting in early September that should include schools, churches and the police. Chris offered to get a mailing list together.
- (iii) **East** Gerry also reported that the Town Council was actively considering options for an asset transfer of East.
- (iv) **Trustees** George has been in touch with Kiz who would like to remain as a corresponding member of the group. He has not been able to get any response from Claire who has missed three meetings and not responded to emails. He offered to follow up.
- (v) **Email accounts** have been set up for Becca and Chesley

3 Chairs report

Rachel reported on a discussion with the 'officers' (Richard, Dorothy, George and herself) about longer term plans for PYP. They proposed seeking funding for specific projects in the next six months in order to have a stronger track record and then applying for more substantial funding for a worker, maybe in 12 months time, as they had been advised that PYP would need to show more achievements before this level of funding could be secured.

There was discussion about premises. Rachel mentioned a project in Bedlington which has a new prefab building but it was thought that there were venues available in Prudhoe for evening activities for the time being and that it was too early to seek permanent premises yet. Chris offered to ask for free use of premises. Becca and Chesley were currently using Miners Lamp café.

There were various suggestions about possible future projects. Becca and Chesley think there is interest in a gardening project. Rachel would like to see a LGBT+ support group. There could be a centre based craft group. Agreed important to respond to what young people wanted and to ask CNE to make recommendations in their report due next month.

Rachel has been circulating PYP posters Prude posters in Front Street shops which was welcomed.

4 Detached Youth Work

Rachel reported that B&C have a regular group of about 8 girls meeting on a Tuesday at Miners Lamp. They are working on a keyfund application. B&C are also meeting young people at the Pipe in West Wylam. They will be piloting lunch time drop ins at PCHS. They report interest from young people in football coaching and basketball.

The logo design competition closes later this month and will be judged by trustees. Members thought it important to get logo and branding agreed before going public with T shirts etc even if this meant delaying proposed activities like bag packs and bucket collections for a few weeks.

Members commented on the proposed questionnaire devised by CNE. Chris offered to put it online. George thought that CNE originally proposed a variety of smart ways of consulting young people and hoped they were not just relying on the questionnaire. It was agreed to ask CNE to report fully when they sent their first three month report which is due for the July meeting. Agreed we should not be 'micro managing' CNE.

4 Summer Holiday Projects

An application has been submitted for summer holiday activities for decision at the end of the month. If successful, it would provide a series of trips out with additional funding secured by CNE and a day a week of activities as well. There is also a request for funding a residential. Free meals will be provided as a requirement of the funding.

5 Safeguarding

Because this is urgent, Rachel proposed that we adopt the policies currently used by Corbridge Youth Initiative as a comparable organisation and then build on these over time. It was agreed that Rachel, Richard and Tracy will meet on Tues 18th at 7pm to review the policies and that they would then be discussed and adopted at the July meeting.

5 Fundraising group report

Dorothy reported on meeting held last week. The group are researching possible trusts and working on a model application letter. The applications should be for specific projects still to be determined and now urgently needed as any applications will take time to be considered.

Members also suggested bucket collections, seeking donations from Front St shops and crowdfunding. Chris offered to find out about being included in Waitrose token scheme.

We need to build a relation with Prudhoe Workshop Trust which has ability to be a major funder but which is difficult to approach. Rachel offered to organise a meeting with Carol, as correspondent, and it was suggested that this lead up to a meeting with all the Workshop trustees with a view to a substantial funding request.

George suggested asking PCP to provide petty cash account for PYP to meet small needs like the pitch at town fair or producing tee shirts until fundraising got underway.

6 Any other business:

- (i) **Town Show** PYP had stall and got post in note responses about young peoples needs and issues.
- (ii) **Highfield Fest** has pagoda booked
- (iii) **Tynedale Youth Forum:** Rachel also for someone to attend next meeting on 1st July at 1.15pm in Hexham.
- (iv) **Mitry Mory** Tracy reported interest in an exchange visit with our young people .
- (v) **Prudhoe Neighbourhood Management Group** : invitation to attend on 11th July. Both George and Tracy attending anyway and will represent PYP.
- (vi) **Apologies:** Don and Vesta gave their apologies for the July meeting

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th July at 7pm.