



## **Minutes of trustees meeting held on Thursday 14th November at 7pm at Spetchells Centre**

**Present:** Dorothy Dickinson ( chair) Peter SurrIDGE, Cllr Gerry Price, Don Hutton, George Hepburn, Vesta Moore, Cllr Brenda grey, Cllr Chris Barrett

**1 Apologies :** Rachel, recovering from a car crash and trustees sent message of support and Richard on sabbatical

**2 Minutes** of meeting held on 17 th October were agreed subject to deleting 'not' in Minute 3(iii)

**3 Matters arising** from meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October

(i) Appointment of trustee: Sean was not able to become a trustee due to commitments in his new job but remained very supportive

(ii) Bank Account: Unity Bank had requested further information which had been providing leading to hopes that the account would be open shortly.

(iii) Highfield Middle School: Don had met Richard Oades who was very supportive and will come to meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

(iv) Logo: CNE had accepted the proposed arrangements whereby PYP logo was prominent.

## **4 Meeting with Town Council**

Brenda reported CNE's report and presentation from Lynn and Rachel had been well received and that, in principle, PTC had agreed to renew further for a further year, subject to final budget agreement in January. One member asked about PYP long term sustainability. Russ welcomed the idea of basing one session at Miners Lamp café. Members asked for more outputs in future reports which has been requested of CNE.

## **5 Third session**

Funding from the Charity Shop has now been agreed and a cheque presentation will take place on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>. The CNE youth workers are to start in December. As previously discussed, this session will focus on sexual health and mental health advice and involve a third worker alongside either Chesley or Bekka. Rachel hoped there may be scope for a LGBT support group too. The workers are keen to swap the sessions as the facilities at Methodist Church has better facilities for an activity session and those at Miners Lamp would be better for counselling.

## **6 Stomping grounds**

Trustees considered a proposal from Stomping Grounds to hold a 'forest school' session at their woodland off South Road. Don spoke highly about the forest group concept though he said it worked best with younger children. It was felt this would offer a different kind of activity, spread out wings and support a new initiative in Prudhoe. Costs would be slightly higher than detached youth work. This could be subject of an application to Shears Foundation, see below.

## **5 East Youth Hub report**

Don updates members about progress as he and Rachel represented PYP on the PCP working party. There was discussion of architects plans for the site. The preferred option is to knock down existing buildings and rebuild. Gerry said there had been a lot of 'nostalgic' support for the existing buildings when PTC had consulted about its plans last year. George will take the plans to the November meeting of the Town Council.

It was agreed that PYP would seek to be the core youth work provider in East Youth Hub possibly working alongside the County Council. This may require extra resources for maintain the culture of the building. George hoped that building would be largely self servicing and managed by PCP from Spetchells but all still to be confirmed.

## **6 Fundraising**

- (i) Lottery: George has submitted the first phase 'big idea' application and is waiting to hear from the lottery. This seeks three year funding for a youth development worker.
- (ii) Charity Shop: see above, £8000 agreed for one year for third session
- (iii) Shears Foundation: one of the trustees has invited an application for up to £10k and agreed to seek funding for Stomping Grounds.
- (iv) Small fundraising group: Dorothy, Brenda and Vesta agreed to form a community fundraising group to run a tombola at Christmas lights switch on and to look at a 'Just Giving' page.

**7 Safeguarding** : There have been no incidents since the last meeting.

## **8 Any other business** :

- (i) Website; peter willing to progress this and seeking involvement from young people. George to discuss with B&C
- (ii) Christmas meal: Agreed to join forces with PCP at Gloria on dates to be advised.

## **9 Meeting dates for 2020:**

Thursdays 16th Jan, 13th Feb, 12th Mar, 23rd Apr. 21st May. 18th June, 16th July