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**To: Members of the Youth Committee
(For information all Parish Councillors)**

The next Youth Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 15 September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

AGENDA

- 1 Election of chairman and vice-chairman**
- 2 Apologies for absence**
- 3 Declarations of interest**
- 4 Minutes of the meeting of 29 April 2008** (attached) and matters arising
- 5 Youth Clubs – update**
- 6 Youth building Risk Assessment**
- 7 Building use and equipment**
- 8 To consider replacement youth shelter and skate ramps**
- in conjunction with the Maintenance Committee which oversees all play equipment
(next meeting 29 September)
- 9 Any other business**
- 10 Date of next meeting – 8 December**

Jim Daniels

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Clerk

Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Tuesday 29 April 2008 at 6.00pm in the Council Office

Present: L Henderson (chair) RH Chapman JE Coston G Covell HM Smith
Paula Mayes Jackson Nazombe PCSO Scott Evans The Clerk

56/4-08 **1 Apologies for absence** - PS Badley Sophie Lucas

2 Declarations of interest – none.

57/4-08 **3 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 30 October 2007 were approved and signed as a true record. CCTV working all right. Boiler issue resolved. Noted that a replacement worker from MCC staff was now assisting with cleaning/opening duties etc. Hazel's set of keys to be kept in Parish Council office.

58/4-08 **4 Youth Clubs**

- **report** – final report received from Jackson and Paula [attached]. Jackson was moving on. Sophie Lucas, one of the team, would take over – had been working in the club for several months. A smooth transition was expected. There were both male & female leaders for each evening. Attendance: 25-30 Wednesdays. 5 young people on the leadership training programme. Tuesdays – 15 have taken on ownership of the club – confident, dominant girls. Boys aged 11-12 still shy. Programme includes cooking and art. Minor accident in the kitchen which Jackson had recorded. He had also spoken with the parents. MCC accident book - procedures need to be clarified. The clerk would discuss with MCC. **Action: the clerk** [Note: accidents should also be reported to MCC. Julie will remind users].

Drug dealing taking place in the Tesco passage. Scott had not seen any concrete evidence of drug dealing there.

HMS would meet Tesco manager after Parish Plan results are known. Youngsters shopping for youth club had been scared by reaction from Tesco staff who appear to see the youngsters as a nuisance / problem. Perhaps youngsters should introduce themselves to customer Services.

Budget – Jackson had not reclaimed any amounts of £50 since the first – would need to ask for more.

RHC commented that Jackson had done a fantastic job and asked about the next steps. Jackson replied that there were two:

1 a few more local volunteers who would be willing to train would help the youth clubs to be seen as a community project.

2 young people getting a platform to speak back to the community eg presentation to the Parish Council, Village Fayre – “a gradual integration”.

LH thanked Jackson for all his hard work – and helping making a big change in the attitudes of the young people.

- **future programmes** - the two sessions had been poorly attended the previous summer. Sophie was currently consulting the young people about summer activities and we would e mail programme when decided.

Paula to liaise with LH.

59/4-08 **5 Any building issues and other users**

Notice board to be put up on outside wall of youth centre. [Note: Julie will ask John again to put up notice board].

Users should be shown how to set the lock on the door to prevent accidentally locking themselves out (by John?). Perhaps a Notice saying: “this is a self locking door”. [Note: John does show users how lock works].

Boys loo lock not yet repaired. Brian Murfitt

David Bailey – work to be finished.

Equipment discussed. Pool table popular. Issue about money needed to be resolved – Ultimate Leisure had agreed to remove mechanism but had not yet done so.

Air hockey pucks broken – youth club to have own pucks in lockable cupboard. JEC recommended that clubs should have own small equipment eg table tennis bats and snooker cues. It needed to be recognised that games in general use between hirers can go “missing” but clubs must be responsible to look after equipment. Young people and all groups need to have an agreement about ownership.

The clerk would ensure that the above action points are followed up. **Action: the clerk.**

LH would discuss with Young Carers and Church youth group and would order through the clerk table tennis bats etc to set up the centre. Replacement of small games equipment thereafter to be found by the clubs themselves. **Action: LH and the clerk**

6 Any other business - none.

7 Date of next meeting - September 15 7.30pm The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

Jackson's Final report

The work

Work with Milton youth Club has involved:

Training the staff team and supervising their contribution to the programs, supervising the youth participation and leadership training project, overseeing the development of the two youth clubs and overall responsibility for the vision and implementation of objectives for 2007 to 2008.

It has been difficult to maintain a sense of continuity with staff training as there have been some changes to the team make up which has slowed down progress. We now have a strong team which will be able to sustain the momentum and continue to develop the youth clubs. Josh, Stephen, Jim, EJ and Amy have been doing very well in their personal development. Their leadership training is tailored for each individual so that it allows organic progression. The young people have attained their bronze levels (with the exception of Amy) and are working towards their silver. The youth workers and the young leaders have worked well to establish and develop the junior youth club. They are now working on the new term program which is currently got commitments running till half term.

I believe that the youth are ready for more challenging sessions and are enthusiastic about their involvement in the youth club. We have not had any themed terms or months and we would like to establish a more deliberately preplanned educational or informative program that enables us to maximize on the learning opportunities within the national youth curriculum. I hope that Sophie and the team will have even more success with the youth groups.

Sophie will oversee the two groups until further notice, and has been working with me from February 2008. Jo will co-lead the junior club. Paula will continue to provide overall supervision. I will say my formal goodbye to the young people in May.

My departure

I would like to apologize again for the missed sessions which were mainly due to my commitments in Zimbabwe. Because of the regularity of these commitments I have had to give up my work with County Council, again. I wish I could do both as I have enjoyed working in Milton but unfortunately this could mean reduced quality of work and further cancellations. Your patience has been most gratefully received and I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you all the best for the future.

Jackson Nazombe

Youth Worker Milton Youth Club