

Minutes of Milton Action for Youth (MAY) committee meeting held on 16th May 2011 in Milton Youth Centre at 8.00pm

PRESENT Linda Henderson (chair) Phil Badley David Chamberlin Andrea Cramp (youth leader)
Jason de-vaux Balbirnie (Methodist Churches) Sue Jones Hazel Smith Ian Tyes and
Jim Daniels

- 1 Minutes of meeting on 28th February 2011** – were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters arising:

Lights on hard court and basketball court – JD to ask MCC if they could be fixed before September.

Action: JD

Skills - AC put an article in the Village View and had received no response. She was looking for a range of skills eg photography. LH to speak with Photography Club. **Action: LH**

Facebook and web site not yet set up - AC to discuss with the technical “wizard” at the County Council. **Action: AC**

PSB to update information on the website. **Action: PSB**

Fund raising - PSB had drafted a letter to be sent to businesses in the village – DC, HMS and Ian T to meet on 25 May at 09.30 to check the contents before sending it out.

Action: PSB, DC, HMS and Ian T

AC had not yet contacted Tesco, Cambridge Building Society and Cambridge News.

Co-op Bank was also suggested as possible source of grant funding.

Village Fayre – HMS to book a stall. **Action: HMS** AC to organise activity but she would need to work out the cost implication for preparing and being present on the day. **Action: AC**

Gazebo to be provided by Jason.

Signs – additional directional signs “Milton Youth Centre” needed in Cambridge Road and The Rowans. JD would find out the cost. **Action: JD**

- 2 Service Level Agreement with Milton Parish Council (MPC)** – both copies were signed, one to be kept by the Country Council North City Locality Team and one by MPC.

- 3 Report from youth club**

AC circulated her report. *attached*

Suggested future activities included a carnival workshop, a 7/8 week course cost £800-£1500.

Food Hygiene course had been postponed but would take place. MPC’s £150 had been banked in readiness for payment for this course.

A youth club tuck shop was well stocked – youngsters were not being allowed to shop for “tuck” at Tesco.

Recent craft activity – mug making proved popular.

There was potential to run three clubs.

It was suggested that a social need had been identified by AC and perhaps MAY should consider asking MPC for extra help towards this work.

- 4 Progress on village youth worker**

DC was hoping to speak with Ridley Hall Theological College to find out if a suitable candidate was available to work on “placement” in Milton as from September (probably for three years). If not, money could be provided by All Saints’ Church and the Methodist Church to employ a part-time youth worker. DC to discuss with Jason. DC would let AC know the position as soon as possible. **Action: DC**

Jason reported on a new project “Voluntary Evangelism” which could possibly provide extra support for Milton.

- 5 Any other business and date of next meeting**

Youth involvement - It was suggested that either young people be invited to the next meeting or that committee attends a youth club to hear the youngsters’ views.

Summer holidays - there was unlikely to be any Summer programme as the County Council could not afford to pay AC’s salary. It was clear that additional funding was necessary. Suggestions for applying for grants: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation; Grant Finder through Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services.

Next meeting – Thursday 30 June 2011 at 7.30pm at Milton Youth Centre.

Meeting ended at 9.35pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Milton Youth Club Report May 2011
Andrea Cramp – Young People’s Worker

Milton Junior Youth Club – meeting Tuesday 6.30 – 7.45pm

Milton Senior Youth Club – meeting Tuesday 8 – 9.15pm

	Junior	Senior	Total
1 st March	13	7	20
8 th March	16	8	24
15 th March	8	2	10
22 nd March	6	10	16
29 th March	22	4	26

5th April there was no youth club since all staff attended a training course on Dealing with Difficult Situations.

Pancake flipping was a big feature this term and enjoyed by all. Various cooking ventures and lots of different crafts have been provided. Activities included trinket box decoration, marbling, jewellery making and mug design - all timed perfectly to use as presents for Mothers Day and Easter.

Bronze Arts Award

Due to the lack of response from my article in the Milton Newsletter and from the Committee, the Arts Award interest is now dwindling. Some members have joined the Histon Junior Youth Club in order to take part in a Carnival and Samba Drumming group we are running. They will perform at the Histon Feast in July.

Question for the Committee: do you want to run a similar project in Milton to tie in with the Olympics Event taking place at Milton Country Park in July? The budget of between £800 and £1500 would need to be provided.

The Food Hygiene Course as been postponed again to allow time for the new combined youth club to establish itself. We will look to run this during the summer term.

New combined youth club:

3rd May 20 young people

10th May 27 young people – 12 of which were new

Juniors attend from 6.30 – 8pm

Seniors attend from 7 – 8.30pm

Overlap of 1 hour in the middle.

So far this formula has worked. The Juniors appreciate being able to turn up, engage with activities and catch up with youth workers before the Seniors arrive. The hour in the middle has been spent playing rounders and football, with a few taking part in crafts and activities inside. Seniors then enjoy being able to chill out at the end of the evening and have the pool/table tennis/air hockey to themselves for that half hour.

Our youth worker managed to engage a large group of year 9, 10 and 11 lads, who were playing football outside, to join the session. They all participated well and enjoyed the opportunity to use our facilities. We hope that we will now see numbers grow.

Issues to raise: the rounders equipment was missing from the cupboard last week which was a nuisance. Who do we share the cupboard with and can we have contact details for them and information as to when they meet etc.

The hand wash sink is an on-going problem – therefore we have to avoid using it.

Working hours: there are occasions at youth club when I have to deal with behavioural problems and scenarios. For instance, a few weeks ago we had a bullying incident where I needed to call parents after the club was closed. I also set up a meeting with the young people at IVC to talk through the situation. As a result of this incident the parents asked school and myself for extra support with their child. Overall in the last month I have spent approximately 6 hours out of youth club on extra admin and meetings. I also spend approx 2 hours a month visiting Tesco and the resource base in preparation for the sessions.