

Minutes of Milton Action for Youth (MAY) committee meeting held on 4th October 2011 in Milton Youth Centre at 5:20pm

PRESENT Linda Henderson (chair) Andrea Cramp (youth leader) Hazel Smith (minute taker) Ian Tyes and Paula Mayes (Locality Manager)

APOLOGIES David Chamberlin Jason de-vaux Balbirnie (Methodist Churches) Sue Jones

- 1 The main purpose of this meeting was to wish Paula well in her future life and ensure we had a good hand-over to her successor. Noted that Gerda Covell had come off this committee and resigned from the Parish Council. Linda also wished to resign as Chair of the committee. **Action: to request Milton Parish Councillors to appoint at least one more member to join the committee.**
Ian has agreed to take over as Chairman.
- 2 **Paula** will leave work this week. Her successor is Michelle Davies (michelle.davies@cambridgeshire.gov.uk), who may be able to do a couple of days a week fairly soon but is covering maternity leave elsewhere. **Andrea** will be in overall charge of the youth club, planning the activities and providing resources, but Karis will be acting up and leading most sessions, with Andrea attending at least once a month and covering any illness absences. The team also includes Steve Wallace, Debbie Orton and Bronwen, a volunteer. Andrea is now teaching at Manor Community College, and is only at Impington VC to run the Histon Youth Club, but retains good contacts there.
- 3 **Issues**
The club has been well attended for 2 of the 3 weeks so far this term. They have mostly done football sessions and cookery. Andy has replaced some of the baking and cookery equipment which was past its best. The club really want the floodlights on the hard court to be re-wired – **Hazel to ask MCC.**

Last week there was obvious drug dealing in the car park from 6pm onwards. **Andrea to contact the police** this evening about this. Ian suggested car registration numbers should be taken down. **Hazel to mention this at the Neighbourhood Panel meeting next week.**
- 4 **Age groups**
The club currently has 30 minutes at the start for only younger members, and 30 minutes at the end for the older members, with the majority of the session for both. This is not ideal but is just manageable with the numbers attending.
A **babysitting course, or the Arts award** would be very popular as an additional session. The cost is about £100 per participant for a 10-week course. **Ian offered to apply for grants** to cover the cost of this. **Andrea to provide details.**

Andrea would also attend Parish Council in November to suggest a second club night. She would bring details of the age and sex profile of those attending. The Youth Centre would be ideal for an after-school drop-in session, or for a Saturday father-and-child session for separated families. Ian agreed to attend Youth Club and get to know some of the children to report back to PC.
- 5 **Church/village youth worker**
No-one was present to report on this. The plan for a Ridley Hall student placement at All Saints is now expected to happen from 2012, and David has been in contact with Jason over the summer but no details are available of a placement from the Methodist scheme. If a partnership agreement were in place then the worker would not need to be separately CRB checked – otherwise they could be treated as a volunteer, and CRB checked as such for this club. **Andrea to contact Jason** about possible help.
- 6 **Finances**
Paula stressed that the County would need all the costs of running the youth club to be covered in the SLA from next year, including time for these meetings. Due to new employment law, the youth workers were on fixed-term contracts for 2.5 hours a week until March. They would be employed in this way for up to 2 years, after which their jobs would be re-advertised to avoid them acquiring employee rights.
- 7 We took the broken cover and side off the radiator in the lounge. **Linda to tell Andy about this.**
- 8 Meeting finished at 6:20 with thanks to Paula for her support for the club in Milton.