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Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 17 January at 7.30pm in the Community Centre to discuss Youth Provision within the village.

Present: DJ Lee (chair), R Day, CF Nunn, J Sandford, HM Smith, RT Summerfield, RLE Waters, (all Parish Councillors).
PC I Parton (Community Beat Officer), G Steel (Special Constable).
A Allen (IVC), D Bullen (Youth Club Leader) and several members of the Youth Club.
Mr and Mrs S Harley (Tesco).
Mr C Buckley, Mr A Lawrence (Dillons).

Apologies for absence: JE Coston, IL Davis, DT Wildman (Parish Councillors).
M Tuck (Youth Leader), J Uttin.

1. Introduction

David Lee welcomed everyone and gave a brief introduction as to the purpose of the meeting.

2. Present Situation

Youth Club

Numbers attending the Youth Club had recently dropped average attendance being between 7 and 10 per evening.

Members of the Youth Club felt that another venue such as the Sports Pavilion at The Sycamores Recreation Ground on another evening would benefit that age group (15-17 yrs) who were too young for pubs and too old for the present style of Youth Club. The youngsters felt that the experimental scheme with Ken Carstairs as detached Youth Worker was successful.

Tesco. Recently there had been no trouble as Tesco had increased their security. They were more vigilant when selling alcohol within the store.

Dillons. Andrew Lawrence had been manager at Milton for four weeks and as yet had seen no problem.

Chris Buckley (area manager) reported that Dillons no longer employed under 18's to serve and that security had been improved. He would like villagers' co-operation in identifying anyone buying alcohol from Dillons to pass on to under 18's. Anyone identified would be barred from the store.

3. Conclusions

Both David Lee and Bob Waters stressed that the problems and issues were well known and that we must all work consistently together and take positive action for the youngsters of the village the majority of whom were not anti-social. Milton Parish Council were committed to finding the right provision for the right number of people.

4. Ways Forward.

Dillons and Tesco would investigate the possibility of helping to sponsor a detached Outreach Worker.

IVC together with MPC may be able to afford to support detached Workers for a while.

Money may be available from Tony Leadley at SCDC.

Andy Allen was preparing a bid to the National Lottery for funds towards the Bus Project.

The feeling of the meeting was that one or two detached Youth Workers probably based at the Sports Pavilion at The Sycamores Recreation Ground would be a positive and beneficial step forward. RLEW pointed out that the Parish Council would need to get the support of the Sports Clubs to use the Sports Pavilion as a venue.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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