

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON  
4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2004 AT 7.30p.m. AT THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD**

**Present:** Cllr Mr M Harris  
Cllr Mr V Sewell ( Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs M Solman  
Cllr Mr A Tremain

**In attendance:** Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)  
Nicky Keen (Youth Worker)  
Kathy Craig (Youth Worker)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs J Burns and J Gaywood.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2004 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Youth Activity Day**

Photographs taken at the Youth Activity Day were circulated to the Committee. A questionnaire had been circulated to young people attending the event. The questionnaire had sought information on the range of groups and organisations attended by young people and had also sought their views as to what additional facilities they would like to see provided. Ten questionnaires had been completed, which were examined by the Committee.

The Committee had been pleased with the numbers of young people attending the event and considered the event to be a success. The main attraction for the older age group had been the MC DJ rapping competition. Hartley De Sales FC, Meopham CC and the Longfield ATC Squadron each confirmed that a number of the young people had expressed an interest in joining their respective groups.

An analysis of the flip chart asking “what would you like to see in Hartley” put up at the event was circulated to the Committee. The following comments were made; graffiti wall, new park, cage around the football pitch (Woodland Avenue), more benches, swimming pool, cycle routes/paths, new slide, jumps at Woodland Avenue recreation ground, more shops, cinema and night club (without gay music). It would appear from some of the comments placed on the flip chart that drugs continue to be a serious issue.

The provision of a graffiti wall in the subway under the railway line at the end of Gorsewood Road could be progressed through Glenn Walsh and the request for more benches could be addressed by the provision of a Youth Shelter at Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground.

Feedback from the Youth Workers was very positive and they agreed with the Committee’s opinion that the event had been a great success and well received by the young people. The need for a drop in centre in the Wellfield area was discussed.

The Committee suggested that young people should be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee and the Youth Worker agreed to ask whether the young people would be willing to attend.

The Committee briefly considered the possibility of taking a stall at the forthcoming Church Fete on 12<sup>th</sup> June to demonstrate graffiti techniques. The Youth Workers agreed to enquire with the young people to see if anyone would be interested in participating at the Fete.

RESOLVED: That,  
(1) letters of thanks be sent to all groups, organisations and individuals participating in Youth Activity Day and a questionnaire be enclosed requesting feedback on the success of the event and,  
(2) letters of thanks be sent to those assisting with the provision of refreshments at the event.

*The Youth Workers left the meeting at 8.45 p.m.*

#### **5. Youth Zone Summer Programme 2004**

The Committee considered a letter from the District Council's Youth Development Co-ordinator informing the Council that the District is currently planning the summer programme and would like to plan a visit to Woodland Avenue on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. The site will be subject to a complete Risk Assessment.

The Committee noted that the Youth Zone provides a wide range of equipment and resources for children and young people aged 8 and above and is staffed by Sevenoaks District Council.

RECOMMENDED: That, the Council agree to the use of the land at Woodland Avenue for a visit from the Youth Zone on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August and that the necessary toilet facilities for members of staff be provided by means of a temporary toilet.

#### **6. Date of the next meeting** To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....