

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON
16TH SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 8.00 p.m. AT THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD**

Present: Cllr Mr A Barnett
Cllr Mrs J Burns
Cllr Mr V Sewell (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs M Solman
Cllr Mr A Tremain

PC Rick Pay

In attendance: Mrs H Gilder (Assistant Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mr M Harris and Mr J Gaywood.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 1st July 2004 be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Funding

The Chairman welcomed PC Rick Pay who had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss with the Committee possible sources of funding for youth projects within the parish.

PC Pay informed the Committee that he has put in two funding bids through the Police, one with the Kent Peoples Trust and the other in conjunction with KCC and is currently waiting to find out whether these have been successful.

PC Pay had previously visited the Woodland Avenue recreation ground where it is intended to locate the proposed projects and told the Committee that he felt that it was a good choice of area as there is enough space to accommodate a mixture of age groups.

The Committee felt that it would be important to consult with the youth and involve them in any decisions, getting them to prioritise the projects that would be most favoured by them.

The Committee was advised to contact Groundwork to assist with the consultation of the public and to provide some initial designs.

RESOLVED: That, Cllr Sewell contact Groundwork to obtain costings with regard to the public consultation and architects fees and report his findings back to the Committee at the next meeting.

The Committee felt that should the funding bids prove to be successful, it would be helpful to have some prior indication of the likely costings of various designs of skateboard parks.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Sewell obtain costings of skateboard park equipment and report his findings back to the Committee at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked PC Pay for attending the meeting and for his valuable advice and assistance in obtaining funding.

PC Pay left the meeting

5. HAWK

Copies of the unapproved minutes of the meeting of the HAWK Youth Partnership Project held on 7th September 2004 were circulated to members of the Youth Committee. The Chairman of the Youth Committee expressed his frustration with the direction and focus of the Project and Cllr Mrs Burns agreed that there seemed little benefit to be gained from attending the HAWK meetings.

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the HAWK Youth Partnership Project held on 7th September 2004 be noted.

6. Budget 2005/06

The Committee considered the youth budget for the financial year 2005/06 and agreed that any remaining funds from this years budget be allocated to funding the proposed youth projects within the parish.

RESOLVED: That,
the budget for the year 2005/06 be increased to £4,000.00 and that this figure be considered by the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

7. Conference

An invitation has been received from Kent Council for Voluntary Youth Services to attend a conference about young people living in rural areas on Saturday 25th September 2004 at Buckmore Park Scout Centre.

The Committee was requested to consider whether any Member wished to attend.

RESOLVED: That,
the Committee would not be sending a representative to the conference.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th October 2004.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....