

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON
30th MARCH 2006 AT 8.00 p.m. AT THE HARTLEY LIBRARY, ASH ROAD**

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

In attendance: Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)
Cathy Craig (Part time youth worker, KCC Youth & Community Service)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mr J Gaywood and Mr G Walsh (Youth Worker).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 23rd February 2006 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Youth Worker's Report

Ms Craig, part time Youth Worker, reported on the recent detached youth work in Hartley. She explained that the full time Youth Worker, Mr Walsh, was investigating the possibility of a snow boarding exchange trip and delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh award.

The Committee discussed at some length how the Parish Council could recognise the efforts of deserving young people in Hartley and referred to the "2006 Try Angle Awards", a scheme promoted by Kent County Council to recognise the efforts and achievements of young people.

The Committee considered a number of activities that could be facilitated by the Parish Council to support the work undertaken by the Youth Workers in Hartley and acknowledged that in the absence of any permanent base to deliver youth work in the Parish, it may be best to consider excursions for young people outside the Parish. A number of suggestions were put forward including swimming at White Oak Leisure Centre, ice skating at Gillingham Ice Rink, paint balling, recording studios at the YMCA in Dartford and theatre trips. Ms Craig stated the Youth Workers would be willing to participate in such activities and that any trips would be covered by the insurance held by the KCC Youth and Community Service Youth Workers under the HAWK Youth Partnership Project.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that Mr Walsh was investigating the feasibility of setting up an internet radio station, Radio HAWK. He questioned whether HAWK had a website and suggested it may be activity that the young people would like to get involved with.

The Clerk reported on details of a grant through the Lottery entitled the "Young Peoples Fund". She confirmed this information had been forwarded to the Mr Walsh.

The Clerk reported that she had met Mr E Dillon from West Kent Xtra at the Pavilion to discuss the suitability of the hall for the delivery of the 8 -12 project in Hartley. Mr Dillon felt that the location of the Pavilion was too remote and therefore would not be suitable, but he would be exploring the possibility of using the school hall at Our Lady of Hartley RC Primary School.

RESOLVED: That, the Clerk be asked to enquire about,

(1) the availability, supervisory requirements and cost of the Sevenoaks mini bus to transport Hartley young people on trips outside the Parish and,

(2) the cost, concessions for group discounts and suitable times for excursions to the swimming pool at White Oak Leisure Centre and the Gillingham Ice Skating rink.

5. Paint balling activity day

The Committee considered a report on the organisation of a paint balling activity day and noted that this activity was not available for hire, but is only available at accredited centres. It was reported that the Treejumpers Multi Activity Centre located in Fawkham provide paint balling facilities, as well as other outdoor activities such as tree jumping.

RESOLVED: That, (1) the report be received and noted and, (2) the Clerk be asked to enquire about the outdoor activities offered at the Treejumpers Outdoor Multi Activity Centre, including costs.

6. Newsletter – Donation of voucher

The Committee considered a report on an offer from a member of the public to donate a voucher to be awarded to a young person in recognition of his or her achievements. The member of the public suggested that the Council may wish to consider putting an article in its newsletter asking for nominations. The Committee had considered this matter in detail under minute item 4.

RECOMMENDED: That,

(1) an item be placed in the Council's newsletter asking for residents to nominate a deserving Hartley young person, in order that the Council may acknowledge his or her achievements in some way and,

(2) the member of the public be thanked for offering to donate a voucher, but she be advised that the Council would not be accepting her donation as it would be making its own arrangements.

7. Skateboard Park

The Committee considered a letter from Waitrose explaining it would not be able to make a contribution towards a skateboard facility at Woodland Avenue. It was reported that the Co-operative Society has a fund for community projects and that it would be sending details of the scheme.

RESOLVED: That, the letter from Waitrose be noted.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th May 2006 at 8.00p.m. at Hartley Library.

The meeting closed at 9.35p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....