

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE HELD ON
10th SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 6.30 p.m. AT PAVILION, MANOR FIELD**

Present: Cllr Mr M Harris
Cllr Mr B Ramsay
Cllr Mr V Sewell (Chairman)

In attendance: Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)
Mr G Walsh (HAWK Youth Worker)
Ben (HAWK Part time Youth Worker)
Mr Matt Horne (West Kent Co-ordinator – Charlton Athletic
Community Scheme Solutions Ltd)
Mr Alan Dennington (Manager - Charlton Athletic Community
Scheme Solutions Ltd)
1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

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

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 4th June 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Charlton Athletic Community Scheme

The Chairman of the Youth Committee thanked Mr M Horne and Mr A Dennington for attending the meeting.

Mr Horne and Mr Dennington reported on the football coaching sessions which had taken place at Woodland Avenue throughout the summer. The programme had consisted of six 1½ hour sessions taking place on a Monday evening and had involved 25-30 young people between the ages of 12 and 19 years. The final session was due to be held on 17th September 2007. The funding for the aforementioned sessions had been provided through the Charlton Athletic Community Scheme, but there was no further funding available through this scheme to continue the coaching sessions in Hartley.

The Committee was keen to extend the Charlton Athletic Community Scheme programme in Hartley and to investigate the possibility of expanding the programme to cover dance, self defence classes or health and beauty. It was suggested that there may be some financial benefits in the form of match funding if the programme was extended through the HAWK Youth Partnership Project.

Mr Dennington explained that the cost of extending the coaching sessions in Hartley could be provided at a cost of £90.00 per session and battery powered portable flood lighting could be brought onto the ground, if necessary, to enable the sessions to continue through the winter months.

Mr Horne and Mr Dennington informed the Committee that Kent was divided into five areas and teams representing each of these five areas were involved in a programme of inter area fixtures, as well as fixtures with other clubs such as Arsenal and West Ham. It was explained that Charlton was looking for a venue to fulfil some of these fixtures and it was considered that Manor Field could provide the necessary facilities to host these fixtures.

RESOLVED: That,

(1) funding be provided from the Youth Committee's current budget to provide six 1½ hour football coaching sessions at Woodland Avenue commencing on Monday 24th September 2007 at a total cost of £540.00 and,

(2) investigations be undertaken into securing additional funding to extend and expand the Charlton Athletic Community Scheme programme, including investigations to establish whether there would be any financial benefit to extend the programme through the HAWK Youth Partnership Project.

5. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th October 2007 at 7.30 p.m. at Hartley Library.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

