

**Notes of Youth Worker meeting held on 18th Sept 2019 6.00pm
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre**

Attendees: Rob Core (Clerk)
Cllr D Griffiths Youth working Party Chair
Cllr J Howarth
Cllr S James
Cllr M Strinkovsky
Aaron Webb Youth Worker
Toni Dickenson (No Added Sugar)

Apologies.
Cllr Javid Miah

The Chair thanked all attendees. The first objective was to tidy up the mission statement and he would circulate to all for input which he would then combine and send out a final draft version for all to comment on.

Cllr D Griffiths said there are a number of groups that may be interested to work with the Youth Team, these are No Added Sugar, Prime Theatre. Zurich and Nationwide were also mentioned as contacts for sponsorship and involvement as possible mentoring services.

Aaron Webb said he had met with the football academy and was looking at the free pitch allocation and that the lottery bid through Gladys Barr (North Parish) was progressing through the first stage of the two-stage process and was hopeful of funding with £500,000 on offer. It would be great to involve businesses where possible to help secure future funding.

Aaron said that he had interviewed for more Youth Workers and now had six available that he could use pending CRB checks. He then said that he was also met with New College regarding access to the 3G pitches on site to see what activities could be staged. Ian Howe on site was very helpful and some old football equipment may be on offer to use. Aaron said his target age group was 13-18-year olds.

Cllr D Griffiths also pointed out, that As a working group we do not just necessarily see it being about working with the age group 13-18, but possibly extending that up to slightly older age range of about 20-21, and possibly to include young people who are officially classed as NEET's (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

We have not been able to gather any survey data due to holidays, but a revised survey sheet will be circulated to the group and once agreed Aaron would deliver these to schools across South Parish and once complete present these back to the working group.

Aaron discussed the successful Knife Amnesty event in North Parish but said this highlighted that only fifteen percent of those contacted knew how to report knives correctly although 80% were now aware of the strike rule. The next project to deliver was to deliver a County Lines awareness event in South Parish Schools in January 2020. This will be delivered in School hours with Dave, Aaron and Rob to discuss the details in October.

Toni Dickenson gave an overview of the projects No Added Sugar has previously carried out with Youths with great examples given of the positive outcomes. Aaron and Toni will exchange emails.

Aaron mentioned GRIT from London whom were offering a two-day course on the 12th and 13th October with training on how to work 1-1 with school kids, it's a free course and the details he would pass on to be shared with Councillors.

A Webb will be looking to start outreach work in the parish in October and would feedback at the next meeting.

Toni said she could share contacts for the media group Cre8ate.

Rob said that he would speak to Jake regarding the provision of hoody's and jumpers.

It was agreed that Thursdays were a better time for future meetings allowing all to attend. Kpi's would be looked at in November.

Dave said it would be good to do a formal launch of the Youth Programme this year.

Cllr. M. Strinkovsky talked about similar schemes that are not just related to sports and covered things such as Art, Food, Technology, Business Skills and textiles. This was viewed as a good way forward to include skills beyond sports.

Cllr. J. Howarth talked about MIT and CARIG and how the mechanics institute could be used as a business hub supporting the future youth strategy including higher education and theatre as two examples working in conjunction with businesses.

The date for the next meeting has been set but will take place on Thursday in October in the Lounge.