

Notes from Swavesey Action for Youth Meeting (SAY)

Wednesday 19th September 2007, 7.30pm
Swavesey sports hall meeting room

Present:

Jon Butler, Deb Gingell, Suzannah Harris, Gillian Hunter, Linda Miller, Mandy Smith, Sandie Smith, Suzannah Harris, Emma Sweetman,

Apologies

Shona Johnstone, John Mason, Tony Rudkin, Hannah Elsom, Rebecca Dalton

Minutes of meeting

Agreed

Matters arising from last meeting

1. Policies and Procedures

Jon to pass copies of all adopted policies and procedures to Debbie for filing. Linda to send equal opportunity policy to Jon for signature.

2. Insurance

Insurance cover through Young Lives with BJK Insurance Broker. Certificate with Debbie. **Jon to send off Young Lives registration form along with payment Jon to pass copies of insurance/registration forms to Debbie for filing.**

3. Connections Bus project Visit

- Sandie and Becki visited residents at Market Street - no concerns raised by residents.
- Bus visit was promoted using posters around the village, parent mail and college house boards. **Jon to contact Jo Gent to make sure meeting is advertised on electronic notice screens.**
- 8 girls attended on Thursday 13th September, all year 8. Local PCSO attended so did Chair of Parish Council, Julie Bristow and Emma. All were impressed. **Alan Webb will provide a termly report detailing numbers, activities and other relevant information.**
- Mandy raised concerns re. potential anti-social behaviour. Where possible there will be a police presence.
- Mandy suggested arranging for the bus to come to the college one lunchtime to raise awareness. **Jon to contact Alan Webb and Martin Bacon to arrange.**
- Mandy also suggested use of texting to alert young people who have been on the bus. **Jon to check with Aspire whether this is possible.**

4. Funding Applications

Awards for All: Sandie required more information re. activities/costs for grant application.

Linda to copy CCC funding application to Sandie for information.

Emma to provide 6 month plan/costing of Tuesday night youth club activities.

Gillian to provide Music project activity plan/costing.

Jon to contact Adam Swaine to request Art based project activity plan/costing. Jon to pass info to Sandie and meet with her to finalise funding bid. It was noted that Swavesey Festival have also made a bid for funding.

CCC: Linda has prepared bid for the further promotion of SAY and will submit.

Local network Funding: Jon to submit fast track £500 bid to COVER for one-off youth event that could possibly be linked to logo competition.

Jon will also submit in longer term application to 'O2 Its your community' for potential conservation project. Hopefully this will tie in with Neil Renwick of RSPB, this will be progressed when youth worker has been appointed

5. October Youth Event

Some ideas were a show case of music bands. Market type stands of agencies that work with young people, Djing sessions, Dance workshop, climbing wall outside. It was decided to delay this event until a Saturday in November, date to be confirmed, everyone to come along with ideas for next meeting.

Other Business:

Youth Worker

Emma is now employed as a level 2 support worker, 10 hours per week. A Tuesday evening youth group will start as soon as possible and will be based at the youth centre building at the College. In order for the group to run regularly, it will need one paid member and 2 volunteers for up to 30 young people. Becki has agreed to be a volunteer. Additional volunteers are urgently needed and a monthly rolling rota could then be set up. Volunteers will need to be CRB checked. In addition, Emma will start up a girls group based at the college. This will take the form of an issue based discussion group.

Jon to request CRB forms asap

Linda to book advertising space in next Meridian to promote youth group, start date to be confirmed with Emma and Jon.

Gillian to look into the potential of trainee teachers getting involved

Jon to speak to Simon Russell re. possibility of young people volunteering as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Film Project

Gillian successfully secured a grant of £2700 from the Local Network Fund to run a film project in October half term. It is hoped that this project will feed into the Parish Plan

Gillian also noted that she has made several attempts to establish links with Jackie Black who is working with 5 young people to organise the youth aspect at the Swavesey Festival. It is hoped that SAY will be the umbrella for the ongoing work with young people in the area.

Next meeting

Wednesday 17th October, 7.30pm Swavesey Sports Hall meeting room

Jon to book room