

YOUTH AND PLAY SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 4 February 2014

Present:

Chair

Cllr T Smith
Louise Dobbing (young person)

Councillors

Cllr C Meaden
Cllr W Clements
Cllr T Harney
Cllr P Williams
Cllr W Smith
Cllr C Povall

Officers

Deborah Gornik
Head of Targeted Services
Lindsay Davidson
Senior Locality Manager - Youth Support
Steve Chan
Youth Support Team Manager (Play)
Mark Newman
Youth Support Team Manager (West and South Wirral)
David Decorte
Youth Support Team Manager (Wallasey)
Michelle Langan
Youth Support Acting Team Manager (Birkenhead)
Kersti Lawson
HSIS Acting Team Manager
Katrina Maxwell
Principal Youth Support Worker
Colin Hunt
Sports Development
Mike Buratti
Merseyside Fire & Rescue, Wirral Community Safety Team

Louise Dobbing (young person)
Chereele Skeeter (young person)
Brad Barker (young person)
Ellie Dodd (young person)

Apologies

Cllr Pat Williams

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Minute 33 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr Tony Smith opened the meeting and handed the chair over to Louise Dobbing (young person).

Minute 34 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed as a true record.

Minute 35 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Meaden asked about the development of the Boy's Project since the success of the recent Girl's Project. Mark Newman reported an eight week Boy's Project was planned.

Minute 36 HEAD OF SERVICE REPORT

Lindsay Davidson presented the Head of Service Report covering work delivered by Youth Hubs and Clubs, Wirral Youth Theatre's Creative Development Team, Participation events and the Play Service

Caron Drucker gave a brief overview of the work at Kidstime.

Wirral Youth Zone Consultation Group are working with young people who have recently visited Oldham and Wigan Youth Zones.

Caron Drucker presented the work of New Elements 2, Visual Arts Projects.

Deborah Gornik asked about the re-branding and name change at the Wirral Youth Theatre. Caron Drucker explained the re-branding was to reflect the broader nature of youth work delivered by the Team. Young people had suggested the name Creative Youth Development (CYD) and would be fully involved in future developments.

Minute 37 YOUNG REPORTERS - PRESENTATION

Katrina Maxwell introduced the Young Reporters Project. Chereele Skeeter, Brad Barker and Ellie Dodd presented the work of the Young Reporters and highlighted the diversity of their work.

Cllr Harney commented on how guidance was needed from young people on how best to involve young people in the decision making process of the local authority.

Cllr Meaden asked how the project was funded. Katrina Maxwell replied the project was initially funded by the Youth Opportunities Fund, which enabled photographic equipment to be purchased.

Colin Hunt requested the Young reporters work with other projects and also gather views of young people. Ellie Dodd commented they would welcome the opportunity to report on new projects.

Deborah Gornik commented the district working approach would enable young reporters to work in localities and encourage young people's involvement. The Young Reporters have been invited to report on the 'Working with Teenagers' Conference in March.

Cllr Tony Smith requested any good news stories generated by Young Reporters to be forwarded to Liverpool Echo for their Wirral Edition.

Minute 38 HALLOWEEN MISCHIEF NIGHT AND BONFIRE NIGHT - PRESENTATION

The Halloween and Mischief Night Report was presented by Michael Buratti, Merseyside Fire and Rescue, Colin Hunt, Sports Development and Michelle Langan, Youth Support

Colin Hunt and Mike Holbrook have been delivering joint work at The Oval, Ilchester Square and Mersey Park. Overall incidents have reduced Wirral wide. There has been a 49% reduction in number of incidents recorded in the last 4 months. There were zero incidents recorded after all the project work was completed.

Minute 39 HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS (HSIS) - PRESENTATION

Kersti Lawson presented the work of HSIS and handed out supporting documents.

Cllr Harney commented on the importance of young people having the opportunity to speak to other adults from other agencies, as part of their individual development.

Minute 40 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Harney commented that each of the Constituency Forums should receive a presentation on Operation Banger. Constituency Forum funds should be targeted for projects who can deliver good outcomes in each of the localities, based on previous track records.

Agreed: Operation Banger to be presented to each Constituency Forum Meeting, Lindsay Davidson to take this forward on behalf of the committee

Cllr Tony Smith thanked everybody for their presentations and thanked Louise Dobbing for chairing the meeting.

Deborah Gornik suggested Onside representative to be invited to the next meeting

Minute 41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

June 2014 – Date to be confirmed. Meeting closed 6.45pm