

ROSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (YOUTH CLUB) MEETING HELD AT ROSSINGTON MEMORIAL HALL AT 6.00 PM on TUESDAY 1 MAY 2018

Present: Parish Councillors: R Anderson, J Gibson, R Greaves, G Baker, J Cooke and C Beaumont
Chair: Councillor A Harper
Clerk: A M Hammond
Guest: Ann Hindley, Cross Keys Associates
Jon Whitley, Deputy Chief Executive, DCLT
Peter Norman, Strategic Development Director, Expect Youth
Dean Mangham, Community Capacity Manager, Doncaster Council
Donna Flicker, Stronger Communities Co-ordinator (East), Doncaster Council
Public: 2

5131. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr A Harper opened the meeting and welcomed Cllrs, guests and the public to the meeting.

5132. PUBLIC SESSION

RESOLVED to note there were 2 members of the public present.

5133. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLVED to note there were no announcements.

5134. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

5134.1 Apologies were received from J Parkin, W Reynolds and C Stone which were approved by the Parish Council. Apology was also received from Gillian Fairbrother, Principal Property Surveyor, Doncaster Council.

5134.2 There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.

5135. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AN UPDATE FROM ANN HINDLEY

RESOLVED to note the following:

5135.1 Ann Hindley presented her findings 'Investing in Rossington's Future' in a PowerPoint Presentation that was circulated to everyone present.

The Vision

An exercise was carried out with Cllrs that identified that the provision of a youth services was key but it had to be of quality, in a safe environment for, with no forced education, open and accessible to all, with a scope for music and Wi-Fi as well as a quiet area.

The Need

There are 1,846 0 to 4-year olds, 2,372 5 to 10-year olds and 3,284 11 to 19-year olds in Rossington. Whilst the area is less deprived than the Doncaster average, there are a comparative number of vulnerable children and higher than average bullying rates and higher than average A&E admissions.

Building on Strengths

New Rossington shows one of the highest rates for improvement, with the South moving from 6th to 35th overall and from 4th to 17th in terms of economic deprivation. There has been an increase in education, skills and training deprivation from 40 to 78.

Consultation with current users of the Youth Club

27 Young People gave their preference on venues as follows:

Youth Club	15
Welfare	9
The Base	1
The Memorial Hall	1
The New Life Church	1

Consultation with Students at Rossington All Saints Academy

82 Young People gave their preference on venues as follows:

Youth Club	21
Welfare	31
The Base	16
Brodsworth Way Pavilion	7
Methodist Church	4
The Memorial Hall	2
Elim Pentecostal Church	1

Options Analysis on the Youth Club

For

It's fit for purpose
Free Wi-Fi
It's been historically used as a Youth Club
Skateboard park next door
No residential issues

Against

Needs to be some rearrangement of rooms
Physical condition of the building
Railway divide
Counter attraction of the X Box at home
Potential costs of running and maintaining the building
Need for capital to repair the building
Poor reputation with some young people

Options Analysis for DCLT taking ownership of Youth Club with RPC providing services

For

Reduced running costs for RPC
DCLT willing to work in partnership

Against

DCLT unlikely to take on the building

Options Analysis for RPC taking ownership of Youth Club with Expect Youth providing services

For

RPC would have no service costs
RPC could charge Expect Youth rent

Against

RPC would still have responsibility for running and maintaining Youth Club
RPC would have to find funding to do so

Options Analysis for the Rural Block at Rossington All Saints Academy

For

A maintained lease
It's in good condition
There are four classrooms/good toilets

Against

Active Fusion are using the building
It's in a residential area
A good connection with school but it's not very big

Options Analysis for leasing Brodsworth Way Pavilion

For

MUGA
Large green open space
Building under used
Good car parking

Against

Potential NIMBYism from neighbours
Small building
Not sure if it's available

Options Analysis for a Mobile Youth Centre

For

Can go to different places
Attract different young people

Against

Problem of transporting equipment to venues

Options Analysis for the New Life Church

For

Good space
Not too close to residential area
Good parking space
Close to shops and facilities

Against

Links with church may deter some young people

Options Analysis for Memorial Hall

For

Good space available

Against

Likely to be unpopular with current users

Options Analysis for Holmescarr Centre

For

Good space available in evenings

Against

Only letting space available
No prospect of developing ownership for young people

Options Analysis for St Leger Homes Community Rooms

For

Good space and kitchen facilities

Against

Very close to residential areas largely inhabited by older people

Options Analysis for the Miners Welfare

For

Good space available
Reasonable cost
In good condition

Against

Only letting space available
No prospect of developing ownership for young people

Guesstimated Costings

For running and maintaining the Youth Club building is between £12,000 and £16,000
For a Youth Work Co-ordinator with 3 sessional staff is around £32,700
For renting the Base is around £13,500

So what next?

Matt Smith from Rossington All Saints Academy is happy to support young people being part of a Steering Group.

Confirmation is needed on what type of youth provision young people want in Rossington, where that will take place and what resources are needed.

A charity needs to be set up to take the project forward.

What support is needed?

Support is needed from Doncaster Council, DCLT and Expect Youth.

Ann Hindley will:

Help the steering group to be drawn up and present them with a draft constitution to enable them to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Complete the draft Feasibility Report

Complete the Business Plan

Send a list of potential external funders.

5135.2 Jon Whitely confirmed that DCLT is having a phased move into the Base at Rossington All Saints Academy as of today. The building is fit for purpose for their delivery of Apprenticeship Programmes, Community Programmes, Adult Education and Skills provision and the like, which are subject to OFSTED Inspection. All the programmes are classroom based so there would be no capacity for youth club type equipment such as a pool table.

When asked if RPC must rule out the Base as a venue for the Youth Club Jon Whitely confirmed the Base was not an opportunity.

5135.3 Peter Norman explained that Expect Youth deliver essential skills and the funding to support, in particular, vulnerable young people. He reaffirmed that Expect Youth is totally committed to investing in young people in Rossington by providing opportunities for better education, raising aspirations, offering wider business apprenticeships and the like.

5135.4 Jon Whitely, Peter Norman and Dean Mangham to investigate ways they can provide youth provision in Rossington that will meet the varying and necessary needs of local young people of all ages but in particular, older teenagers.

J Cooke to contact Gillian Fairbrother to see if Brodsworth Way Pavilion can be taken out of 106 restrictions.

J Gibson is awaiting a response from CISWO re the Youth Club building.

5136. TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING
RESOLVED to note the next meeting to be for Doncaster Council, DCLT and Expect Youth to present the services they are going to provide in Rossington.

5137. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
RESOLVED to note the next RPC Youth Club meeting to be at **6.15 pm on Tuesday 17 JULY 2018.**