



Youth Working Party

Update and recommendations to Community Assets Committee

The Youth Club working party met on Monday 6 September with Cllr Graham Overbury, Cllr Nathanael Hooper and PCSO Justine Trueman in attendance. Apologies were received from Cllr John Hewer and Youth Leader Aaron web.

The Youth BMX cycle session held on 15 September in conjunction with British Cycling coaches was attended by 6 young people and went well. Unfortunately 3 more young people had to be turned away because they did not have parental consent documents. The requirement for parental consent was made very clear on all posters and flyers and would be essential for a session of this nature.

The ongoing weekly youth outreach sessions were discussed and the following recommendations are proposed:

Recommendations for Full Parish

1. WPC continue with the outreach youth services provision of 2 hours per week with the first Tuesday of the month at Thorney Park and remaining sessions commencing at Maunsell Way Recreation ground.
2. WPC continue to deliver a programme of occasional 'one off events' for young residents to include a karate session this winter and a basketball court preparation activity this October which will be organized by the Community Projects Officer under the supervision of the Clerk.
3. WPC Community Projects Officer to investigate room hire costs at local venues for a regular indoor youth session on Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm and report back to the Youth Working Party.
4. WPC Community Projects Officer to continue to scope with schools how they might be involved in some public art for the Secret Garden Play area (potentially a mosaic sundial) and report back as part of Secret Garden updates to Community Assets Committee. Also to continue to engage with Ridgeway Pupils in the 'intervention' group at Ridgeway School who receive extra pastoral care due to their challenging personal circumstances and involve them in appropriate parish initiatives (e.g Tildesley Trail signage) with reports back via appropriate working parties and committees as appropriate.

5. WPC Community Projects Officer scope costs for a portacabin building for hire or purchase for the youth club and report back to the Clerk in the interim.
6. WPC Clerk to approach Swindon Borough Council to scope if any funding is available to support youth outreach services at Parish level.
7. WPC Clerk to chase Swindon Borough Council regarding the lease changes required for the existing Maunsell Way Pavilion site as these were originally due in May 2022 and no further discussions or progress on the new pavilion can be finalized without this.