

Meeting : Congleton Youth Forum – Meeting No.29

A sub group of The Congleton Partnership.

Date : Tuesday 1st December 2015

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Congleton Town Hall.

In attendance : Glen Williams (Chair) , C.Eckersley, Kevin Browning, Loreen Chikwira (Healthwatch Cheshire East), Steve Foster, C.Holmes & Jes (PCSO), J.Money, Leohna France (carerstrust4all) ,L.Minshull, S.Foster & M.Smith

Guest :

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
2.	Apologies: I.Bartley, L.Malkin, U.Ashiq, G.Hayes, Matt Jones & J.Cutts.	
1.	Welcome & Introductions. Glen welcomed everyone to the meeting including new members Leohna France and Jes (PCSO). He apologised for the long gap since the last meeting (21.4.15) but reminded everyone that a lot of work had gone on through early summer to put on the successful 'Uth' Festival. He also explained that both He and George (Hayes) had been not only elected to Cheshire East Council but had both been given some Cabinet responsibility and it had taken time to get into the role and organise workloads etc. Hopefully from now on it will be possible to set out a programme of meetings so that The Forum members can also plan their diaries. However because of their increased workloads we will need to look for more support from members to help drive specific projects along. What is disappointing is not the number attending tonight, but the fact that a lot of people failed to send their apologies. Glen and George to re-contact members and reconfirm their commitment to The Forum.	Glen and George re-contact members

	<p>Caroline Eckersley to follow up with both secondary schools / student representatives to see if they would be happy to get involved with us and be able to give a young person's/ student's view.</p>	<p>C.Eckersley to sound out secondary school reps</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of the last meeting (21.4.15) / Matters Arising.</p> <p>There were no matters arising, all actions had been covered</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Review of the 'Uth' Festival.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Glen thanked both the subgroups and everyone who had helped to make the Festival the success it was. He commented on the number of members /partners that got involved in delivering the event , over 500+ young people plus families attended throughout the day and he was not aware of any negative comments.</p> <p>CH felt that although it was a good event she did not feel that we had not quite reached the target audience we would have like, that is despite social media, leaflet, handouts in the street, school visits and the like.</p> <p>JM commented that she had come across an opportunity with one of her projects to be able to get into secondary schools and meet virtually all the six formers during a morning and this may be an opportunity for informing them and recruiting some members / volunteers.</p> <p>On the plus side GW commented that the event had helped encourage new members the The Bromley Farm Youth Centre.</p> <p>JM felt that the music element created a nice atmosphere and some of the bands names had been passed to Vince Cutcliffe who is organising the Congleton 'Unplugged' next spring.</p> <p>It was suggested that we made the 'Uth' Festival a bi-annual event and perhaps have some</p>	

	<p>involvement with The Congleton Carnival (Youth Zone) in the alternative years.</p> <p>GW to raise the 'Youth Zone' idea with the Carnival Committee at its next meeting.</p>	<p>GW discuss Youth Zone with Carnival Ctte.</p>
5.	<p>Review of Youth Projects.</p> <p><i>Basketball Hoops (Budget set aside £1000)</i></p> <p>GW to go to the next Town Council Youth Committee meeting to discuss their involvement in this project.</p> <p><i>Congleton Youth In Bloom (Budget set aside £1000)</i></p> <p>3 Organisations got involved in this project CHS, EBA and Bromley Farm. One invoice still to come in, any surplus will then be returned to The Partnership main fund.</p> <p><i>Chav Fashion Show (Budget £500)</i></p> <p>GW to discuss with both of the secondary Schools and CTC Youth Committee and try get buy in to the project before Xmas.</p> <p>If indications are that there is real interest in the project by the young people then a subgroup will be set up in the new year to steer the project through. This may feature at The Carnival.</p> <p><i>Skateboard Park (Budget £500)</i></p> <p>Initially part of the 'Uth' Fest, but could not find local coaches to support this. Leohna France believes she may be able to help with a contact here, she will send information to Mike Smith.</p>	<p>GW visit T C Youth Ctte</p> <p>GW talk to Secondary Schools and Youth Committee</p> <p>Leohna France send contact info to Mike Smith.</p>

	<p>GW to raise the issue with Lee Malkin / Everybody Sports & Leisure</p> <p><i>Bridleway Maps.(budget £500)</i></p> <p>Once we know exactly what The Partnership is doing regarding Walking/ Heritage and Cycling Maps then we will approach young people for their input.</p>	GW contact Lee Malkin.
6.	<p>Project Ideas / Themes for 2016.</p> <p><i>Substance Misuse.</i> KB advised the meeting that <i>substance misuse self-harming and mental health</i> are issue In Congleton. SF to raise the issues at the Congleton Community education Partnership meeting to try and get more access into primary schools for Health Watch and the like to try and pinch the issue in the bud.</p> <p><i>Entertainment Opportunities.</i> CE reported that a considerable number of young people travel to Macclesfield for 'night club' entertainment. Perhaps we should explore alternative in Congleton eg, Rumba, Ruffs etc, to put on young people's specific events.</p>	SF to raise issue with CCEP
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>There was no further business discussed.</p>	
8.	<p>Next Meeting. TBA.</p> <p>GW and GH to put together a programme of meetings for next year. MS will advise as soon as received.</p>	GW and GH set up meeting dates.

