

Meeting : Congleton Youth Forum – Meeting No.47 ***A sub group of The Congleton Partnership.***

Date : Tuesday 28th January 2020

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Eaton Bank Academy.

In attendance : Glen Williams (Chair), Lizzie Fry & Lisa Nixon (Friends For Leisure) , J.Money (Community Projects) ,June Maddock (CE Youth Services), Caroline Eckersley,i (Congleton High School)) Helen Weeks (Cheshire Police) Patsy Murphy (Graham), Liz Griffen (EBA) & M.Smith

Guest :

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1.	Apologies: Steve Foster (Congleton Partnership) Charlie Swaine & Rev. Murray George(United Reformed Church) Fiona Fellows (Visyon) Muktadir Khan (Connected Communities) Sarah Jacklin (CE Social Care Team)	
2.	<u>Welcome &Introductions.</u> Glen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions around the table.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting / Matters Arising. (12.11.19)</u> Minutes accepted as a true and correct record. No real action points arising from this	

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Member updates (brief)

Cheshire Police (H.Weeks)

Safe Project. Working with June Maddock . There is a new group just starting, with one or two returnees. Some real success achieved with positive feedback from both parents and schools.

UK Youth Parliament (J Maddock) We currently have 7 candidates working towards sitting on the UK Youth Parliament. 2 will be selected to go forward, selection closes on 14th February.

Friends for Leisure (Lizzie & Lisa) Celebrations being planned to mark the groups 25th anniversary. 19th Feb, 5k Walk, Queens Park, £5 entry fundraiser. Summer 300k Cycle ride to Paris, open to all to name but two of the activities.

Community Projects (Jo Money) Putting together an update on the “Getting Involved”

Jo will be putting out call for updates from the groups included and new groups that may have now formed.

2022 – 750 new celebration of Congleton. Sub group being put together all welcome to join. Jo to contact Alex Thompson (CeCP) re getting schools involved / onto their curriculum.

Bromley Farm Youth Club (G.Williams) This is going well, a few trips and one residential planned for 2020. Some success at the recent Youth Awards Event, with one member receiving a Duke of Edinburgh special award. Another member is on the Congleton lions Youth Award scheme. Dec Xmas event sponsored by Tesco was a great success.

	<p>Graham Construction(Patsy Murphy) Continued working with Marlfields and Black Firs schools, 20 CHS students experienced presentation and visit to the bridge site really impressed with what there saw. Looking to involve schools with a digital construction event/ activity.</p> <p>CHS (Caroline Eckersley) The schools sustainability group is working on plastic reduction and tree planting. MS advised the group that records of tree planting were being kept on both The Partnership and Town Council Websites so asked to be advise of any trees planted even those in private gardens, Sent details to info@congleton-tc.gov to get them recorded.</p>	<p>CE let MS have the figures.</p>
5.	<p><u>Project Ideas Development.</u></p> <p>GW / MS to meet with Muktadir Khan to discuss projects that will need extra support from Cheshire East eg. Joint project for parents and children.</p> <p>Project to take off line. Drop in Café/juice bar, need an established business to take this on possibly outside of normal. (J.Mac indicated that the night club in High St Congleton was looking to do something similar). MS update if this comes about.</p> <p>Skateboard Park. We have had long term plans to do something constructive with this park and also look at some Gym Equipment and Outdoor Table Tennis Table close to the Leisure Centre.</p> <p>A recent article appeared in The Chronicle where a group of young people were looking at lobbying Cheshire East for skateboard park improvement. CE to arrange for the young person leading this group to discuss the issues/ideas with Glen.</p> <p>It was felt that if enough young people raised the issue with CEBC their collective voices could be stronger than ours. Plan of action:-</p>	<p>MS update as required.</p> <p>CE get the young person to talk to GW</p>

	<p>GW / JM to visit both secondary schools councils to discuss the issue with the students and get their ideas of what they want, also raise the idea of a park event (11th July) and again ask for their views and support in making it happen. <i>This idea arose when talking about the July park event and it makes sense to discuss both activities at the same time.</i> Glen to take the lead and pull a group together.</p> <p>GW to raise the issue with Ward members.</p> <p>Health and Safety of the skateboard park. GW to find out who is doing the checks and how often</p> <p><i>Olympic Themed Event – Saturday 11th July- Congleton Park.</i></p> <p>Ideas:-</p> <p>Patsy (Graham) To look at what she can pull together linked to building and construction eg Tetrahedron building activity, making things with straws.</p> <p>Jo Money knows a Fairman who has a beach/ sand pit (Beach Volley Ball)</p> <p>Chalk it up – GW to talk to Head of Culture (Helen Paton) about the Crewe event.</p> <p>GW / JM to go to Kodi and Millie’s next student school council to discuss the whole idea and see what commitment to organise the day they can get from students. Caroline to let Glen have the dates.</p> <p>Liz Griffen happy for this to also be carried out at EBA.</p>	<p>GW / JM</p> <p>GW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>PM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>GW</p> <p>GW / JM CE let Glen have the dates.</p>
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	<p><i>Play Day - Tuesday 4th August.</i></p> <p>Jo Money lead. Similar to last year. June Maddock to discuss support with Visyon. Possible DJ music at top end of town (B&M)</p>	<p>JMoney June Maddock</p>
6.	<p><u>AOB.</u></p> <p><i>Patsy</i> to let us know about Dungeons & Dragons.</p> <p><i>Link Road pre-opening event.</i> Charity event, date to be confirmed. This would be an opportunity for residents to experience the Link Road before it opened. Looking at Walking, Running and Cycling event. Dates and detail to be confirmed.</p>	<p>PM</p>
6.	<p>Next Meetings:-</p> <p><i>Wed 11th March, Congleton High School TBC. 3.30pm to 5.30pm</i></p>	