

Rotary Youth Committee

Minutes for the meeting held on 13th January 2015,

Present : Maggie Saunders (Chair), John Horn (Minutes) Peter Field, Penny Hancox, Jane Horn, Kathryn Manderson, Linda Moore, Mike Rowe, Eric Sylt, Geoff Theobald.

Apologies Sheila Aston, Tony Field, Jenny Foreman, Sue Herlihy, Mic Hirst, Dennis Hurst, Brian Sollitt

Minutes of the last meeting on November 25th were approved. Any matters arising would be covered elsewhere in the agenda

David Cowell of the Hub was welcomed to the meeting. He had been invited to update us on recent developments in his work with young people.

Briefly the Hub had expanded its activities as listed:

- a. A Mechanics Workshop in the Country Park – very successful in obtaining contracts (mountain bikes, lawnmowers, minibus etc.)
- b. The Bungalow at the Longslade site – a large garden.
- c. Bottesford – mechanics, beauty therapy,
- d. Wheelchair Basket Ball – successful funding bid, moving into schools, team in Division 4, PHAB scheme for inter-school competition.
- e. David himself is acting as consultant for ALP on Longslade campus, initiating GSCEs, English Psychology Art/Design.

Secondly David outlined the Venue Project to establish a Youth Café for 13-17 year-olds. Key points were:

- a. Successful bid to the Lottery for £179,000.
- b. Project Manager and 2 part-time staff to be appointed
- c. Offers of help from Sports Aid and Pub Sports.
- d. Will need help to provide materials, furniture, equipment. Volunteers to provide practical assistance for decorating, construction etc. Will be approaching Rotary Clubs for that kind of help.
- e. . Most important, at the moment, is the search for suitable PREMISES.

David was warmly thanked for his very impressive presentation.

Finance - will be raised under the Warning Zone.

Youth Competitions etc.

Young Musician- Date for Semi-Final at John Ferneley –March 7th, Eric S. reported that sponsorship £150 had been received from MBS.

Young Chef - past winners taking advantage from work experience at Stapleford Park and 1 on a Catering Course. Worth looking at the S.P website.

Youth Speaks - dates for the District Semi-Finals, both at Bourne 7 p.m.

Intermediate – 21st January

Senior – 4th February.

Nothing definite had been received from Moira Bartlett re last year's debacle.

Young Photographer - Publicity out in schools and Melton Times.

Young Writers - Primary Schools fully circulated + advert in Melton Times. Secondary schools also contacted but only 2 positive responses

Young Designer - Martin Hart of the Belvoir Club, an engineer, could be helpful.

Rotary Stars - To be expanded to more schools, with help from Geoff Theobald. More members will also be needed in the presentation season in the summer term.

Eisteddfod at The Hub was postponed to a future date due to coursework pressures.

RYLA - Thomas Askew, an excellent candidate in terms of our criteria, is applying. An approach has been made to the Raynes Trust for support. (P.S. a grant of £300 has now been received)

Warning Zone - John H, on behalf of the lunch-time club, had identified that £500 had been agreed last year, and in view of the sum of £1750 apparently needed this year, and the £900 promised by Belvoir, he would ask for another £350 to be paid now.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 17th February, **reverting to 7.00 p.m.**

John Horn