

**YOUTH INITIATIVES WORKING GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD
SAFFRON WALDEN on 25 MAY 2000 at 5pm**

Present:- Reverend Duncan Green - Chairman
District Councillors D J Morson and Mrs S V Schneider
Gaynor Bradley, Clive Cooper, Laurel Crowe, Stuart Izzard and Sarah
McLagan - Uttlesford District Council
Darren Connew - Essex Association of Boys Clubs
Ros Stafford and Brenda Towle - Essex County Council Youth Service
Rebecca Batty, Stuart Priest and Allan Swales - Uttlesford Youth Forum

Y11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman informed Members that the Schools Liaison Police Officer had been relocated as a beat policeman at Stansted and as the Police had a statutory duty via CSAT to be a partner this news has caused concern within the Council. The Chairman and the District Council would write to Superintendent Sheldrake expressing concern at this situation.

Y12 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mick Packer - DC Leisure.

Y13 MINUTES

The notes of the meeting held on 23 March 2000 were agreed as a correct record.

Y14 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Public Transport

The Youth Forum had asked Councillor Morson why there was no subsidy for post-16's still in full time education travelling on public transport, and why 14 year olds had to pay adult fares when travelling by bus. Following investigation Councillor Morson advised the Working Group that bus companies were commercial enterprises and could charge as they wished. Essex County Council had allocated funds for school transport and the extra funding could only be made up from increased taxes. The organisations concerned would be prepared to attend a Youth Forum meeting to further explain the position and answer any questions.

(ii) Publicity

The Essex County Council Youth Service advised the Working Group that assistance with publicity for Youth Initiatives Working Group projects could not be provided by the Youth Forum at present due to the Forum members' commitments to the GCSE examinations.

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FUTURE MANAGEMENT

Following the feedback from the District Audit investigation into management of community safety, it was agreed that the sub-groups initiated from the Community Safety Action Team (CSAT) must reflect crime prevention and crime deflectionary initiatives.

As well as crime prevention initiatives, work must focus on young people at risk, young people who had been involved in crime, and who were those in danger of becoming involved with crime. The group needed to illustrate that it had achieved the objectives it had set 18 months ago.

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LEAD AGENCY FEEDBACK

Outreach, Detached Youth Work and Mobile Information Bus

Due to complications regarding the refit of the bus, it would not be possible for the Mobile Information Cafe to be launched on 8 June. It would now be launched in July from the coach park at Stansted Airport.

Football in the Community Project

A multi-agency team comprising representatives from the District Council, ECC Youth Service, YOTI and the Police were considering adopting a football scheme run in Braintree which had proved successful in deflecting youth crime. They were considering whether a similar scheme could work in Uttlesford.

Parish Council/Community Meetings

A meeting had taken place with young people at High Roding and a follow up meeting would be held on 18 May 2000.

A meeting had been arranged for 14 June with Great Hallingbury Parish Council. Councillor Mrs Schneider agreed to attend this meeting.

Training Workshops

A timetable of training available in the Uttlesford District would be circulated to youth groups in Uttlesford.

Youth and Sports Directory

The Youth and Sports Directory had been updated in parish order and would be printed before the next meeting.

Development of Youth Forum

Eleven young people had now been elected to the Youth Forum. Allan Swales the Treasurer to the Uttlesford Youth Forum Executive presented a report on the delegation of budgetary resources to the Uttlesford Youth Forum Executive for specific products. The estimated budget needed to cover a website, newsletter and forum development amounted to £6,500. The Working Group agreed in principle to this amount. Authority was delegated

to the Chairman in consultation with an officer for payment following a detailed breakdown of expenditure.

Representatives from the Youth Forum had attended the fifth National Young Peoples' Conference and had been invited by the British Youth Council to attend their conference.

Sporting Activities and Training

The Sports Development Officer had recently completed a six week hourly course at Takeley which involved young people being given the opportunity to try different sports.

TOPS

The youth worker "TOPS Training" had been well attended giving each worker the ability to take their acquired knowledge back to their respective clubs/centres.

Easter Sporting Vouchers

The 'Come and Try' scheme attendance had improved greatly and this was due to the work of the Youth Forum in assisting in the distribution of the vouchers in their respective schools.

Essex Experience 2000

10 more young people were needed to take part in this year's event in addition to last year's 8 young people. The organisers were also trying to enrol 2 peer group leaders from the Uttlesford area. The YIWG would help to recruit.

The Year 2000 Festival of Young Musicians

This event had taken place on 19 May at Thaxted Church and had been very successful. The members of the Youth Forum had carried out their duties professionally and the Working Group thanked Stuart Izzard for his hard work in organising this successful event.

Y17 ISLE OF WIGHT RESIDENTIAL CAMP

So far there had been a good response for the take up of the 50 places provisionally reserved for this event.

Y18 PROPOSED 2000 YOUTH INITIATIVES WORKING GROUP ACTION PLAN

The proposed Youth Initiatives Working Group Action Plan was circulated to the working group. A mission statement would be made after the focus group meeting.

Y19 ESSEX YOUTH SERVICE INTERNATIONAL TRIP

Ros Stafford informed the group of a Pyrennean trip that was available for young people at risk. The Essex Youth Trust would provide £50 per head and the young people involved would need to raise £150 each.

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DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 13 July at 5pm in the Committee Room at the Council Offices, Saffron Walden.
Thursday 14 September at 5pm in Room 22A at the Council Offices, Saffron Walden.

The meeting ended at 7.05 pm.