

**YOUTH INITIATIVES WORKING GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD
SAFFRON WALDEN on 13 JULY 2000 at 5.00PM**

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.
Roz Stafford - Essex County Council Youth Service
PC Mike Kellett - West Essex Youth Offending Team
Paulette Burrell - West Essex Youth Offending Team Manager

YI11 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mick Packer, DC Leisure, Darren Connew, Essex Association of Boys Clubs, Brenda Towle, Essex County Council Youth Service and Rebecca Batty, Stuart Priest and Alan Swales, Uttlesford Youth Forum.

YI12 MINUTES

The notes of the meeting held on 25 May were agreed as a correct record.

YI13 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Minute YI4 (2) - Publicity

In answer to a question it was confirmed that the publicity related to publicity for the Youth Forum and their involvement in some of the projects. It was intended that the Youth Forum would be able to assist with publicity targeted at young people.

(ii) YI1 - Chairman's Announcement

The Chairman informed Members that he had spoken to Inspector Sheldrake about the situation regarding a school's liaison police officer. It was normal practice for the school's liaison police officer to return to normal police duties for the school holidays. He would be returning as school's liaison police officer in September. The Chief Executive had also written to Inspector Sheldrake expressing concern on behalf of CSAT.

(iii) YI9 Essex Youth Service International Trip

The Group agreed to fund three people on the international trip to the sum of £150 each.

**YI14 PRESENTATION BY PAULETTE BURRELL - WEST ESSEX YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM
MANAGER**

Members received a report detailing restorative justice techniques. Paulette Burrell gave a short presentation outlining the brief of the Youth Offending Team and in particular Reparation order. It was mentioned that the Youth Initiatives Working Group might be able to assist with Community Projects. The West Essex Youth Offending Team would let the group have details of appropriately qualified persons required for supervision. Health and Safety matters would need to be addressed and responsibilities need to be clarified. The group noted that Bridge End Gardens taskforce was already in place which could be useful for restoration work with young offenders. Paulette Burrell said that there was a lack of venues in the District for evening groups. Clive Cooper agreed to let her have a list of suitable venues.

YI15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ACTION PLAN 2000/2001

Stuart Izzard circulated a programme of work in response to CSAT primary objectives 1-4. In connection with the action plan for providing a programme of subsidised crime reduction, deflectionary and preventative activities for disadvantaged and at risk young people the projects were easy to run and established a link with Essex Social Services. The crime reducing initiatives that the group needed to get involved with were with indirect work rather than direct work.

Thirty seven young people including some from social services would be attending the Isle of Wight summer activity camp.

The group noted that the drop-in centre was short of volunteers, and expressed concern at helpers having to work in such a smoky atmosphere.

Work needed to be done on feedback on the projects. Young peoples evaluations would be particularly helpful. Social Service input would be helpful and there was a possibility of a Social Worker becoming part of the group. The objectives of projects would be continually monitored. The Chairman would report back to CSAT on how the group was meeting the objectives.

YI16 PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The group discussed details on the draft action plan which reflected last years plan but was not in the CSAT format. The reporting back process would be the same as CSAT ie, by exception or by new initiative.

YI17 CRIME PROFILE STATISTICS/STANSTED CONFERENCE

Members received a report on the Stansted conference. Clive explained to the group that the GIS system would be very useful for producing maps that would show where crimes were being committed in geographical areas.

YI18 YOUTH INITIATIVES WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Stuart reported that Darren Connew would be leaving the group as he is to be the new Community Development Officer for Uttlesford. Darren had enjoyed working with the group.

Stuart and Darren had met the local residents of Great Hallingbury who were interested in starting a Community Youth club. They hoped to set up an open meeting for residents in September. A soft ball event in which 130 young people had attended had been organised in Elsenham. A training poster had been produced and circulated to all groups in the EABC directory plus the Youth Service. A child protection course had taken place at Thaxted. A programme of future events for youth work courses up to March 2001 had also been produced.

YI19 GREAT CHESTERFORD

Gaynor Bradley would be visiting Great Chesterford to discuss a problem they had contacted her about.

The meeting ended at 6.50pm