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YOUTH FORUM

MINUTES OF A MEEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2020

PRESENT;

Cllr E Every, Cllr D Warman, Cllr R Denness, Cllr M Rouse, Cllr S Bellow, Cllr C Whelan, Cllr A Whelan,
Mrs M Pickering

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Phil Priestley.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – *to receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary & other interests from Councillors.*

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH OCTOBER 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15th October 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages YF 35 and 36 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 36, Item A.O.B. Cllr Rouse believes that the local community would welcome the return of the Ely Fair. Potential sites were discussed. Cllr Every suggested that this should be discussed by Tourism & Town Centre Committee.

4. COUNTY & EAST CAMBS YOUTH STRATEGY PRESENTATION AND UPDATE

Cllr Every provided an update on the draft East Cambridgeshire Youth Strategy – please see the attached notes. This led to a discussion on the lack of youth provision in Ely and the purpose of Centre E on Barton Road. It was agreed that the manager of Centre E would be invited to attend a meeting with some of the members of the Committee to discuss how the centre could further contribute to youth provision.

Cllr Every also reported that the proposed skate park will not be built in the County Park as the ground has been deemed unsuitable and the Police have raised issues with a skate park being built at the Hive Leisure Centre. Cllr Every suggested that a skate park would not be built without the endorsement of the City of Ely Council.

5. COMPETITION FOR ECO POSTER FOR YOUTH GROUPS

Cllr C Whelan agreed to write to the local Girl Guides leader to discuss the idea of a poster competition. The poster will advertise the litter pick planned for Sunday 3rd May 2020. The posters will be exhibited and a prize awarded to the winner.

6. MAYOR'S CADET – NEXT STAGE

Further to previous discussions on the recruitment of a Mayor's Cadet, Cllr Rouse's view is that organisation participation should not be widened. The position is traditionally filled by an Air or Army Cadet.

Cllr A Whelan pointed out that this stance did not fit with the inclusivity of the aims of the Youth Forum or Council.

7. A.O.B.

Mr P Priestley was not able to attend the meeting but provided an update for "Arms around the World." Please see the attached notes.

The Town Ranger has enquired as to whether there are any funds available to deal with an issue involving graffiti on a construction site on Three Cups Walk. The idea is to explore the possibility of having a professional graffiti mural painted on the hoarding involving a local community group. This was not generally supported by the Committee. The concerns are that we don't actually have a group and if the City of Ely Council tried to find one, there would be no-one to safe-guard or manage the project. Cllr Every suggested that this is something that Babylon Arts may be experienced in and better qualified to manage a project of this nature. Cllr Rouse reported that he will be hosting a meeting on the 21st January 2020 to discuss arrangements for VE Day 75 celebrations and also a further event taking place in July, involving the local cadets.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 31st March 2020.