

**At the Kingskerswell Youth Services Committee Meeting**  
**held at The Pavilion, Kingskerswell on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2pm.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr J Rice (Chair), Cllr T Elston, Cllr J Radford, C Hill (admin)

Cllr J Carter attended remotely.

**Apologies:**

**2024.01 To discuss & agree minutes of the previous meeting.**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Proposed by Cllr J Rice, Seconded by Cllr T Elston, Agreed by all.

**2024.02 To discuss & agree street-based youth outreach**

- Doing it again - dates

Agreed it is a valuable thing to do, if done again to do in a different area that you live in.

Agreed not to do outreach at this time due to lack of availability of councillors.

**2024.03 To discuss & agree how we might spend budget.**

£839.27 left in the grant & £3,000 in 2024/25 precept

Discussed leafletting schools, employing a youth worker, putting on events in half term in the village hall.

See if KATS (Kingskerswell Amateur Theatre Society) would do a workshop at the youth engagement event – deferred to next month.

**2024.04 To discuss & agree youth engagement event in February half term.**

- Date – Easter Half Term 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April
- At the village hall
- One day each week
- How will we advertise (visit school/poster/electronically)

**2024.05 To discuss & agree youth strategy.**

To reach out to schools & other groups in the village

**2024.06 To discuss C Hills findings on other councils youth services.**

Kingsteignton - gave me email of secretary of youth centre, she would be happy to speak to discuss the youth club.

Abbotskerswell – don't have any youth services.

Ipplepen – don't provide any services. There is Scouts/Guides/Pioneers.

Buckfastleigh –

- Town Council has a Youth Strategy which is currently under review.
- We also have a new Youth Forum which has met twice this year and includes representation from the police and youth organisations in the town although so far we have been unable to engage with local schools.
- We predominately work with 4 organisations - a traditional youth club which provides sessions to children of primary school age, a youth club who works with young people who are between 9 and 19 years and focuses on targeted need with the support of qualified youth workers and a third organisation that provides a weekly wellbeing cafe and outreach service. The fourth organisation is Better Places (previously known as Be Buckfastleigh) who organises a programme of mostly free activities during school holidays for eg. Hello Summer.
- The Town Council contributes substantial annual funding to both Better Places and the wellbeing cafe and awards grants to the other two youth groups as and when needed.
- We do not provide any in-house youth services due to lack of capacity.

Cllr Sue Clarke is the Deputy Chair & youth services lead she would be happy to discuss further.

**2024.07 To discuss outcome of PCSO engagement – email sent to C Hill**

Drug use by young people - Ketamine is this still your priority?

What are your priorities with youth in Kingskerswell?

Would it be possible to meet with our PCSO?

There are occasional reports of youth ASB in the village, the most recent and the first in several weeks, was on 9<sup>th</sup> January which reported youths going into the

public hall and disrupting the fitness classes on Friday evening. My team are increasing their patrols in this area to prevent this from re-occurring. There are a couple of young people that live in the village that we have visited in recent months and neither have come to our attention since. There is a concern that not all ASB is being reported to the Police, which is something the team have been working on by attending the Post Office and speaking with members of the public in the village.

Ketamine or any drug use by young people is of a concern to us. Thankfully this isn't an issue within Kingskerswell but, as above, I have a concern that there could be under reporting on this issue.

We have no 'priorities' for the youths in Kingskerswell, we are led by what is reported to us and what we see/find. It is unrealistic to expect no youth ASB in any village/town and we will take positive action where appropriate should there be any reports.

I have good news, Kingskerswell has new NBM - Pc Rachel Willicott. When is the next council meeting, so that I can introduce Rachel to you all.

**2024.08 To discuss & agree any further actions.**

- Next agenda – Budget, Leaflets.
- Cllr J Rice to look at youth worker for easter event.
- Cllr J Rice to speak to Buckfastleigh & Kingsteignton councils regarding what they provide.
- Cllr T Elston to contact/liaise with Kingskerswell primary school.
- Cllr J Carter to contact/liaise with pastoral at newton abbot secondary schools & grammar school.
- C Hill to send QR code to Navigators to share out.
- C Hill to contact Cllr J Taylor to see what youth services Coffinswell provide & if they know how many children they have in the village.

**2024.09 Agree next meeting date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2pm**

The meeting ended at 3.26pm

Chair.....

Date.....