

Meeting : Congleton Youth Forum – Meeting No.35

A sub group of The Congleton Partnership.

Date : Wednesday 8.2.17

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Congleton High School.

In attendance : Glen Williams (Chair), Amie Gillett (PCSO Cheshire Police), H.Weeks(Cheshire Police) , Ann-Marie Morgan (Youth fed), J.Commins (Cheshire Police) ,Sebastian Nixon (Youth Committee),S.Rathbone (Dementia Action),J Cutts (New Life Church) J.Money (Community Projects)Wendy Cotterill (Tesco Community) L.Whitaker (Visyon) J.Money (Community Projects) & M.Smith

Guest : Victoria Lockett & Rhiannon(One You Cheshire East)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
2.	Apologies: S.Foster, L.Minshull , U.Ashiq ,L.France, L.Malkin K.Browning & Lisa Alcock	
1.	Welcome &Introductions. Glen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Round the table introductions for new members and guests (Seb Nixon, Victoria Lockett and Rhiannon) Glen thanked Congleton High School for their hosting of this meeting.	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting (21.9.16) / Matters Arising. The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting 21.9.16 Matters Arising. GW still to follow up several items (Cells contact/ Kooth visit & improving working relationships between EBA&CHS)	GW issues to follow up.

	<p>Youth Social Action fund – grants up to £5k</p> <p>Wired Gov Report – D of E Mental Health support for schools information.</p> <p>Pear Communications Young Person Bursary Scheme</p> <p>Pear will be awarding 4 young people a small grant of £500 each, to help them on their chosen career. Two will be chosen from the Tourism industry and two from the Theatre & Arts industry.</p> <p>Deadline 28th Feb 2017.</p> <p>Tesco Bags of Help. Congleton short of applications, go to www.groundworks.org.uk/tesco.</p>	
5.	<p>One You Cheshire East – Victoria Lockett</p> <p>Victoria took us through a presentation for One You Cheshire East, this programme aims to improve the health and wellbeing of residents by offering guidance and signposting to various services regarding weight management, healthy eating, physical activity, smoking cessation, alcohol awareness and sexual health.</p> <p>Life style support managers can work with people who are not eligible for the scheme, do some drop ins and work closely with GP's and practice nurses.</p> <p>There will be a public launch in March, hopefully including Congleton.</p> <p>Victoria to send full brief to MS for circulation.</p>	<p>MS circulate brief. <i>(sent out 13.2.17)</i></p>
6.	<p>Table Tennis Provision.</p> <p>MS revealed that he had received a request to consider an outdoor table tennis table be sited within Congleton as an additional activity that could be free to all and help provide</p>	

	<p>some much need exercise and enjoyment. Sandbach Park has a concrete table which gets a reasonable amount of usage. Note however that because of its weigh and the need of a heavy lift device it came in some way over what looks like an initial layout of around £2K.</p> <p>Various sites were discussed (Hankinson’s Field / Margaret’s Place / Community gardens & Leisure Centre Development) It was felt that combining this in someway with the Leisure Centre redevelopment, Skateboard Park and perhaps Basket Ball Hoops built into the new design, would offer the best of both worlds (Safety & Enjoyment)</p> <p>Seb Nixon to raise this at the next Youth Committee for their views / ideas.</p> <p>A good website for an initial view of what could be available is www.table-tennis.co.uk/shop/outdoor-tables.</p> <p>Sara Rathbone looking at some table tennis provision for Dementia Week and possibly beyond, she will send out a link to the appropriate website.</p> <p>NB. We still have 2 perfectly good Basketball Hoops stored in the community store at the park waiting for someone to use them. They are very portable, just need their bases filled with sand. Please contact Glen if you wish to use them.</p> <p>Funding opportunities suggested Tesco / Police Funding and Active Cheshire.</p>	<p>Seb raise at Youth Committee</p> <p>LM please add to the youth committee agenda</p> <p>SR send out a link to Alzheimer’s Table Tennis <i>(sent out 14.2.17)</i></p> <p>Basket Ball Hoops contact GW for usage.</p>
7.	<p>PB Papers and update.</p> <p>Glen handed out the 2 applications that we made for PB Funding support.</p> <p>We had put together a sub group made up of (GW/LA/JM/AMM/KB) to look project proposals and application completion.</p>	

They came up with two projects, which linked to form a comprehensive programme of support around Mental Health and Drug Misuse.
The project entitled "Improving Emotional Wellbeing of Congleton's Youth" was awarded £2500 to support its development and must be delivered by March 2018.

The second a Creative Film Project was not successful on the day, Glen questioned if we still wanted to look to deliver on this. JM said her personnel feeling was that we should look to deliver this later, perhaps in 2018.
GW to discuss with the 2 secondary schools the possibility of delivering this project during the 2017/18 academic year. Need to get their buy-in to make it work.

The first project had a breakdown of activities and costs associated to each element and is based on fact.
Discussion evolved around these headers with various comment on the strength of leafleting, the idea message to get across/ type of leaflet (hard copy/electronic) /style and language that would interest & attract young people to engage with the message.

Other suggestions were using the schools Loop Power Point Feed/presenting to young people our ideas and seeing what they actually want as support and information.

GW to discuss with Alex Thompson (CePC) for her views as to the young people's needs, also involve K.Branning in this discussion.

J.Commins made us aware of a project running in Holmes Chapel using [twitter @1clearhead](#)
I have done a couple of retweets one our own twitter feed [@congopar](#) as examples of content.

Another site worth visiting may be www.ace-ed.org.uk

GW to pull together a programme plan from today's discussion and then send out to the group for comments and suggested support they can give. To deliver this programme we will need support of the professionals connected to this forum, their organisations and our Youth

GW discuss film project with both secondary schools re 2017/18

GW discuss with A Thompson + KB

GW pull together a programme and circulate.

	Committee. This cannot be delivered by Glen alone.	
8.	<p>Future Ideas.</p> <p>The group was asked for input of ideas for future agenda items, below is a list of topics put forward:-</p> <p>Pastimes, something to do in their spare time, activities. Look our resource and how we use it. Drug issues a top priority Older adults buying “stuff” for younger kids. Not their best friend, doing them no favours Exploitation both social media and physical, grooming etc. Sport- Basketball Hoops (better siting – separate hoop for the market?), Table tennis etc. Art, a great way in dealing with stress /issues, Jo Money facilitate an art project? Day in the life of –Bear Necessities.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>JM. Transition from primary to secondary school.</p> <p>JM. Get Involved Booklet. Jo is currently preparing to go to print with the next version of the “Get Involved” booklet. It is Congleton Based, about services, organisations and small groups. If you want anything about your group/ organisation in the book please contact Jo or myself.</p> <p>GW. Operation Stay Safe. GW asked our police attendees for an update as to where we are with this programme. Currently no long term decision has been made as yet.</p>	<p>Info for Get Involved booklet contact JM or MS</p>
10.	<p>Next Meeting.</p> <p>Will be held in 3 or 4 months, to alternate between Tues / Wed and both secondary schools.</p>	

