

Meeting : Congleton Youth Forum – Meeting No.43

A sub group of The Congleton Partnership.

Date : Tuesday 26th March 2019

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Congleton High School.

In attendance : Glen Williams (Chair), C.Eckersley, C.Davis, S.Foster, Jess Shore, K.Rogers, Laura Whitaker, Helen Weeks, Fiona Ellis, J.Money & M.Smith

Guest : R.Bailey and Alfie Tarrant (CHS Students) Jim Bennett & Josie Shearman Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service, Prince's Trust & Mandy Simpson (Youth Engagement Officer Cheshire Police)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1.	Apologies: J.Maddock, S.Jacklin, A.Reed, J.Commins, J.Cutts, L.Griffen, M.Gleave, P.Murphy.	
2.	<u>Welcome & Introductions.</u> Glen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions around the table.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting / Matters Arising. (9.1.19)</u> Accepted as a true and correct record. <i>Item 3. Substance awareness days at secondary schools.</i> Glen reported that the Town Youth Committee are supportive of this. They should help deliver this Glen to follow up with them. GW still to contact F.Bruce Glen still to work with them on this <i>Item 3. 40 Things to do leaflet.</i> Jo has got the leaflet out to print. Now 60 Things To Do, will be available w/c 1.4.19. LG not at the meeting, MS write to LG for an update.	GW contact Town Council Youth Committee & F.Bruce MP.

	<p>Item 4. L.Griffen working on the Mental Health card for students of both schools. Let MS/GW have sight before printing.</p> <p>Item 4. L.Minshull to liaise with GW and arrange a Youth Committee Meeting and invite Liz Griffen (EBA) and some EBA students. NO report from Linda, MS write to LM for update.</p> <p>Item 5. CS to forward poster for United Reformed Church “Drop IN “activity. MS to contact Rev M.George for a copy.</p> <p>Item 6. LG to discuss the idea of delivering something around Mental Health for parents from Ruby’s Fund. LG to contact Alison Parr. No feedback as yet, MS ask LG for an update.</p> <p>Item 6. GW to pull together a subgroup to look at a project around the Mental Health issues (not to be restricted to Youth Forum)</p>	<p>MS get an update from LG.</p> <p>MS get an update from LM.</p> <p>MS contact Rev M. George for a poster.</p> <p>MS get an update from LG.</p> <p>GW organise a subgroup.</p>
4.	<p><u>Mental Health / Substance Misuse PB Project .</u></p> <p>Project has just about run its course.</p> <p>Only Student Cards and 60 Things to Do to be issued.</p> <p>Let MS have any outstanding invoices a.s.a.p.</p>	<p>Outstanding invoices to MS a.s.a.p</p>
5.	<p><u>Prince’s Trust 2019. – Josie.Shearman and Jim Bennett</u></p> <p>Josie and Jim outlined their plans to run a Prince’s Trust activity/ course through this summer.</p> <p>They are currently visiting numerous potential groups/ members, looking for around 14 people to sign up to the course.</p>	

	<p>The course which will be based in Macclesfield, but could well have a Congleton Project, will run for 12 full weeks and aims at improving confidence, gaining qualifications and life skills.</p> <p>The course includes Team Building, Community Project, Employment Skills, Work Experience, Event/Activity Planning and a Final presentation.</p> <p>Age range will be between 16 and 25, travel support to Macclesfield can be arranged to support anyone on benefits/ or their family on benefits.</p> <p>For more information visit https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/partnerships/the-princes-trust Or contact Josie or Jim 01606 868870.</p> <p>MS to circulate a flyer on receipt.</p> <p>GW to request something goes into the next Bear Necessities and will get something to EBA.</p> <p>GW offer a Congleton Based Project.</p> <p>Visyon will support this using social media.</p>	<p>MS circulate a flyer.</p> <p>GW discuss with J.Mac Bear Necessities and something at EBA</p> <p>GW offer a Congleton Based Project.</p>
6.	<p><u>Future Priorities</u> <i>Project Ideas discussed last meeting:-</i></p> <p><i>MG raised the issue of Mental Health still being the major issue with young people. Whilst there were projects ongoing was there anything else we should be doing. Liz felt that the project at Eaton Bank will open up more discussion among students but that the missing link was contact with the parents.</i></p>	

Liz looking at the possibility of delivering something with Alison Parr out of Ruby's Fund

Rev George floated the idea of doing something at Messy Church (NLC), something specific to include parents.

GW to organise a subgroup (not restricted to The Youth Forum) to look at a project around this subject.

Other ideas thrown into the pot were:-

Cyber Bullying Programme (Mark – Chester/Chester West)

CE – Workshops similar to one Jo Money organised at CHS a few years ago or similar to the “Things to do” morning at EBA.

Project Ideas:-Emotional Schools,Project (A) sub group,Summer Youth Provision (MS contact Keith Rogers)

Project Ideas added this meeting:-

CHS 6 formers raised the issue of smokers / cigarette butts annoying Birch Rd residents. Students to research this a little more to find out the real issue. Could then use CEBC wardens if there is a real problem that needs addressing.

It was felt in general the youth issues in town / around are now being more prevalent in the 11 to 12 year olds. Need to find out what this age group require, and see what can be done to address this issue. CHS do follow up on Cheshire Police twitter feeds in the belief that can act as a deterrent in some way.

Jo Money felt that the work EBA is doing with older mentors support the younger students is something we should replicate around town. Alfie indicated that something similar is now

Liz contact Alison Parr

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	<p>happening in CHS and is looking for this to be sustainable in the future.</p> <p>GW to pull together a group to work on this using information / learning from both schools and build some kind on project around the subject.</p>	<p>GW to pull together a group.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>SAFE Project - Jess/Helen. They are running a SAFE Project for 12 to 14 year olds on a Wednesday at Congleton Library. This replace some activity from Bromley Farm and is run in conjunction with CEBC Youth Service. Also carrying out drop ins at both secondary schools.</p> <p>Visyon. Laura commented that Visyon were running their full programme of activities including Mental Health Sign Training for adults (3 hour conversation) and some leadership training for young persons.</p> <p>CHS Students advised of a Golf Gear Fancy Dress Pub Crawl starting at 1pm. They will need to carry their ID's with them.</p> <p>K.Rogers. There will be an Easter Holiday Programme for 12 to 16 year olds, KR to send MS a copy of the programme for circulation.</p> <p>J.Money. Reminded the meeting of the Food and Drink Festival Photo Competition prizes ranging from £100, £50 and £25. MS sent out poster. www.foodanddrinkfestival.net</p> <p>GW. Reported on successes at Bromley Farm Youth Club. Cooking / Baking activity catching on well, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and around 12 to 14 people attending the monthly DJ Music Project.</p>	<p>Keith send programme to MS for circulation.</p> <p>MS recirculate</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Future Meetings:-</p> <p>Wednesday 19th June 3.30pm to 5.30pm, EBA</p> <p>Tuesday 8th October 3.30pm to 5.30pm, CHS</p>	

