
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 4th March 2008
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss C Moylan

Councillors

Cllr T Clayton

[Items 4-end]

Cllr Miss G Healy

Cllr Miss R Jennings

[Items 4-end]

Cllr A Knibb

Cllr Miss R McDonald

[Items 2-end]

Cllr Miss E Vincent

Officers: Mrs C Tibbles

Also Present: Cllr E Knibb

1.

Apologies.

Cllr Miss S Ross was absent.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Cllr Miss Vincent, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss Healy, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January, 2008 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

3. Questions from Councillors.

There were no questions.

4. Future meetings and activities of Youth Councillors.

The Chairman asked members for their views on the suggestion that the Youth Council be more involved in what's happening and to possibly get money to spend and distribute on activities, as deferred from the last meeting. Cllr E Knibb said applications could be made to Solihull Youth Council for grants to spend on table tennis equipment or a running track which the Youth Council members would be responsible for organizing and managing. Cllr Clayton felt it sensible to get more members first and Cllr E Knibb said that 3 approaches had been made to Park Hall School but no replies yet received. The Chairman reminded members that the new Parish Council Committee was organizing events with working parties for funding, events, buildings. The Youth Council could exercise its powers, for example by organizing a litter pick, but stressed that members had to want to do it and commit to being involved. Cllr Miss Vincent thought it better to remember what was planned and Cllr Knibb said actions and decisions could be quickly done by delegating them to the Clerk. The Clerk pointed out that additional Youth Council meetings would be personally difficult for her due to an increasing workload but that a compromise could be to meet as a Working Party each 2 months in between actual meetings. Cllr E Knibb volunteered to attend Working Parties to ensure safety of members and undertook to pass on ideas to the AMP Committee via its Chairman, Cllr Mrs. Knibb. Cllr Knibb felt it was not the Clerk's problem to accommodate her workload but the Council's problem instead and explained there were many working parties

now set up to enable progress in support of the Clerk who he knew was overloaded. He asked the Youth Council what they had achieved and how effective they were and members replied that funding the tennis court improvements and undertaking the questionnaires had been worthwhile projects. These proposals previously tabled were:

1. This youth council should meet eleven times per year on a monthly basis except for August as per the full Council.
2. Those members of this council who wish to volunteer their services to the various working parties being formed by the new committee, forward their details and areas of interests and expertise to the chairman of that committee, indicating their willingness to help.
3. That this council generates their own ideas for fund raising and things we'd like to see happening in Arden Hall and the community and forward those ideas to the committee Chairman either directly or through the Link Councillor.
4. That this council actively promotes this new project and its activities to our friends, to our parents and families and in the clubs that we attend and feed back any ideas that we receive from them to the committee Chairman or the Link Councillor.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss Healy, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the proposal 1 be **AMENDED** to working parties meetings in between Council meetings (except August). **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the proposals be accepted. The Clerk reminded members of the references to Working Parties in their constitution and provisional dates of 1st April, 3rd June, 7th October, 2nd December, 3rd February (2009) and 7th April were noted.

Cllr Clayton asked if Arden Hall was competitive in terms of bookings and was informed that current bookings were in place until 2010 and that discounts were offered to local groups. Cllr Knibb said the building was dilapidated and needed to be more fully used to put the Parish Council in a position to get funding provision. Members were asked what other facilities would be used. Cllr Clayton said friends wanted to use the park and asked for CCTV, an assault course, a motorized roundabout and play provision like at Balsall Common. Cllr Miss Jennings commended the regeneration of Handsworth Park and the Clerk reported that many people still missed the old wooden fort, which had been incredibly popular but taken down (she believed) due to changes in safety regulations. Cllr Miss Jennings was concerned that the recently planted small trees were being smothered by the bigger trees but was informed the older trees were showing signs of disease and had a limited lifespan. Members suggested that booking in advance for tennis courts should be allowed. Members agreed that one event should be chosen and that all efforts be focused on making that a success, with Cllr Miss Healy suggesting possible support from Solihull MBC Youth Council. Cllr E Knibb suggested an outdoor park event and applying for grant funding but Cllr Miss Vincent was concerned about disturbance to neighbouring residents. The Chairman suggested canvassing young people for their views. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr Miss Healy's offer to investigate membership/support from the Solihull MBC Youth Council be accepted and a report given at the next Youth Council meeting. The Clerk undertook to supply information on organizing a Skizz night (combination of Skittles and Quiz night). The Chairman would report on the CD/booklet titled "Engaging Young People in your Community" which she had now received.

5. Co-option of members.

This matter had been referred to earlier by Cllr E Knibb with progress awaited.

6. An Equal Chance.

Cllr Miss Healy had found the report interesting showing an aging population, concerns about obesity and other interesting facts about Solihull. The report was noted with interest and concern about deprivation in North Solihull and the question asked of what could be done to help improve Castle Bromwich?

7. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported a Mi-pod consultation opportunity (costing £5000), possibility of £1000 funding (Solihull MBC) for an environmental project involving young people which would be welcomed and other environmental opportunities forwarded by Cllr Mrs. Knibb for later consideration.