



## Thatcham Youth Management Committee

### MINUTES

For a Meeting to be held on Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 at  
7.00pm at Moorside Community Centre, Thatcham

- 1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for absence** To Welcome those present to the meeting and receive any apologies for absence.
  - 1.1 Present – Dan Carter (Head of Youth Activities), Dave Carter (Chairman & Treasurer), Richard Jennings (Berkshire Youth), Joel Gregory
  - 1.2 Apologies – Olly Thorburn, Andrea Hollings, Dave Seward.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** To receive and agree the Minutes of the last meeting.
  - 2.1 Amendment required on Berkshire Youth Agreement Minute – These were returned to Berkshire Youth not Thatcham Youth.
- 3. Ongoing Activities updates from Head of Youth Activities** To receive an update from the Head of Youth Activities on all front line Thatcham Youth activities.
  - 3.1 Attached at end of report.
- 4. Funding Update** To Receive an update from the Head of Youth Activities on the current funding situation on Thatcham Youth activities.

4.1 Both Vision and G-STAX Youth Clubs are fully funded for 2019/20 pending confirmation of extension to funding from Thatcham Town Council. Roller Disco funding is dependent on Thatcham Town Council Meeting on Monday.

**5 Accounts** To Receive an update on the accounts

a. Attached at end of report

**6 Chairman's Report** – To receive an update from the chairperson

a. We attended the Volunteer Fair in Newbury – this as yet hasn't gained any volunteers.

**7. Moorside Community Centre**

7.1 To receive update on Moorside including bookings & income

7.1.1 Attached at end of report

7.2 To receive an update on Thatcham Town Council Takeover of building.

7.2.1 No Town Council representatives present however small update from Dan Carter - Structural survey TTC request has been received and for consideration by Councillors. It is on the Agenda for Full Council on January 28<sup>th</sup> for further consideration and direction from where councillors want to proceed.

**8. Future Events** For the committee to discuss any potential future events we can attend/ organise.

**8.1 Easter Fun Day** To discuss the Easter Family Fun Day event

8.1.1 Dan proposed that we run another Fun Day over the Easter Holidays - £500 budget. 16<sup>th</sup> April Agreed as date. Dan and Dave to organise event and organise volunteers.

**9 Future of Movie Evenings** To Receive and consider a report from Head of Youth Activities regarding the future of the Family Movie Evenings.

9.1 Dan Carter updated committee that at present it was not worthwhile the Movie Evenings being run due to low attendance. Proposed to run one movie evening during Vision Youth Club & G-STAX Youth Club as movie nights and remainder of funding returned – AGREED.

**10 Thatcham Youth Ten Year Celebration** To Receive a report from the Head of Youth Activities regarding the ten year celebration of Thatcham Youth.

10.1 Tie in with Easter Fun Day for celebration on the day and arrange meal/drinks on an evening with current and past members to celebrate the occasion. **Dan to draw up specifics for event.**

**11 Financial Reserve Policy** To Receive a proposed adjustment to our Financial Policy to allow for a Financial Reserves Policy.

11.1 Deferred to next meeting.

**12 Any other business**

12.1 Joel attended committee with proposal that a free football training session be run once a week from the Moorside MUGA Year 7-9 for an hour a week. Agreement required from committee and decision on charge for use of lights. (Love Thatcham) Looking to run on Thursdays 4-5pm – Looking for started date of 28<sup>th</sup> February – Looking to volunteer at community events. Partnering on projects going forward. – AGREED TO PROCEED

**13 Date of next meeting** Dates for 2019/20 to be decided.

13.1 **AGM – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

13.2 July 25<sup>th</sup>

13.3 October 24<sup>th</sup>

13.4 January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

## Thatcham Youth – Head of Youth Activities Report

### Vision Youth Club

Vision Youth Club has seen average attendance over November to date lower than previous years (at some points 50% lower). This is a concern for the club and work is being done to find out why this is and putting place solutions to the issue. A chart is attached to this report as a separate document tracking the attendance figures of the last three years week by week.

The club continues to offer a range of Arts & Crafts, Sports, Music, Baking & Cooking activities. With plans being published quarterly in advance and advertised through Facebook. There has already been some minor changes made including increasing the variety of crafts, ensuring we have music equipment out each week and having more board games out.

Staff and volunteer wise the staff are happy and 121's are being run quarterly to deal with any issues that may arise. Our volunteer numbers hold steady and we see young volunteers playing a major role in our offering.

There have been no major injuries or accidents that are RIDOR reportable in the last few months and no major issues around behaviour.

### G-STAX Youth Club

The G-STAX Youth Club continues to offer a range of youth provision for ages 11-13. Our average attendance has increased overtime and we are holding an average at around 15-18 per session. The club is going in the right direction and a year in we now have consistent numbers and a regular group of young people.

The young people coming along to the club have played a major role in agreeing activities offered, with a preference shown towards sports and food activities. We still offer some arts & crafts and

again follow the recommendations of the young people. We now have a plan that is published quarterly and sent out to members and also published on Facebook.

Staffing at the club remains the same at the club, we have one volunteer (Andrea) but more would be useful so the committee is encouraged to recruit any volunteers they can.

There have been no major accidents or incidents that need to be reported to the committee at this time.

#### Roller Disco

The Roller Disco has seen attendance levels maintain at a good number the last few months, however there is still room for improvement. Work is ongoing for this and generally the colder months see higher attendance levels. The online booking platform is being utilised well and at no cost to us to run the sessions, is worth us continuing.

There have been no major accidents or incidents that need to be reported to the committee at this time.