



## **Thatcham Youth Management Committee**

### **A G E N D A**

**For the AGM to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at  
7pm at Moorside Community Centre, Thatcham**

- 1. Welcome and Apologies for absence** To Welcome those present to the meeting and receive any apologies for absence.

- 1.1 *Present – Dave Carter, Joel Gregory, Keith Jardine, David Seward, Dan Carter, Jason Collis, Sheila Ellison.*
- 1.2 *Apologies – Olly Thorburn, Andrea Hollings*

- 2. Minutes of the last AGM** To receive and agree the Minutes of the last AGM.

- 2.1 *Minutes of previous AGM Agreed as accurate.*

### **3. Annual Reports**

- 3.1 Head of Youth Activities Report – Attached at end of report
- 3.2 Treasurers Report – Attached at end of report
- 3.3 Chairpersons Report – Attached at end of report

- 4. Retirement of Existing Committee members and Election of New Committee.**  
Elected as follows:

- 4.1 Chairman – Dave Carter
- 4.2 Vice Chairman – Joel Gregory
- 4.3 Treasurer – Dave Carter
- 4.4 Secretary – Dan Carter

- 5. Retirement of Existing Trustees and Election of New Trustees ( minimum 3)**

- 5.1 *Retiring – Jason Collis*
- 5.2 *Remaining – Dave Carter, Andrea Hollings*
- 5.3 *Elected – Jason Collis*

- 6. Governance Review – To Review and Accept Thatcham Youth Constitution**

- 6.1 *Thatcham Youth Constitution reviewed and accepted.*

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **7.1 None.**

### **Head of Youth Activities End of Year Report – 2018/19**

The last year has been a good one for Thatcham Youth, seeing some positive changes made to our activities offering, strong financial situation and funding secured along with an increase in our volunteers recruited.

My special thanks to everyone involved with Thatcham Youth especially those who volunteer and work on top of their offer paid hours for all they do, as a charity we have completed 1,400 volunteer hours and we wouldn't be able to do what we do without this.

#### **Vision Youth Club**

Vision Youth Club has continued to operate as our key youth activity. During 2017/18 we saw an attendance of 2,522 during the year, this year we had a total attendance of 1,909. This fall is disappointing for us however work has been done and the January – March period has seen average attendance increase compared to October – December, we anticipate this continuing.

We have seen staffing at the club remain consistent this year, with a team of volunteers supporting us and this number of volunteers has increased as the year has gone on. It has been good to see an increase in volunteers and with the work done to the volunteer development programme I hope to see this number sustained and improved on. We have sadly lost Lorien as a volunteer who has left to focus on her education, but has offered to help when she is available, a special thanks to her for the volunteering she has completed over the last few years with us.

Our activities at club have continued to be varied over the course of the year. We carried out a feedback survey with parents on the club and some improvements were made to the club including a "music corner" and some new equipment purchased. From the survey parents rated the club 9.5/10 – which is great to see parents are happy with what the club offers.

I would like to note my thanks to Thatcham Town Council, Greenham Common Trust & YAPP for the grants to the club, which have enabled us to deliver this youth provision.

#### **G-STAX Youth Club**

G-STAX has continued its growth from last year, seeing an average attendance increase from 12 during 2017/18 to 16 in 2018/19. Whilst the attendance isn't where we want it to be at this stage, it is encouraging to see an increase in average.

Attendance stays consistent over the school holidays and therefore will run in the same manner as Vision Youth Club. There are plans to be discussed in the committee meeting to address the low attendance figures. However it should be noted that this number beats most youth clubs running for a similar age in surround towns and areas.

Staffing wise the club has reduced by one youth club assistant this year in order to reduce costs and match current attendance levels, thus increasing the clubs sustainability. The staffing situation is continuously reviewed and any needed changes will be brought to the committees attention. We have one volunteer by way of Andrea who regularly helps at the club and supports its activities.

The club has seen some recent changes in its offering, ensuring that we have a wider and more available range of arts & crafts, music & Xbox/table games on offer to help with increasing attendance.

My thanks to the Co-op Community Fund, Tesco Bags for Help and Greenham Common Trust for funding the club.

#### Moorside Movie Evenings

The movie evenings during this financial year were not attracting high enough attendances to justify the voluntary time and associated costs, with only around 20 people attending each movie. A decision was therefore made to stop these in the middle of the year and we will discuss with Greenham Common trust any remaining funds and what to do with them.

#### Thatcham Roller Disco

The Roller Disco has continued to be a success for us and regularly attracts high numbers. This year saw some re-branding of the Roller Disco sessions and also saw us introduce online ticket booking. Our average attendance has dropped from 113 in 2017/18 to 93 in 2018/19. This is mainly attributed to running over the summer whilst saw extremely low attendances down to around 30. Overall for the year we made a loss of roughly £500 once the Thatcham Town Council grant was taken into consideration.

The online ticket booking runs at no cost to us and allows people to guarantee entry to the disco. Since its implementation it has grown and allowed us to sell out sessions regularly. We started with allowing 40 tickets per session being available for pre booking to allowing all tickets being available online. The most recent session at the start of April sold out online before the day, it is hoped that this will continue and allow the Roller Disco to be a strong performing activity for us.

My personal thanks to Thatcham Town Council for their grant, which allows us to operate the Roller Disco.

#### Ad-Hoc School Holiday Events

This year saw an expansion to our school holiday events, not just running an Easter Family Fun Day but also a Summer Family Fun Day.

Both events were extremely popular and attracted hundreds of young people & parents. We offered a range of arts & crafts, sports, bouncy castles, face painters and movie mornings.

#### Thatcham Youth

##### Annual Statement of Accounts for 12 Months Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Our opening balance at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 was £26741.86, which included Grants of £10418.89 for 2018/19 activities leaving an effective Opening Balance of £16322.97. During the year our Income was £42734.88 of which £22723.57 was Grants from Thatcham Town Council (£5000.00) and various other bodies, including Greenham Common Trust (via the Good Exchange), Englefield Estate/Yapp/Tesco and Co-op with other Income £20011.31 generated from Roller Disco entrance fee, Youth Club entry charges, Tuck monies and Moorside Hire ( net £7544.63).

Our Expenses of £32825.78 were driven by Roller Disco Hire, Wages for the Youth Club teams, Activity costs/equipment for the Youth Clubs, Licence costs for the Movie evenings, Tuck costs and Liability Insurance.

At the end of the Year our balance of £36650.97 (net of refundable deposits and floats) includes £8524 for Inters Youth Club for 2019/20, £7242 for Vision Youth Club 2019/20 and a balance of £1148 for Movie Evenings in 2019/20, leaving an effective working balance/reserve of £19822, an increase of @ £3600 on last year. This is primarily accounted for by Moorside Hire and Tuck with all other activities broadly

breaking even, apart from the Roller Disco which showed a loss of @ £580, even after the contribution from TTC.

The accounts will be reviewed by an Independent Examiner (David Weller) as in previous years with a clear examiners statement.

Dave Carter

8 April 2019

## **Thatcham Youth AGM Chairpersons Report for 12 months ended 31 March 2019**

The last 12 months have been another successful period for Thatcham Youth with both Youth Clubs moving forward, despite a reduction in Vision attendance during the latter part of 2018, Gstax growing attendance, though still below our expectations, reluctantly deciding to stop the Movie Evenings to ensure volunteer hours were put to maximum use. Whilst Roller Disco number were down on average year on year, they have been strong for the last 2 months. The management of Moorside Community Centre outside of school hours continues to bear fruit with Read Dance Theatre having been installed since September 2018 and expanding their offering across 2 further nights from April 2019

During the year there has been limited change on the management than in previous years, with the addition of Joel to the committee early 2019, although we did lose Gemma. Whilst these changes have been managed there is no doubt that going forward if we are to develop further additional Committee members who are willing to commit to activities are required.

Thatcham Youths regular activities have continued to prove successful with the Roller Disco now regularly at maximum levels having introduced online booking and extended the advertising radius is having an impact . Vision youth Club number are going back up after a drop in the last quarter of 2018 and G-Stax has had a steadily increasing attendance , however requires more work to ensure sustainability.

During the summer months, Thatcham Youth attended Thatcham Town Councils Fun Day at Henwick in June which increased publicity of the group and allowed us to raise funds at the same time (albeit less than previous years).

The one off activities of an Easter Fun day and Summer fun day were well received with numbers @ 200 people, As we move forward we are looking to provide more one off type activities during the school holidays. In order to achieve this we need to increase our numbers from both a Volunteer/Active Committee members perspective.

Financially the Charity is in a good position with most of 2019/20 funded and reserves to cover any gaps that may appear, the committee will continue to manage/invest in a prudent manner.

Thatcham Youth is extremely thankful to Thatcham Town Council/Greenham Common Trust Tesco/Yapp and Co-op for their continued and valuable financial support in 2018/19,

without this support Thatcham Youth would not be able to provide the activities it does.