

## **IVER PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES of Youth Steering Committee (Sub Committee of Policy & Finance Committee) meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 at 10 am**

**Present – Dr Matthews (Chaired the meeting) Mr Oxley, Mrs Leech.  
In attendance: Mrs Vigor –Hedderly, Mr Lewis, Mrs Meere, Sally Vigurs  
George Howard and the Clerk**

**12. Apologies** for absence – Mrs Gibson

**13. Disclosure of Interests** – None

**14. Resolved** to accept the Minutes of the last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**15. To make recommendations** regards the 4 year Business Plan for the Development of Youth Work Services by Iver Parish Council (IPC) as appended. Sally Vigurs explained that this 4 year Business Plan is aimed at developing the Parish Council's youth service to reach more young people with a wider variety of needs. The proposals will be carried out at no additional increase in budget as any increase in cost will be met by self funding and grants. She is confident there are grants to fund these projects particularly with the introduction of the 'Big Society'. Sally also stressed the importance of maintaining a part-time youth worker to support her role as lead facilitator and to help support the volunteers.

#### **10.15am Mrs Meere joined the meeting.**

Mr Howard supported the Business Plan as it will provide an opportunity to strengthen youth work in the Parish through partnership between all the youth services. Parish Council's staff can deliver the programme and Iver Education Trust (IET) can attract grants by its charity status.

Dr Matthews questioned the impact this Business Plan will have on the detached youth work that is currently being carried out? Sally replied that detached youth work will remain but will become more targeted.

#### **Mr Oxley left the meeting.**

Mrs Vigor-Hedderly highlighted the fact that Iver Community Childcare (ICC) has huge aspirations for youth and can envisage ICC and IPC working together. As a Parish Council, members are not experts in the field of youth work and it may be in the future ICC can offer Sally and her youth work far more potential than the Parish Council. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly went on to say that members of the Parish Council need to demonstrate that they are spending the tax payers money wisely and without expertise in this field it is difficult to say it is 'value for money'. It was also pointed out that ICC's plans are similar to those outlined in this Business Plan and it might be more opportune to seek funding in a co-ordinated way.

#### **Mr Oxley re-joined the meeting.**

Hence Mrs Vigor-Hedderly suggested that youth work in the parish does need centralizing particularly in the light of the Big Society and by doing so this will give Sally the opportunity to use her expertise to the full.

**Resolved** to make the following recommendation to the HR sub-committee and Policy and Finance committee:-

- (i) Accept that changes need to be made in the provision of youth work in the parish as outlined in the 4 year Business Plan.
- (ii) Consider how youth work should be organized and developed in the future.
- (iii) Request from Sally a detailed Business Plan with costing and time frames for the next meeting.
- (iv) To seek the views of other parties concerned with youth provision in the parish i.e. IET and ICC.
- (v) To accept a budget for youth work for 2012/13 at the same level of expenditure as 2011/12.

**16. Resolved to make recommendation** to continuing the position of the Assistant Detached Youth worker for 2012/13 if it can be maintained at no additional cost.

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

Date of next meeting is at 10 a.m. on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.