

Minutes of a meeting of the Crowborough Neighbourhood Plan **Community Facilities Group** held in the Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough on Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mike Cooke
 Frances Davies
 Craig Murrell - Chairman
 Andrew Steen
 Jo Stonebrook
 Jeannette Towey
 Philippa Hewes – Crowborough Town Council

Apologies:

Graham Callard
 Peter Cowie
 Elizabeth Fermor

Topics and Decisions	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Graham Callard Peter Cowie Elizabeth Fermor</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting 26th November 2014 were noted.</p>	
<p>3. Reports and Feedback</p> <p>Members were invited to share information gathered since the previous meeting. A summary is as follows:</p> <p>Youth Centre/Facilities – Funding is being sought for the Jarvis Brook Community Hub project which will cost in the region of £180,000. Plans for the hub include engaging with young people and establishing a youth club.</p> <p>Clued-up operates a youth club but numbers are limited due to the size of the premises. A survey has been carried out at Beacon Academy regarding youth facilities and this has identified a requirement for a café venue. The targeted youth service at ESCC is being restructured and there is to be a new youth work co-ordinator for Crowborough.</p> <p>It was suggested that the vacant nightclub premises in the centre of town could provide a suitable venue for youth activities.</p> <p>Doctors/Dentists/Hospitals This item was deferred as Peter Cowie was unable to attend the meeting</p> <p>Competitive Sports/Leisure Centre – Graham Callard had supplied a spreadsheet summarising discussions with the main sports providers. There has been no response from Beacon Swimming Club. It is understood that it would cost £30,000 to upgrade and open the swimming pool at Beacon Academy and that this is not a priority for the school. St Mary’s and Sir Henry Fermor Schools have shallow pools which are at capacity.</p> <p>It was noted that the changing rooms at Wolfe Recreation Ground are in need of improvement. Crowborough Athletic Football Club would like to demolish the old club house and build a second storey at the stadium. New premises are</p>	<p>Peter Cowie to pursue figures from NHS and report at the next meeting</p>

<p>required for the Crowborough Taekwondo Club; it was noted that this is a commercial concern.</p> <p>Performing Arts – There are many active groups in the town operating from local venues. Creative arts should be included in this category.</p> <p>Nursery Care/Playgroups/Childrens Centre – there are eight nursery schools in the town in addition to holiday play schemes, toddler groups and breakfast/after school clubs. Nursery schools operate on a commercial basis with some ‘free’ nursery provision for a limited number of hours for children aged 3 or 4. With the exception of a special needs nursery at Grove Park, there appears to be sufficient nursery capacity in Crowborough.</p> <p>Community Centre – The disposal of Pine Grove is being progressed by Wealden District Council. If the site is redevelopment as an extra care facility, this may lead to shared community facilities/services being available.</p> <p>Childrens parks/Play Areas/Skateparks/Model Railway/Cemetery/Allotments Most sites are owned or managed by the Town Council and there have been many improvements to the facilities. Work is progressing on the new cemetery at Summersales.</p>	<p>Frances Davies to contact Crowborough Arts and other groups</p>
<p>3. Proforma</p> <p>At the last meeting, the group agreed to collate all information gathered on one proforma; this item is still outstanding.</p>	<p>Craig Murrell to design proforma and collate information</p>
<p>4. Terms of Reference</p> <p>A draft Terms of Reference was handed out to members and will be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Next Meeting Date</p> <p>It was agreed that the date for the next meeting would be Wednesday 25^h March 2015, 7.30pm at the Town Hall. The Chairman will provide an agenda to the Town Council one week in advance of the meeting for circulation to members.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>	