

Minutes of the Regeneration Grid Youth Strategy Steering Group meeting held at the Phoenix on Wed. 25th Oct. at 7pm.

Present: Kerry Davies, Wyndham King, Mal Brewer, Neal Hammond, Dean Jones, Gerda Beckers.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting on 27/9/06 were accepted as a true record.
2. Play Safe Project. The folders have been distributed to the three clubs. It was agreed that at the next meeting spare copies would be provided by Dean and that each section should be discussed, so that each club would have the opportunity to indicate the level of its support. It was agreed that this is simply a matter of encouraging good practice and common sense, but there should be some recognition by the sponsoring body (RCBI) of those who show full commitment. Neal is to discuss this aspect with Dean and other members of staff.
3. Youth Information. Gerda and Kerry gave a full progress report. Four members of the Rhondda Volunteer Information Centre are committed to working one night a week (Wednesday 6-8 pm) to create an 'information night'. It might also be possible to develop a 'homework club' and a 'computer club', underpinned by the information night. Gerda provided examples of how this might be developed in practice. Young members of Llwynypia Boys & Girls Club have already showed some interest, but some small technical difficulties have become apparent. Gerda's and Kerry's report was approved.
4. Club Reports. Dean and Kerry made verbal reports, which were accepted. They were asked to provide written versions for inclusion with these minutes.
5. Fire Safety Requirements. After discussion, it was agreed that we need to find out more about the legal requirements for Boys & Girls Clubs. Dean undertook to visit the relevant website (www.communities.gov.uk/fire) to download the necessary information.
6. Youth Theatre Club. Kerry reported that there had been expressions of interest in this idea from some youngsters and from some potential qualified instructors. It was agreed that the idea was worth pursuing with the backing of the Phoenix Theatre. Neal undertook to start discussions with Pauline Worman about the logistics of the operation, and to follow up with meetings with interested parties.
7. Grant Applications. There were brief reports on various applications that were in the pipeline, ranging from small to large.
8. Community Transport. Dean has begun a consultation exercise to assess need, which he will develop into a feasibility study looking at a range of varied options.

9. Development of Pentre Park. Dean gave a progress report. He has called a meeting of interested parties, which will be chaired by Cllr. Em Jenkins, to look at various ideas as well as the potential level of support. The report was accepted.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 29th November at 7 pm.