

# Andover Town Council Youth Engagement Working Group

Wednesday 28th February 2024, Incuhive, 6.30pm

#### **NOTES**

#### **Present:**

Councillors:	M Farren, J Hughes, E Reynolds, S Hardstaff, J Cockaday, L Gregori
Organisations:	Andover Community Exchange (ACE): Tania Hall
Parents:	Carrie Thomas, Becky Cleary
Volunteer:	-
ATC Officers:	Gail Foster.
Apologies:	Yellow Brick Road (YBR): Abi Facey, K Bird, S Waue

### Confirmation of the accuracy of the January notes.

The notes were agreed by everyone.

### To receive notes from a meeting with Andover BID, A Ranger and the supplier of DISC.

The group were happy with the responses that had been given by the BID, and it was felt that some positive changes had been implemented in the processes. It would be helpful to have greater insight into the process that was now being followed once a young person had been apprehended.

That may allow for some thought to go into linking up with YBR to help the children involved.

### To consider the extra survey questions and to approve the setting up of an online form.

The final questions would be:

- 1. Are there enough activities for young people in Andover? (Y/N)
- 2. Which of the following are most important to you? (pick up to 3)
- Having something to do
- Being somewhere warm and dry
- Access to food
- Somewhere I can meet my friends
- Somewhere I can meet new people
- Somewhere I can try new things
- Feeling safe
- Feeling welcome
- Having someone I can trust to talk to
- Not being judged
- Learning about new things
- Other
- 3. What stops you from accessing the clubs/ activities that already exist?
- I don't know what they are
- I won't know anyone there
- I don't like the other people who go there
- I can't get there



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<ul><li>It costs to go in</li><li>There's nothing on that interests me</li></ul>
<ul><li>Age range</li><li>Other</li></ul>
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? (free answer)
5. What would you like to see on offer to young people in Andover? (free answer)
6. How old are you?
7. Which area or street or estate do you live in?

An online form would be populated in Office 365. Action: Town Clerk.

### To consider how to populate the survey.

8. What school do you go to?

This would be considered as soon as it was ready, but all the local organisations working with young people would be contacted and asked to circulate.

YBR, ACE, Unity, St Pauls & St Michaels (Veronica Brewer), chapel arts studios.

The survey conducted by Dmitrijs Meiksans would be requested. Action: Town Clerk.

Survey Information would be requested from TVBC. Action: Clir L Gregori.

## To consider properties that may be suitable for Youth provisions and how information will be gathered.

The Church on Weyhill Road was rumoured to be up for sale. Information would be requested for it's sale price. Action: Town Clerk.

Other buildings around the town would be considered. Anyone able to obtain any information would do so and bring to the next meeting. **Action: All.** 

#### Any other Business.

It was heard that some very useful resources were available online, webinars specifically for parents on the subjects of Knife Crime and County Lines. Links to the webinars would be circulated. Action: Becky Cleary and Town Clerk.

It was agreed that the group was moving on nicely and that getting all local groups to work together was a big achievement.

Date of the next meeting: 18:30 on Weds 27th March 2024 @ Incuhive.

End of meeting at 20:42.