

Record of YRWG 20th August, 2004-09-07

1. The meeting was attended by Siobhan Hart-Jones (Chairman) Anne Simpson (Deputy Chairman) Jackie Morris, Annie Markey, Charlotte Markey, John Priestly, Gerard Reilly, Richard Comotto, (Apologies were taken for Jenny Chiswick) The Chairman discussed the Town Plan and the objectives and brief of the Youth and Recreation Working Group.
2. The group discussed the various questions relevant to put forward to the SC. These were as follows:
 - (A) Directed at the parents of the town: At present which sports and activities are your children (ages of children) currently participating? Which venue are these activities taking place at present?**
 - (B) Are there any sports or activities which your children have an interest in that are currently not on offer in the area?**
 - (C) Directed to the town's clubs, associations, and individual activities on offer : (a) At present what youth membership and / or facilities do you offer for children under 16?**
 - (b) Would you consider providing facilities or including youth membership within your activities in future? If so, in what form?**
 - (D) Directed at the children of the town: What facilities, in the way of equipment or club activities, do you think the town should offer you and your friends?**
3. It was agreed that SHJ should compile a list of all the clubs, associations and activities currently on offer in the town to aid the Committee in directing their questions but also to see the current facilities and popular pursuits.
4. It was agreed that Annie Markey should write to John Dunk the Mayor of Winchelsea, to request that monies being held by the Jubilee Playground Committee could be put into a trust account while immediate and long term issues are decided once the consultation has been completed. It was felt that the most pressing issue was to see the completion of the kick about area (behind the playground) to ensure a space for the children who have out grown the play equipment.
5. It was suggested by RC and agreed that future meetings should include a representative from the school. SHJ to arrange an invitation. The group also felt that it might be useful when later discussing the methods of consultation if we had another youth representative member on board (male, if possible to add balance to our existing female member).
6. It was suggested that Dave Lewis from the National Trust should be approached with a view to considering an activity to education and stimulate the children, not only tapping into some local knowledge but also inform them on their immediate surroundings from a historical and conservation view point.
7. The group were to individually research various outside agencies that offer support and funding to youth and recreation rural communities. Richard Comotto has already acquired quite a lot of information in this direction. The next meeting will formally divide the working group into research teams with specific targets in mind.
8. RC to advise SHJ of the main SC meeting early in October.