

Minutes of MY Voice Meeting.

Venue	Monkton Communities First, Tenby Court
Date and Time	17.00, Wednesday 14 th January 2009
Approved by Chair	

In Attendance

Tommy Crocker; Paul Meredith; Kirsty Crocker; Chelbi Jones Caitlyn Mair; Stacey Meredith; Hayley Wood; James Roach John (Minutes)

Apologies

Cory Mair

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Hayley and some of the young people took turns to read out minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of November. It was agreed by those present at the meeting that the minutes were a true record and were accepted.

James suggested that in future the minutes would be handed out at the meetings, as the young people were forgetting to take their copies to the meeting, or had lost them.

Proposed; Kirsty Crocker. Seconded; Paul Meredith.

2. Work for the Group.

Questionnaires – There have been a few problems in returning the questionnaires as a result of missed meetings and illness, and some of the young people have mislaid or forgotten to bring their sheets to the meeting. James asked the group to either drop them into the office in the week, or he would attend the Youth Club next week to collect the sheets. This was agreed. **Action** – James to collect sheets and rough analyse the data by the next meeting.

Ball Park – The young people that attended discussed the trip on Tuesday 18th of November, to Hubberston to view the Ball Park and Youth Club. The Group felt that the trip went well. Although they were disappointed that the Park was closed.

A subsequent trip to Hubberston had been undertaken by Barney and the Youth Zone bus, which some of the MY Voice Committee had attended. Those members felt that the facility in Hubberston was good, and had given them some ideas.

Monkton Voice.

James informed the Group that he had attended the Monkton Voice meeting on the 5th of January and a few questions about MY Voice has been raised. James informed the Group that he has informed Monkton Voice that the MY Voice would like to come to see them, and it has been agreed that this will take place at the next meeting, which will be held on the 2nd of March.

Local Health Board.

James thanked the Group for their time in helping the Local Health Board to undertake their Substance Misuse questionnaire with them, and will report back to the Group when he has any information.

GoForIt.

Hayley has met Tom Moses from GoForIt regarding the project discussed in previous meetings. 10 young people are required to do a 10 week project, with the initial sessions being taken by young people from the Tanyard. The next sessions will involve young people from Monkton, especially the MY Voice members, but age is restricted to those over 11. The sessions will involve various activities, and is linked to attendance of groups such as MY Voice and community work.

Monkton Communities First Action Plan.

James apologised to the Group for failing to supply them with copies of the Action Plan as requested, and promised that these will be available at the next meeting. **Action** – James to supply members with copies of the Action Plan.

Future Meetings (i).

The Group discussed frequency of meetings, with Kirsty proposing that the Group meet on a fortnightly basis. This was agreed by all. Hayley reminded the young people that they are able to discuss matters and plan things at Youth Club, and should be letting the rest of the Youth Club Members know what MY Voice Is doing, and feed ideas and concerns from the Youth Club in to MY Voice for actions.

Fundraising –

The Group discussed a number of fundraisers and decided on the following events and dates;
Sponsored Silence – January; Pyjama Walk – February; Car boot sale – March; Easter Card Competition – April (Chelbi to see Mr Rees).
Other suggestions included writing letters to businesses to ask for funds. It was agreed that the Group would discuss fundraising and plan events and publicity as the sole business for the next meeting. Proposed; Tommy Crocker. Seconded; Paul Meredith.

Future Meetings (ii).

Whilst discussing fundraising, the topic of future meetings was further discussed.

The group have agreed that the subsequent meeting (in four weeks time) will concentrate upon planning for the presentation and info for the Monkton Voice Meeting in March.

The Group also discussed the play area issue, and have stated that they would like to meet with Cllr Pearl Llewellyn in 3 meetings time, to discuss their needs and ideas with her.

3. Communication.

No additional points were raised as communication issues.

4. Issues.

The young people were asked for any issues in the community.

Concern was raised relating to the new garden area in Gwilliam Court, as the gates are never opened and the young people are not able to utilise the facility. The young people suggested writing a letter to the Council to find out who is responsible for the management of the facility, and if it would be possible for the opening hours to be extended to allow for young people to access the area. The young people felt that the work in Colley Court may also have the same issues, and they want clarification on this.

The young people were also concerned about mess in the community, especially drinks cans and bottles. It was suggested that more bins are needed.

Concern was also raised regarding community safety issues, as the young people felt that they might benefit from some form of training on how to be safe in their community. **Action-** James to approach Alison Rogers from the Pembrokeshire Community Safety Partnership to attend a future meeting and discuss issues with the Group.

5. Any other business.

Hayley informed the Young People that from April 2009, the current funding for the Youth Club, which has been supplied by Communities First, will come to an end. The young people were very concerned about this, and questioned why this had happened. Hayley explained that the decision had been made by the Monkton Communities First Partnership not to continue to fund the current project with the Tanyard, but to look at other options. The young people expressed anger as a result of this, and felt that it was unfair for decisions, which affect them to be made on their behalf without asking how they felt about it. It was stated that the people who moan about what they do, and say that they are hanging around on the street are the same ones who take away their facilities so they have no options.

Hayley explained that the Tanyard will continue to support the young people of Monkton, and may be able to consider a continuation of the current support if money can be found elsewhere. The young people stated that they don't like going to the Tanyard, and feel it's boring. Hayley stated that things have been

done to make it better, and wants ideas from the young people on how to improve the facility at Tanyard.

The Group stated that they feel this is a very important issue, and want to discuss this with Cllr Pearl Llewellyn when they meet her.

6. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the group would be due on Wednesday 28th of January, but James is unavailable as this clashed with the Annual General Meeting of Communities First. Some of the young people asked if they could attend this meeting, and James said that he would be very happy to see them there.

The next meeting on MY Voice will be held on Wednesday 4th of February, at 5.00 at the Communities First Office.

With no other business the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.