

Minutes of MY Voice Meeting.

Venue	Monkton Communities First, Tenby Court
Date and Time	13.30, Tuesday 17 th February 2009
Approved by Chair	

In Attendance

Tommy Crocker; Cory Mair; Paul Meredith; Kirsty Crocker; Chelbie Jones; Stacey Meredith; Hayley Wood; James Roach-John (Minutes); Emily Sheen (Guest, invited to attend at the end of the meeting)

1. Apologies

Stewie Ferrier; Caitlyn Mair

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Paul and Stacey read out the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th of February. It was agreed by those present at the meeting that the minutes were a true record and were accepted.

Proposed- Paul Meredith, Seconded – Kirsty Crocker.

3. Matters Arising.

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Chelbie has not been to the school as yet, and is planning on doing a presentation re MY Voice.

Emily Sheen has responded to the letter written by Paul, and is attending this meeting at 16.30.

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James has agreed to set up a MY Voice page as part of the Monkton Communities First Website (www.monkton.info) and will include info as the young people see fit.

Hayley agreed to act as the Administrator for the MY Voice FaceBook page, due to child safety issues, and will work with Paul on content etc. Paul was happy with this, and was asked to have a go at designing a logo for the Group. Paul is also to set up a Hotmail address for MY Voice.

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The sponsored silence has still not been held, with a date to be agreed with the youth club.

4. Information.

As previously mentioned, James informed the Group that Emily Sheen from PC has responded to say they she will attend the meeting as requested by the young people. James and Hayley then asked the Group if it would be ok to move Item 5 on the Agenda to the end of the meeting, so they could do some research and plan properly to do a presentation regarding the ball park when Emily arrived. The young people agreed this.

The date for the sponsored silence was agreed to be Tuesday 24th of February at youth club. The young people all agreed to undertake more fundraising before the event.

5. Work for the Group.

This item was moved to the end of the Agenda as above.

6. Fundraising.

Hayley stated that the Group need to decide on what they are fundraising for. Discussion was held re funds already collected, some of which are at the Tanyard and other funds with M&Ms. Hayley agreed to speak with Maggie re the money raised.

Tommy suggested that Group opens an account with the Credit Union to hold their funds. The Group felt that this was a very good idea, and James agreed to look into this on the Group's behalf. **Action-** James to find out if it is possible for a Group account to be opened with Haven Credit Union and if so to get further info.

The young people discussed the pyjama walk, and agreed to walk from Monkton to Stackpole. It was agreed that the Easter holiday was the best time to do this, with the date of the 7th of April being decided.

Stacey suggested undertaking a sponsored bike ride, and Hayley mentioned that the young people could borrow bikes from 21C if needed. Hayley also suggested links to GoForIt for the sponsored events.

The Group also agreed to do a Car Boot Sale on the 9th of May at the Community Hall.

Future fundraisers to be agreed at a later meeting were a car wash in June, a stall at the Village Fayre, and bag packing in Somerfield.

7. Marketing.

It was agreed that the group would do posers for the Easter card competition, and how the competition would be arranged was discussed, with no agreement made at this point.

Hayley and Paul are to work on the FaceBook page.

James asked the young people what they would like to see on the MY Voice page of the Communities First Website. It was agreed that minutes of meetings, pictures of the group working, pictures of things that the young people want to see changed and links to Tanyard, YouthZone, FaceBook and Childline would be a good start.

8. Communication.

James confirmed that Emily had responded to the letter written by Paul

9. Issues.

No additional points were raised as issues.

10. Any other business.

There was no other business, due to Item 5 being discussed at the end of the meeting.

11. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting on MY Voice will be held on Thursday 12th of March, at 16.30 at the Communities First Office.

5. Work for the Group.

As part of the work for the Group, the young people visited the Ball Park in Ramsden Court, to assess their needs. They also visited the new Garden areas in Gwilliam Court and Colley Court, to see what work had been done. Whilst at the Gwilliam Court site, the members of MY Voice spoke to other young people from the community who were using the play area.

When they returned to the office, the young people drew up a list of questions to be presented to Emily. These were as follows;

Paul – What involvement has the Communities First Partnership has in terms of consulting with you [Emily] to upgrade the ballpark?

Chelbie – Is there any funds available?

Kirsty – How are you going to involve young people in designing the upgrading of the ballpark?

Stacey – Do you think we can make the ball court look nicer than it looks now, because we have some ideas to go towards it?

Kirsty – If we can upgrade the ballpark will we be able to help you?

In response, Emily confirmed that she had been linking to the Communities First Partnership through work with James, and that there are funds available through the Council to assist the improvement of the park. Emily also confirmed that she was looking for young people to be involved by giving their ideas, and presented some info from a previous consultation that she had done with local young people, which was read out by Kirsty.

Following this the young people presented their ideas for the improvement for the ballpark, as follows;

- Different coloured lines to mark out courts.
- Holes in fences need repairing
- Colourful graffiti on brick walls
- Walls need repairing
- Caged in with roof to prevent balls being a nuisance to neighbours
- A new gate as the current one is damaging the wall
- Bins outside for litter
- Lockable to avoid vandalism

- Adequate lighting for safety
- Posts can be repaired
- Nets and goalposts
- Even floor and skim with tarmac

Emily thanked the young people for their ideas, and said that she thought that the council would be able to help. The next step however would be to speak with the people who live around the park to ensure that they are happy with the ideas. **Action-** Emily agreed to help the young people to undertake a consultation with the neighbours on Wednesday 25th of February at 16.30. This will be supported by Hayley, and members of the Communities First Team, as James is not available.

James, Hayley and Emily thanked the young people for their hard work.

With no other business the meeting closed at 16.40 p.m.