

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2006 to obtain the requirements for the new Youth Centre

Present:

Councillor T Fiddler, (Chair)
Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs S Delany, Mrs. J. Maguire M/s
D. Morriss, Mrs. E Willis, L Rigby, T. Threlfall, St J Greenhough and C Robb.
Mandy Stott, John Hutchings and Emma from the LCC Youth Services
County Councillor Bernard Whittle,
Representatives from the Village hall committee
and in excess of 25 youths.

Apologies: Councillor Mrs M Foster.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called to establish exactly what was required for the new Youth centre to function efficiently.

John Hutchings indicated that there had been a meeting with the Youths of Freckleton, on 31st January 2006 and their "wish" was as follows:-

A pool table; table tennis equipment; music system; DJ deck; board games; play station and TV; arts and crafts equipment; tuck shop; internet access; lounge area with seating (e.g. bean bags); Boxing ring and equipment to play outdoor games(e.g. football, rounders etc.).

Harry Robinson indicated that there was a pool table and table tennis equipment already available in the Village hall.

Mandy Stott indicated that she had staff available to support the running of the Youth centre in Freckleton for one evening a week. In addition, they could provide training for the adult members of the Younger year's committee, so that they would be able to supervise the running of the Youth club. The training would be undertaken over 7 sessions and a minimum of eight people would be required to attend the course. The youths of Freckleton would also be invited to other activities run the LCC Youth services. She indicated that a start up grant of £100 would be available. She also stated that one lap tap was on order from the LCC, to be shared between Freckleton and Warton Youth centres.

Councillor Greenhough indicated that four laptops and networking equipment could be purchased for approximately £1,500. County Councillor Whittle stated that LCC would review the telephone wiring and the new equipment to ensure they met the required safety standards. He also indicated that fundings would be available for other services.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would initially like to purchase the four laptops, so that the Youth club could have immediate access to this facility and enquired if the LCC would re-imburse the Parish Council for this expenditure. Councillor Whittle indicated that the LCC would be prepared to re-imburse the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the broadband rental service would be paid for by the Parish Council.

Harry Robinson stated that it was essential that all high profile equipment be removed from the premises, to reduce the risk of break-ins. John Hutchings confirmed that they would not leave any valuable equipment on the premises.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....T. Fiddler, Chairman.....

Date.....06/03/2006.....