

**Date:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

**Meeting:** CYC FULL COUNCIL

**Time:** YC Officers – 4.15pm to 4.30pm  
Youth Council – 4.30pm to 6.00pm

**Venue:** Carterton Town Hall

**Present:** Mentor Lin Kennedy  
Mentor Maddy Radburn  
Mentor Carole MaCrae  
Mentor Dee Bulley  
Yth Cllr Rosie Herridge  
Yth Cllr Matty Yallop  
Yth Cllr Rachel Cross  
Yth Cllr Calum Kelly  
Yth Cllr Katie Sangwell  
Yth Cllr Alison Catt  
Yth Cllr Lilly McGuigan

**Apologies:** Mentor Ady Coomber  
Yth Cllr Emma Beckett  
Yth Cllr George Onoufriou

**Invited Guests:** Andy Cross  
Helen Le Brocq

**Item 1 – Apologies**

All apologies are noted above.

**Item 2 – Minutes From The Last Meeting**

Mentor Carole MaCrae advised that Item 8 on the minutes from the last meeting was incorrect and should be '10K Run' as opposed to 'Carterton Fun Run'.

**Item 3 – Matters Arising From The Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**Item 4 – Chairs announcements**

Yth Cllr Rosie Herridge passed on Emma's message that Emma and Matty went to the Town Council Policy Committee Meeting to give a CYC report from the Youth Activities Feedback.

**Item 5 – Treasurer's Report**

Yth Cllr Rachel Cross said that the CYC raised £75.65 at the Christmas Fair – The money will be going to Helen and Douglas House at the end of the year.

### **Item 6 – BMX/Bike Related Project**

Andy Cross and Helen Le Brocq attended the CYC meeting to discuss a new project that they are hoping to run in Witney and Carterton. There are two projects that link into each other – ‘Pimp my Bike’ and a project involving ‘Pimping’ up bikes to send to disadvantaged Children in Africa.

Attached to these minutes is the hand-out that was given out at the meeting containing all the information on the Project from last year which took place in Witney. Due to the success of the project in Witney last year, they have decided to bring it to Carterton as well this year provided funding could be acquired.

It will cost around £500-600 to fund the project where Bikes are sent to disadvantaged children in Africa who have miles to travel to get to school etc. Andy and Helen were hoping that they could fund 5 or 6 local businesses to fund this project.

Mentor Carole MaCrae made it very clear to our invited guests that the CYC is the CARTERTON Youth Council and has the Young People in Carterton at their best interest. Our invited guests explained that the skills that the Young People involved in the Africa project will be invaluable.

The Youth Council were very interested in the project and offered their means of advertising by their website and word of mouth as we have representatives of the schools and many organisations in Carterton. An Action was given to all Youth Councillors to find out what the young people they represent think about the project and what they think would work for the young people of Carterton and bring this information back to the full council at our next meeting where we will discuss it, Yth Cllr Matty Yallop will then put this feedback into a mini report and send it to Andy and Helen.

### **Item 7 – Carterton Race Team**

The proposal of providing some funding to Carterton Race Team was put forward to the Town Council at their last meeting and the outcome was that the Town Council would allow the sum of £500 to buy equipment for the Race Team. Also, Town Cllr Scott said that he would be able to purchase much of the equipment at trade price and if the Town Council writes the cheque then we can reclaim the VAT so that the £500 donation will get around £600 worth of equipment.

### **Item 8 – Carterton Fun Run/ 10K Run**

Mentor Carole MaCrae advised that the Agenda Item should not be ‘Carterton Fun Run’ as that is NOT what the event run by the Town Council is called: their event is called the Carterton 10K Run. Mentor Maddy Radburn advised that the event which the Lions are running on the same day for Young People in the town is called the ‘Carterton Fun Run’.

Mentor Carole MaCrae then made it clear that this has been confused in the previous minutes by having them under one item.

A discussion was held on the role of the CYC in these events. Maddy reported that the CYC were not involved in the children’s Fun Run as the Town Council had said that they were needed for the 10K. Carole said that she understood that the CYC had been asked to marshal the Fun Run and would not be insured by the Town Council for this.

Maddy replied that the CYC had originally been asked to help out with the administration of the event on the field at the back of the Leisure Centre. This might have helped the CYC to raise their profile. However, it was clear that the CYC would be busy with the 10K and therefore not able to assist. Carole advised that the children's Fun Run was nothing to do with the Town Council.

#### **Item 8a. – CYC T-shirts/sashes/tabards etc.**

Mentor Maddy Radburn showed the CYC an example of a tabard and suggested that this is one item the CYC could ask the Town Council to purchase so that the CYC would be easily identified when out in public view. The other options were to have a sash. It was also suggested that T-shirts were a good idea however they would not be able to be used year after year and therefore would not be cost effective.

Yth Cllr Calum Kelly suggested that Hoodies could be an alternative as they would keep Youth Councillors warm when out in public view and would also be easily identified. Mentors Carole MaCrae and Dee Bulley immediately expressed their objection that these would not be cost effective as they would not be able to be used year after year. Yth Cllr Matty Yallop suggested that Hoodies may appeal to Young People more than a sash or tabard but Carole and Dee disagreed.

The Youth Councillors were disappointed; no decision was made. Mentor Maddy will report on this topic again next meeting.

#### **Item 9 – Bright Ideas Initiative**

Yth Cllr Matty Yallop announced that there had been no Bright Ideas handed in to the CYC. Mentor Dee Bulley said that there had been referring to Mentor Maddy Radburn's idea of a tabard/sash. It was explained that whenever a Bright Idea had not been handed in, we meant the new Bright Idea Initiative Application Forms.

#### **Item 10 – Film Showings**

Following the Report that was given to the Town Council Policy Committee Meeting, it was asked that the CYC were to discuss further the idea of putting on Film Showings for Young People in Carterton as this was something suggested to the CYC in our activities workshop meeting. There was a general feeling that the Youth Councillors have had enough and so this was not explored in as much depth as some may have liked so Yth Cllr Matty Yallop would email the CYC to go out to the Young People they represent and ask them what they specifically mean by a Film Showing including what films they would like to see and best timings, venues, prices etc. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

#### **Item 11 – Ice Skating Trips**

Yth Cllr Matty Yallop explained that after the Town Council Policy Committee Meeting, Henry Howard, one of Carterton's Oxfordshire County Council representatives, following him and Emma out to explain that his wife runs trips to Oxford Ice Rink and as this was one idea put forward to the Town Council that evening – we might be interested in it.

**Item 11a – AOB**

A new item was added to the Agenda at the meeting called Any Other Business.

- a) **CLIC Certificate**: Town Mayor Norman MaCrae arrived to present a certificate from CLIC Sargent thanking the CYC for their fundraising last year. Mentor Carole MaCrae asked for a picture of the Town Mayor and CYC at the end of the meeting which took place.
- b) **Go Karting**: Mentor Lin Kennedy explained that there will be a chance for the Carterton Community to have a go at Go Karting on the Recreational Ground on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm where the Official opening of the brand new Recreational Ground will take place.
- c) **End of Year Celebrations**: Yth Cllr Matty Yallop suggested that as we are approaching the end of the year the CYC should begin to plan their end of year celebration. He explained that last year it was held at the Allandale where Youth Councillors had the chance to use the facilities at the Allandale and then played rounders on the Rec against Cottsway housing who have already offered us a re-match. It was decided that if possible this would take place again this year and Yth Cllr Matty Yallop will try to organise this.
- d) **Involvement of Year 6's**: Mentor Carole MaCrae announced that this year, Year 6's had not been involved in the CYC and that the Town Council had received many letters of complaint from Head Teachers of the primary schools and from Carterton Community College. She said that the CYC had made a wrong decision to cut out the Year 6s. Yth Cllr Matty Yallop reported that the CYC did NOT make this decision and it was made by the Mentors at the end of last year in attempt to make the CYC smaller. As a result of these complaints, the Year 6 leaders of the School Councils will be attending the next CYC meeting to get a taster of the experience and report back to their schools.

**Item 12 – Time and Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 4.15pm for officers and 4.30pm for the Full Youth Council. This will be the last CYC meeting of the year.

Minutes Compiled By Matty Yallop

## ATTACHMENT

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

**Pimp my Bike**



### **Background**

This project really utilised partnership working across youth groups, councils and another housing association. We had contacted Oxfordshire Youth Arts Project (OYAP) as they had done this project very successfully for other housing associations in the past. We thought this project was quite innovative and young people can take away new skills including bike mechanics, graffiti spraying and design skills. After an initial meeting with OYAP and A2Dominion who were also interested in running a similar project, we decided to work together and A2Dominion could target their supported housing schemes in Witney. With Witney in mind we could easily target our residents and get the local Youth Service onside to provide a base to carry out the project.

Witney does have issues with anti-social behaviour and it has increased slightly from 2008-2009. We thought that we could utilise the work of Base 33's Outreach Workers and target those young people that were hanging around on the streets in Witney. They could also gauge if the young people had an interest in bikes and graffiti art.

As we did this project as joint working we would split the costs between the two housing associations and work on getting the majority of the cost of the project from grant funding. We assigned ourselves with who would source what type of funding and set ourselves dates to have this achieved by. We agreed that this type of project would be good for a half-term activity as it would be based over two full days. The age range for young people would also range from 11 to 18 year olds so we would have a broad mixture of ages which would help with our funding application.

### **Purpose**

The main aim of this project is to get young people off the streets doing something they have an interest in doing. The title of the project instantly relates to young people given the popular MTV program 'Pimp my Ride'. The project follows a certain timetable which means young people's bikes must get

looked at first by the bike mechanic. He looks at them from a safety point of view first and discussed any issues with the young people. This is an opportunity for the young people to learn a little about their bikes, and learn to take them to pieces so they are ready to be 'pimped'. They can then work with the graffiti artists to come up with designs and colour schemes for their bikes. Learning techniques on spraying their bikes, stencilling and accessorising. They then put their bikes together and the bike mechanic checks that everything is ok with them. The finished product is their bike that the young person has designed and worked on themselves.



If a young person has not got a bike we would aim to get them one for free and they can work on it and take it home. We would also aim to get someone down from the local Police Station to talk to the young people about bike safety. We would also allow parents to come down and see what the young people are doing and perhaps help with working on the bikes also.

## **What we did**

By working in partnership we were able to identify the young people we could involve in the project. Working with Base 33 we were able to highlight to them areas of Cottsway residents so they could do their outreach work in those areas and target young people. On speaking to parents many were eager for their children to take part especially as their bikes would be made more safer to ride. A2Dominion work with young people in their supported housing units

and were quickly able to identify young people with an interest to take part. As we were limited to only 15 spaces max, these spaces were easily filled and the Youth Workers targeted those with a keen interest in their bikes.

As the project started we got all the young people, staff and Project Leaders together. This was to highlight to the young people the format for the 2 days, what was involved and what they could do with their bikes. Many young people had already drawn out some of their designs before attending and they were eager to get on. However they first needed to work on their bikes with the bike mechanic identified how much work each of the bikes would need before they could get on and spray them.

The project was over 2 days and as Base 33 were hosting the event they were able to secure funding in conjunction with a Cotsway funding application to have 2 Youth Workers on site as well as providing lunch for the Project leaders, staff and young people. This was a great opportunity to start getting some feedback from all involved about how it was going so far. They were eager to get back outside and continue with their bikes and talked a lot to the Project leaders about what they were going to do next.

At the end of the first day many of the young people had started to spray their bike. We worked with OYAP to get 5 addition free bikes from the local cycle shop as the young people from A2Dominion did not have bikes. This was great for them as they were able to get the bikes up to a good condition, get them 'pimped' and take them away with them. They were so pleased to have got a bike out of the project and were eager to start work on them.

The second day saw many young people arrive early and many of them were now at the stage of sanding down and spraying their bikes. I think a few young people had changed their minds about designs overnight and many wanted to change their designs and colours. They worked with graffiti artists at this stage and were taught methods of spraying their bikes and certain techniques they could use to achieve certain effects. After the bikes are dry they can then work on putting stencils or tags on their bikes to finish them off before they are lacquered for protection or their artwork.

## **Outcomes**

Towards the end of the course we began to talk to young people and start to evaluate how the project went. Not one of them had a bad comment to make and for many this project had new skills they would not have learnt before. The young people were very hands-on with the project and were surprised that they were in fact doing their own bikes rather than the Graffiti artists themselves. They were able to work together, put their ideas forward and were helped to create their designs/ideas on to their bikes.

On the second day there was also a whiteboard available for young people to write their comments on during lunch. We also worked on evaluating the project as it was finishing by interviewing young people and filling out an evaluation with them. This was a great opportunity to get some feedback from all of them including:

**“Better than staying indoors and playing on the Xbox...”**

**“Awesome...”**

**“Good ways to get kids off the streets and make their bikes safe”.**

**“Educating, fun and messy!”**

**“We were allowed to do the spraying and learnt how to do it”.**

**“Very good, not done before”.**

**“Brilliant and enjoyed it”.**

This is certainly something we would like to do again as there was a lot of involvement with young people and some of their parents. Base 33 are already planning another session in the Summer and we would certainly like to be apart of it. We hope to deliver the same project but with more activities going on at the same time and invite others to work with us or to come along and see what we are doing.

We have since had some local press coverage which is great for all the partners we have been working with.



## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

<b>Total cost of project</b>		£2500.00
Cottsway Housing	£500.00	
Chill-out fund	£500.00	
Witney Youth Centre	£500.00	
A2Dominion	£500.00	
Witney Town Charity	£500.00	
<b>Total</b>	£2500.00	