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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 29th January 2018 at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston at 19:00hrs

PRESENT: Councillors L Duff, E Linton (Chairman) and P Gander

ALSO: Clerk to the Council, Simon Cross

ABSENT: Cllrs C Barber and H Tester

The meeting commenced at 19:10. In the absence of Cllr Tester, committee Vice-Chairman Cllr Linton assumed the chairmanship.

66/18 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

A reason for absence and an apology were accepted from Cllr Barber (unwell) and Cllr Tester (away).

67/18 PERSONAL AND/OR PECUNIARY/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

68/18 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

69/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2017

The draft Minutes were circulated to all councillors on 5th December. No suggested amendments were received.

The committee AGREED unanimously the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November were an accurate report of the meeting and could be signed. Cllr Linton duly signed the Minutes.

70/18 UPDATE ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following report by the Clerk was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Matters Arising from previous meetings

Minute 721/17 – Christmas lunch – the minibus provided by the council was well-used for the Our Lady, Star of the Sea Christmas lunch. No invoice has yet been received.

Minute 880/17 – East Preston Food and Drink Festival – 26th August 2017 – a little reluctantly, Full Council agreed this committee council donate £500 of its underspend on this event towards the refurbishment of the Sea Road toilet block. (Minute 909/17, Resolution 1160)

Minute 885/17 – East Preston School Crossing Patrol – I have advised West Sussex County Council (WSSC) of this council's willingness to pay for two school crossing patrollers in the village – one at the traditional location in North Lane and one at a new location somewhere in Worthing Road. On 16th January, I received the following from Graham Essex at WSSC:

“A brief assessment of the area surrounding East Preston Schools and Worthing Road has found a potential crossing place, towards the end of the pedestrian passageway leading from Lashmar Road to Roundstone Crescent. The crossing would extend across Worthing Road for pedestrians to walk either east, towards the level crossing or west. A problem found with this site was, if walking towards the level crossing, the footpath which drops down from the link road to the main road, is narrow and not very accommodating for pushchairs and alike.

“This site would accommodate pedestrians walking from the east and west and has relatively good sightlines from the south side of Worthing Road. Signage and safety zone lamps would need installing. We will need to undertake a full assessment of the site before proceeding and this may reveal other problems.

“We need to ascertain if this site meets your requirements, meets the needs of the children and parents who use the school and also, if this site will fulfil the requirement as fully as possible.

“Please let me know your thoughts.”

I have contacted both East Preston headteachers for their opinion on the above, although Mrs New has less of an interest as the children in her school do not walk to school unsupervised.

Minute 886/17 – East Preston Postcards – a reprint of a single postcard would be £60 for 250 of one design or £67 for 500 of one design.

Minute 889/17 – East Preston Christmas Celebrations – 25th November 2017 – I have been back to the Sea Road resident who had complained about the siting of a hot food stall outside her bedroom window. She was appreciative of the committee having listened to her concerns but she did say she would probably go out next year and avoid the event completely!

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

22nd January 2018

Minute 885/17 – East Preston School Crossing Patrol – the committee was unsure it supported West Sussex County Council's proposed siting for a crossing patrol in Worthing Road, owing to the steps on the northern side of the proposed location. The Clerk would find out whether WSSC would replace the steps with a ramp. The committee AGREED they needed to visit the site during school drop-off and pick-up times to see how well used that crossing point is anyway and to see whether any more obvious locations occur.

Minute 886/17 – East Preston Postcards – the Clerk confirmed the budget had been agreed by Full Council including the sum for a reprint of a single postcard design and this order could be placed in the new financial year.

71/18 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Parish Council website

Committee is asked to consider the management of the News section of the council's website.

The Website Working Party finally managed to meet on Monday, 22nd January. Cllr Steve Wilkinson was appointed Chairman. The working party agreed it would like to have a news / events section on the website but wanted to ensure the section did not become stale. The working party has asked this committee to have a think about this.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

23rd January 2018

The meeting felt there were two problems which needed to be addressed at some point – firstly, the identification of suitable news items to be published and secondly, the need to ensure the news on the website was up-to-date and relevant. The committee AGREED to discuss this further, as necessary, after the Website Working Party has met with Maureen Chaffe.

72/18 PLAYSCHEMES – FEBRUARY 2018

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Playschemes – February 2018

Committee is asked to give further consideration to a playscheme for the February 2018 half-term.

At the last meeting, it was agreed Cllr Duff would continue to work with Bee-Fit on providing a playscheme session for Friday, 16th February.

The most recent correspondence from Tina at Bee-Fit was on 23rd January:

I have it all booked in my diary. I will make sure I have plenty of activities for all the children and for the range of ages. I will also bring some craft activities.

We charge £130 for a two hour party but will charge this for the 3 hours as not so many children.

Hope this is ok.

Looking forward to meeting you all

Tina

The Guide Hall is not available on Fridays, but I have asked the Infant School if we can use the school hall for the morning. Tina is familiar with the school.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th January 2018

Cllr Duff will be present on the day and will purchase everything needed for refreshments in advance. Cllr Linton said she was willing to be the second councillor at the event if Cllr Tester was not available. The committee made some comments about the poster design and the Clerk would make changes accordingly.

73/18 COMMONWEALTH DAY, 12TH MARCH 2018

The following paper was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Commonwealth Day – 12th March 2018

Committee is asked to agree council involvement in this year's Commonwealth Day.

In 2017, the council took part in Commonwealth Day for the first time. This involved raising the Commonwealth flag outside the library and reading the Commonwealth affirmation. This was publicised in a low-key manner and a small number of local residents attended. Unless a committee member is willing to lead on this and do all the necessary leg-work, I would suggest the council's involvement remains as low-key this year too.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

22nd January 2018

The committee AGREED it would keep the event low-key this year. The Clerk will find out whether Cllr Tester will be available to read the Commonwealth Acclamation at this event; a member of the public (Noah Amoo) had read this last year.

Cllr Toney had agreed to be available to raise the Commonwealth Flag at 10am on the day and lower it at the end of the day.

74/18 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL, JUNE 2018

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Festival Committee

Committee is asked to continue consideration of its East Preston Festival events for 2018.

At the last meeting, the committee agreed to run another Come and Meet Your Local Councillors event on the Thursday of Festival week, 7th June and maybe secure a visit from Owls About Town and maybe take part in the Festival Carnival Procession on 9th June. As mentioned in the letter dated 7th November and discussed at this committee's last meeting, the theme for the Festival will be **Celebrating the Countries in the World Cup.**

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th January 2018

The committee AGREED it should invite the new café next to the Council Office to provide cakes for the Come and Meet Your Local Councillors event on 7th June. This would continue the rotation of such requests around the village's businesses. The Clerk suggested attending councillors needed to be in place by 10am and would need to be prepared to stay until 1pm. The event itself would be advertised as running between 10:30am and 12:30pm.

The committee AGREED to try and book Owls About Town for a visit on Tuesday, 5th June.

After some discussion, the committee AGREED the council should participate in this year's Festival Carnival Procession. Cllr Linton will lead on this event.

75/18 EAST PRESTON FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL – 25TH AUGUST 2018

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Food & Drink Festival – 25th August 2018

Committee is also asked to consider progress on this events.

On 10th January, Alison sent the initial invite letter to over 170 Food & Drink businesses – these were a mix of companies who have attended before, companies which have contacted us about attending and a few we have spotted elsewhere and thought would be a good fit.

The event has also been listed on various free listings websites and the ~Nationwide Caterers Association (NCASS) website – further enquiries have come from these channels.

Alison asked companies to return their completed application forms by Thursday, 1st March. The working party will be invited to a meeting the following week, diaries permitting, at which a decision will be made on those companies that have applied to attend.

At the time of writing, eighteen application forms have been completed and returned with more promised.

It would be a) great and b) very useful to have the attendees as good as finalised by the middle of March.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th January 2018

The committee AGREED to meet with Alison on Friday, 9th March at 10:00 to review the list of businesses wanting to take part in the Food & Drink Festival.

76/18 EAST PRESTON CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – 24TH NOVEMBER 2018

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Christmas Celebrations – 24th November 2018

Committee is asked to consider this event and to consider any matters pertaining thereto.

Members of the committee are meeting this evening to start drawing up task lists for each element of the event.

Celebration Samba has been booked to return. In addition to providing music around the village, the band has agreed to do a small workshop ahead of the procession for anyone wanting to take part musically. Total cost of Celebration Samba's whole presence is £150. Soon, the committee will need to decide how to organise this.

Committee is also asked to give further consideration to the idea of appointing venue managers for the event, as mentioned at the last meeting.

I have already been in touch with the lady who organises the French market about attending in 2019. She knows we are interested but is waiting until she has a 2019 diary. I will contact her again soon.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th January 2018

The committee AGREED to hold a follow-on meeting after the Food & Drink Festival meeting on 9th March. This meeting would review the task lists drawn up at the meeting on 24th January and discuss any other matters relating to the Christmas Celebrations event.

The Clerk said he had been approached by a village-based organisation wishing to provide refreshments in the Village Hall on the day of the Christmas Celebrations. For the past two years, this role had been performed by The Baytree Club. The committee AGREED the interested party and The Baytree Club should both be approached to express formally any interest in providing refreshments in either the Village Hall or the Conservative Hall. Likewise, Pebbles should be given the same opportunity.

An initial cut of venue managers for the event was proposed: Overall – Cllr Tester, Conservative Hall – Cllr Linton, Village Hall – Cllr Gander, outdoor areas – Cllr Duff. As this was a proposal, it was subject to change.

Cllr Linton will see whether any German markets might be available to attend. Any information she found she would pass on to Alison to follow up officially.

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Royal British Legion – Silent Soldiers

Committee is asked to consider a request from the Royal British Legion to sponsor one or more Silent Soldiers in the village.

On 5th January, the council received the following email:

Dear Mr. Cross,

I hope you are well?

My name is Polly Bate and I am the Community Fundraiser for the British Legion, in West Sussex. I am writing to you in regards to the World War One Centenary this year, and wondered if your Parish would be interested in joining the Nation in it's commemoration of the end of the War?

Please find attached a letter and leaflet in regards to a new initiative we have recently installed; The Silent Soldier. These Soldier Silhouettes can be located in any town, village or part of the countryside, and can be sponsored by anyone who wishes to do so; councils, corporate companies or individuals. They are a very poignant symbol and a moving tribute highlighting the sacrifice all men and women gave across our Nation during the First World War. For more information, please review the letter and leaflet.

For more information about this scheme, or if you would like to speak further about commemorative or fundraising ideas that your Parish may be interested in for the Royal British Legion, I would be delighted to hear from you.

I wish you a very Happy New Year and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very best wishes

Polly

Polly Bate
Community Fundraiser – West Sussex

The papers attached to the email can be found at Appendix A below:

I replied to Polly asking if there was a minimum sponsorship expected, and received the following reply:

Dear Simon,

Thank you so much for your email, I am delighted to hear you are interested in the Silent Soldier scheme.

We do ask for sponsorship of £250 per Silent Soldier, which can include the Parish Council name at the bottom – as shown in the imagery.

The Soldiers are made of a material called dibond, which is an aluminium composite sheet, which is stable and rigid, and weather proof. The soldiers also come with a number of attachments so it can be securely fitted where required.

The measurements are approx. 144cm x 60cm, The soldier on its own is 3kg with the iron poles at 7kg approx.

I hope this information helps and look forward to hearing the feedback from your Parish 'council.

Very best wishes

Polly

Without needing anyone else's permission, the council could place a Silent Soldier outside the Council Office, on the Village Green, Two Acres or the Warren Recreation Ground. I would suggest the Council Office is not a suitable background. Anywhere else, such as adjacent to the WW1 commemorative bench outside the library or on the wall of the Village Hall, would need permission from the relevant organisations. Committee will need to go to Full Council to ask for funding for Silent Soldiers should it decide it would like to pursue this.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

22nd January 2018

The committee AGREED to ask Full Council in March for permission to purchase three Silent Soldiers. One would be placed outside East Preston Library adjacent to the WW1 bench, and two would be placed on the Village Green. The Clerk

would contact the library for agreement to site one there. The Clerk said he believed at least one would be bought by a local business in addition to these three.

78/18 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Community volunteers

Committee is asked to consider further how the council can better incorporate community volunteers into its activities.

Cllr Linton will lead on this item. Although it was suggested an article be included in the Winter 2018 newsletter, there was no space for such.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

22nd January 2018

Cllr Linton would chase Cllr Barber to write the article as agreed at the last meeting. This could then be issued in an e-newsletter in the first place.

Meanwhile, the Clerk would oversee the council's officers drawing up a list of tasks suitable for volunteers.

79/18 DEFIBRILLATOR

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Defibrillator

Committee is asked to consider matters related to the implementation of a defibrillator outside the Council Office.

Cllr Gander will lead on this item. A defibrillator has been purchased at a cost of £1,550 (excl. VAT) – this covers the purchase of a Physio-Control CR2 fully automatic defibrillator, a Cetek stainless steel outdoor, locked cabinet, and one "Rescue Kit" and one 3D wall sign.

We are seeking an electrician willing and able to install the cabinet on the wall shared between the Council Office and the new café to the south of the office building – this is the only suitable location for a defib outside the Council Office. I have agreement from the landlord of 126-128 Sea Road and the owner of the new business – both see the value of having the defib located there.

Community Heartbeat Trust can provide a familiarisation session of up to two hours for a maximum of 150 people. Delivered by a doctor or paramedic, the session would cover how to use a defib, how to access the equipment, compression only CPR and all the whys and wherefores. Such a session would cost £200. Of the £1,875 awarded by National Lottery Awards For All, the council has so far spent the £1,550 stated above. The committee did budget £800 for the defib in the current year's budget and electrician can be paid from that sum, leaving £325 from the grant for spending on familiarisation sessions.

Community Heartbeat Trust suggests midweek evening sessions attract the highest number of attendees.

I have contacted the Village Hall's booking secretary asking if there is a midweek evening for which the hall does not have a regular booking at the moment.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

22nd January 2018

Cllr Gander reported she had spoken with the very-helpful Martin at Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT). Now the council had bought and wanted to operate a defibrillator there was certain governance with which it needed to comply. There was a wealth of useful information available from the CHT and the defibrillator would be registered there once it was up and running. The defibrillator would need to be serviced annually and money would need to be set aside for this in the future.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the council's insurance policy covered any trauma which may result from a member of the public using the defibrillator but failing to revive the patient.

Cllr Gander reported Martin had advised the most successful time to run familiarisation sessions was midweek evenings. This seemed to work well with parents and working people. Depending upon the availability of the Village Hall, the committee would look to run a session either in late-May or in mid-June. The session could be advertised in the Spring 2018 Newsletter and / or the East Preston Festival brochure depending upon the date chosen.

80/18 OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The committee NOTED the following paper which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Our Lady, Star of the Sea – Christmas Day Lunch

Committee is asked to note the following letter:



CATHOLIC PARISH OF EAST PRESTON WITH ANGMERING
CHURCH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

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30th December 2017

S. Cross Esq.,
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Dear Mr Cross,

On behalf of the Catholic Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, may I express my sincere thanks to you and the Council for their very generous sponsorship of our Christmas Luncheon, held on Christmas Day in our Parish Hall. Your generosity enabled us to provide for 44 people in the local community who would have been on their own, or not well enough to prepare a Christmas luncheon, to join us in the Hall and so enjoy a special event due to the generosity of Sponsors and our Parishioners. In addition we were able to deliver a further 12 lunches to those who were too unwell to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. David Rea
(Parish Priest)

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

12th January 2018

81/18 LIBRARY CLEAN

The following paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Library Clean

Committee is asked to give further consideration to the Library Clean event.

This event was first mentioned at the end of the last committee meeting at which committee AGREED it would support such an event. I have asked Vicki for more information on what could be cleaned at the library and said we should have a quick meeting to discuss that. Until that has taken place there is little more we can discuss at the moment.

One of the two local decorating / handyman gurus remains very willing to get involved but may be less keen at the reduced scope of the work.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

22nd January 2018

The Clerk had received no list of proposed tasks from the library yet. Until such a list has been received, the committee AGREED it could not discuss this further.

82/18 **EAST PRESTON YOUTH CLUB**

The committee NOTED the following paper which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Youth Club

Committee is asked to note the following Annual Report. This can be found at Appendix B below.

Committee is also asked to consider if any member is willing to join the Management Committee of the Youth Club as a second council representative. Cllr Mathias is the first council representative.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th January 2018

The committee found the report very positive and encouraging.

Cllr Duff said she would speak to Mrs Khoo about involvement with the Youth Club Committee.

83/18 **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

The committee NOTED the following report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Community Speed Watch

Committee is asked to note the following stats produced by the Community Speed Watch team:

At the last meeting, the committee considered results up to 22nd November. Owing to illness, the Community Speed Watch team has been unable to patrol since then.

Paul Kelly approached the council asking for help in publicising the work of the group and asking for new volunteers. I agreed and included an article in the e-newsletter sent to residents on 16th January. A similar article has been included in the Winter 2018 newsletter which is due to go to press.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

24th January 2018

To date, the Clerk had not received any enquiries from members of the public interested in joining the Community Speed Watch team.

84/18 **NEW ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING (26TH MARCH)**

Cllr Linton asked if the meeting scheduled for 26th March could be moved. A new date of 29th March at 10:30am in the Council Office was AGREED.

The Meeting closed at 20:30hrs.

Chairman: Councillor Elizabeth Linton Date: **29th March 2018**

Royal British Legion – Silent Soldiers



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5th January 2018

Dear Mr. Cross,

Is your Parish Council looking for a way to commemorate the 100 year anniversary to mark the end of the First World War?

This year, across the Country, the Nation will be joining together to thank the First World War generation and all those who served, sacrificed and saved our world. One initiative that will be shown throughout the country is the 'Silent Soldier', a sponsored silhouette which will display a mark of respect to those who fell in the four years of war, leading to the Armistice in November 1918.

West Sussex Royal British Legion would like to invite your Parish to sponsor a 'Silent Soldier', to show your support this year. As shown in detail on the enclosed flyer, we hope to see many 'Silent Soldiers' appearing across West Sussex, appearing on buildings, in gardens and fields, on roundabouts and many other places.

Sponsoring a 'Silent Soldier' means the Royal British Legion can continue to support and care for Veterans from all Wars since WW1, and provide life changing benefits to those members of the armed forces communities affected, both individually and as a family.

If you wish to find out more about this initiative, please do get in touch. Alternatively, if you are interested in supporting the Royal British Legion commemorate the end of the First World War in different ways, there are so many ways your community can get involved - please contact me if you would like to hear more.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Polly Bate



RBL SUSSEX Silent Soldier 1914-1918 Lest We Forget

IN SUPPORT OF

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Nearly 1.1 million British and Empire service men and women were killed during the First World War before the guns finally fell silent on Armistice Day 11 November 1918. The Sussex Royal British Legion is keen to ensure that we pay our respects to those who gave so much.

Sussex RBL will be inviting sponsors for the SILENT SOLDIER, as seen in the photos. These Silent Soldiers will appear across the county as we commemorate the end of WW1.

They will appear on buildings, gardens, fields, roundabouts and many other places, companies, individuals can join the Nation to remember and have a Silent Soldier proudly on display.



Sussex RBL know, without doubt, that British communities will come together in all sorts of different ways to reflect and remember the huge sacrifice that so many people made during those years of war. The Silent Soldier will be Sussex's tribute to remember.

RBL Sussex are asking companies, businesses, churches, local authorities, private individuals and other well-known establishments to purchase a silent soldier and place them ready for the commemoration of the WW1 period. This will start in Sussex during November 2017 and end in December 2018.





The Silent Soldier can be fixed to buildings and walls and will appear as troops did between 1914-1918 when returning home "silently". The Silent Soldier is a mark of respect to the many who lost their lives and never returned home.

The Silent Soldier comes complete with a post, screws and your name at the bottom as seen in the photo example.

For further information please contact

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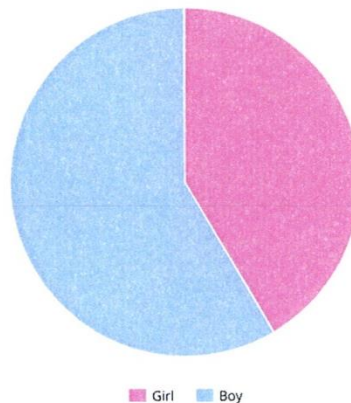
East Preston Youth Centre Report – January 2018

We've had a fantastic year at EPYC! As a team, we have been really focused on building positive relationships with the young people that attend the youth centre. These relationships form the foundation of our work and have proved to be vital when working with the young people in East Preston. We've had a lot of fun this year and have been able to really engage with the young people that attend because of the varied and engaging sessions.

Attendance

I'm delighted to say that we engaged with 66 young people throughout 2017, with 43 being our highest attendance in one evening. This may look like a lower attendance compared to our 2017 report, but the data has been collected more accurately in this new report. Our 2017 report showed that we had engaged with 68 young people, but some of these may have only been for one session. The 66 young people highlighted in the figures for 2017 are consistent attendees that we've seen on a regular basis and thus a more accurate representation of the service being provided. The charts below show that we have 38 males and 28 females attending the sessions regularly. The biggest age groups we work with are 13 and 16 year olds, which I will highlight later in the report.

Gender Breakdown



Trips/Half-term

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our planned Ice Skating trip due to low interest. We will continue to work with young people in regard to trip ideas and hopefully we'll be able to report a successful trip in February half-term! We are keen to keep engaging with young people throughout half-term either by keeping the session open or running a trip. We are very happy that the committee has agreed to run two sessions for 50 weeks of the year which will aid in keeping the service consistent.



Additional Session

As previously mentioned, we are really excited at the opportunity to run a second youth night in East Preston. The current youth club is operating from the same building as Rascals and it can be tricky to engage with young people in such a small building with limited access both inside and outside (currently a building site)!

I mentioned earlier that our biggest age ranges are 13 and 16 year olds. With this in mind we are keen to look at the possibility of running an inters session (11-14 year olds) and a senior session (15-18 year olds) each week on different days from different venues. Initial conversations have shown that the senior session would appear to be better suited to move to a Tuesday evening at the Conservative Hall whilst keeping the inters session at the youth centre on a Friday evening. We're in the very begging stages of opening the addition night and we will look to liaise with the committee in the upcoming weeks to get the new youth club open asap.

Young Leader Programme

As a result of the relationships built with our young people, we have had a number of the seniors asking if they can help with the running of the youth club. We already work with young people across our Littlehampton projects to plan and deliver session to younger age groups and we'd really like to encourage similar work in East Preston. This builds stronger relationships between youth workers and young people whilst also acknowledging the leaderships skills of our young people and giving them the opportunity to gain valuable experience that can help to strengthen their CV, give them new experiences, and boost their confidence. We will give feedback from this in future reports.

Term Plan (subject to change). Planned food for session is in brackets.

January

- 12th – #2018goals: What do you want to achieve this year?
- 19th – Cup Championship – Games Night (toast bar)
- 26th – Weighing Up Sugar: Are energy drinks bad? (Fruit kebabs)

February

- 2nd – Pizza Making – National Pizza Day!
- 9th – Pancake Olympics (Pancakes and fruit)
- 16th – HALF TERM TRIP
- 23rd – Pool Tournament (Pasta)

March

- 2nd – Minute To Win It Night (Chicken Kebabs/Fajitas)
- 9th – British Science Week Experiments (Fruit Smoothie Bike)
- 16th – National No Smoking Day/Sports Relief (Fish and Chips)
- 23rd – Social Action Project Evening: Young People to decide



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30th – NSPCC Big Board Game Day (Ice Cream Milkshakes)

Arun Youth Projects

We are now fully operational as AYP! All of our youth clubs are under this banner and we will be using the new logo (and new uniform) from now on. We're on Facebook & Instagram (@arunyouthprojects) and although there isn't much content at the moment we plan to use these social media accounts to communicate all of the updates of the service. Please follow the pages!

Thank You

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the young people in East Preston and are expecting another fabulous year (with two sessions!) in 2018! I'd like to say a big thank you to the committee for all they do in their various roles. It doesn't go unnoticed and we are very appreciative of the hard work that happens behind the scenes so that we are in the position to run the youth centre.

Ben Young
Arun Youth Projects Service Manager