

Marsden Youth & Community meeting

6th October 2008

Marsden Mechanics

8 people attended the meeting

Keith gave a recap of the last meeting by going through the minutes:-

- Multi Use Games Area – this has been discussed at Area Committee, as at the moment it is not being used to its full potential as there is not good access and there are no lights. The Leisure and Recreation Service has put a bid into Cabinet for a play zone for older young people 7-12 year old. They also intend to follow that with a bid for lights later on in the year. This is the sort of project that would benefit from community involvement.
- The house on Marsden Park is going to be turned in to a house to let, so that there is a presence on the park.
- Colne Valley High School - Kirklees Active Leisure run the sports hall and from Mondays to Thursdays it is very well used. It is not used at the weekends very much as it is expensive to open for one group. It will be better when the whole building is used to make economic sense. Jolene will be using the Hub a couple of evening per week – one to do a focussed project with young women from Marsden and one as a drop session for young people from Linthwaite.
- The group discussed all the things that were going on and how there is still an issue about co-ordinating events that are going on and getting the information out there. Ian said that the school does act as a signpost. There was a discussion around the information centre and how not all residents use it to its full potential. Jenni went on to say that this is how she envisaged the community centre – as a central information point for all the community and to drop in and have a coffee. Keith went on to talk about there already being a Marsden Community Association that already has a constitution and is a charity. The residents of Marsden are all members. They act as an umbrella group for other groups. There is a group that deal with the Christmas lights and this is under the MCA umbrella. Jenni has spoken to Gwyn who is the chair of the group.
- The group went on to discuss what is needed in the village and to identify what is missing. There needs to be some evidence of consultation with residents. The group did an exercise in what they thought Marsden needed and how to go about getting it:-
 1. Cyber Café – 1
Identifying what's needed – 2
Premises (for young people) – 3
 2. Community Café – 1
Create an action plan – 1
Consultation and evidence – 1
Youth Programme – 1
Older people drop in centre – 1
A place for the whole community – 1

3. A place for outreach groups to run courses – 1
 - Identify a building – 1
 - Linking to other groups – 1
 - Utilize Community Cohesion – use what's there – 1
 - Focal point for the community - 1

- The group discussed the various thoughts that had come out of the exercise and it was decided that the next step would be to form an action plan to get everything into order and have an end point to focus on.
- Nicola informed the group the Marsden Mechanics Committee had 2 spaces for new members and the AGM was very soon, if people were interested in being on the committee they could put them selves forward.

ACTIONS

Keith to contact Fire Station to see if the community room was available for the November 6th. If not available look to book Mecahics
Diane Green & Albert Mason re the Community association
Contact attendees from last meeting

Next meeting 11th November 7.30pm @ Marsden fire station