

Marsden Youth And Community Project Meeting
27th April 2009
Marsden Fire Station

Present: Keith Melbourne, Jenni Smith-Wignall, Liz Voros & Michaela Howell (KNH – Community Engagement Manager)

Apologies: Jolene Allen, Jessica Elliot, Katie Walsh, Ian Bell, Odette Hazel, Councillors Ridgeway & Fearnley.

1. Cuckoo Day – Jenni gave an update of the day on Saturday where Jenni had shared a stall with m.a.s.t.t. Lots of people picked up the cards and spoke to Jenni about the ideas for Marsden and the project. Rev. Jo Archer – Siddall filled in a form and is willing to be a committee member and give her support. Keith Davey was also interested and Corrine Dunrod would like to run a citizenship project as a study from University.
2. MCA – Gwyn did not turn up with the constitution and related papers as he has been very busy, but he has spoken to Jenni and will be doing this in the very near future.
3. Website – This has been updated and Dave Parnell has done some business cards that Jenni has handed out. There is also a survey on the website and up to date about 10 have been filled in.
4. Dream Scheme – Michaela gave an overview of the project. It is a National scheme that is being run in partnership with KNH. The overall mission is “Building community understanding and encouraging people to make a positive contribution.”
The basic objective is to get young people to do good things in the community and **Work** which then earns **Points** to then do **Trips** and activities. Adults that are residents are needed to work in partnership with young people. Council officers also work on the project but mainly residents are needed as they are there when the workers go home. There needs to be choices of work that are achievable and realistic on the estate where young people and residents live. There is a 2 day training course for staff and anything that is community involvement and for community benefit can be used for the points system. There are examples of past work on the KNH website. This was a very interesting concept and one that could work well when the group has some more adult helpers.
5. James Dean, visitor service manager from Standedge Visitors Centre, Marsden has kindly offered to help with the project. If you would like to check out the centre and see what going on, the link is below,
<http://www.standedge.co.uk/index.htm>

Next Meeting to Be Arranged