

# **Y CAT Meeting – Wednesday 25 May**

## **Genesis Youth Centre, Locks Heath**

### **7 – 8:30pm**

**Attendance: 60+**

**A Y CAT meeting took place at Genesis Youth Centre to discuss apprenticeships and volunteering. Young people attending came from CEMAST and the following Y Services projects: Crofton, Genesis, LGBT, Oasis, Odyssey and XP. Everyone Active, Fareham College and One Community were also in attendance.**

#### **Actions that have taken place since the last Y CAT meeting**

Executive Leader, Cllr Seán Woodward discussed the outcome of issues that had been brought up at the previous meeting:

- **Issue:** Additional lighting wanted around Fareham North West and Titchfield Recreation Ground.
- **Action:** A light column has now been erected at Titchfield Recreation Ground, and the Council are looking into funding for Fareham North West.
- **Issue:** The surface of the football pitch at Fareham North West and the fencing was old and damaged
- **Action:** Both the pitch and fencing has been repaired.
- **Issue:** Installation of rugby posts at Fareham North West was wanted.
- **Action:** Locks Heath Pumas are currently looking for a new location and may consider moving there.
- **Issue:** Concerns over the future of Fareham North West Youth Club.
- **Action:** The club has received funding until 2017.
- **Issue:** Overgrown footpaths leading to the Odyssey Centre.
- **Action:** These have now been dealt with.
- **Action:** There will be a renovation of football goals and basketball hoops, with new court markings at all the multi-use games areas (MUGAs) across Fareham.
- **Issue:** The lack of A Levels in Fareham was a concern.
- **Action:** Cams Hill School is considering running A Level courses.

**After a review of the last meeting, Cllr Woodward opened the floor for questions.**

- **Do you have an apprenticeship position for electronic engineering?**  
Not at Fareham Borough Council, but there are companies in the Fareham area that do. [CEMAST](#) has a number of Electrical Engineering courses on offer.

- **With Access All Areas in the summer, we receive a full bus pass. Is it possible to receive a free bus pass for the whole summer so that we are not stuck in one location?**

There is free travel for the Access All Areas this summer, but we will have to consult with First Bus about the extension.

- **Around the Fareham Leisure Centre field, there are no lights.** We have looked at lighting there and there were concerns from other residents that lighting would encourage people gathering and noise.

- **Could we have another seating shelter at Park Lane as they are uncomfortable?**

We will have a look at that.

- **Wicor Skate Park needs sorting out after vandalism.**

That is scheduled to be improved by Autumn.

- **What future plans are there for 2017 for Portchester Youth Work?**

The struggle is finding the money as it is looked after by Hampshire County Council and they have to find large savings. Fareham Borough Council is picking up some of the slack and there are funding pots that organisations can bid to, with Y-Services included. Y-Services is also one of the Mayoress's chosen charities so there will be extra donations.

- **Behind the flats at Osborne Road South, there is a park with no swings or slide; please could something be done about it?**

Unfortunately we are not responsible for that land; it belongs to the housing association First Wessex. We can speak to them though.

- **Is it possible to extend the bus times from Fareham to Locks Heath?**

Buses in Fareham are run by First Bus and they run at a profit in peak times. The priority is the Monday to Friday services. However if enough people get together to write a petition then the service is trialled. If it doesn't work, then it gets pulled.

- **Could there be a bus pass which applies for an age group between child and adult?**

Unfortunately, bus passes need to make a profit, and concessions are unlikely to increase due to expense.

- **Can there be a student discount?**

Bus companies sometimes run concessions for younger people.

- **Please could there be somewhere to go for help with revision and help with school which is outside of school?**

Y – Services could have a discussion with schools about a possible revision and homework club.

- **Fareham Borough Council is keen to help support general youth work, what about specialist groups or projects?**

Youth support is not something we are supposed to provide but we are stepping in to help. We have limited funding so we are trying to do all we can to help the biggest amount of youngsters.

**Hayley from One Community asked some of the attendees why they volunteered for Y-Services.**

One volunteer got involved due to his mum's experiences and to have the chance to meet new people, see friends, help out and enjoy experiences and education opportunities and benefits.

**After the Q&A, Cllr Woodward had a talk with the audience asking for their views on the EU Referendum.**