

## **Biddulph High Community Group**

### **Minutes of the Meeting: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 6pm at Biddulph High School**

1. Welcome and Introduction of attendees.
2. Apologies for non-attendance from AM, DG, CA, LF, PC, KT and HB.
3. Explanation by GJO about the previous meeting suggestions and developments.
4. Building relationships with the feeder schools to ease the transition for students and parents.
5. More opportunities to work with community groups – Project with Park Lane Care Home to be rolled out across Year 9. Year 10 Horton Lodge engagement. Biddulph High to host Christmas Lunch for both Park Lane and Horton Lodge.
6. U3A - 46 different groups, 614 members, offers opportunities for careers advice and support for extra-curricular for all schools in the area.
7. TBR community allotment - waiting to see if we can use an empty allotment as a community allotment. U3A stated their new premises, the former medical centre site (Well Street) currently has a green space that is not used – potential Young Biddulph in Bloom opportunity for all schools in the area. Congratulations to Biddulph in Bloom for winning Gold today. We would like to try to establish links with Biddulph in Bloom once again but require more volunteers to assist taking students out of school.
8. Minibus Driver plea from BHS – is there anybody willing to drive the school minibuses? Medical and test needed. They could then be used more by all the schools in area.
9. Choir Links - Biddulph Youth Choir - can all schools work together and also with other choir groups in the area as a possible project?
10. ATC Air Training Corps - 13+ - could they be used to assist delivery of STEM programme at BHS and by feeder schools?
11. Opening up the school - community groups to come in and discuss what they have on offer almost like a Freshers' Fayre? They could have stalls so parents could see what help and advice there is in the local area.
12. Planners - could we have topic and curriculum overviews in planners? Current topics to be put on to the website for PSHE and PSHE in the news and school leadership group are discussing plans in which parents could be informed of what students will be studying during the term.
13. Christmas Markets - invitation for other feeder schools to host a table, community stalls and possibility of Rotary running a Santa. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm at Biddulph High School.
14. Community Events - Biddulph Bake Off Events links to the other schools - members of U3A are former/current professionals in the field to judge.
15. Biddulph Lifeline - CPR and Defibs - Aim of U3A group in five years to have 10% of town's population trained to use defibs. Offer of Biddulph High School's facilities to host for everyone in the community.
16. How do all Biddulph schools find out what is going on? Schools suggested that they struggle to communicate events that are happening at each school effectively. Biddulph and Proud will be used as promotion to encourage more schools in working together.

17. Getting student groups to perform entertainment at end of term at the Artisan Market to raise attendance to the market and promote school production of Fame. JH contact for Artisan Market and a potential venue of BHS promotion of Fame production.
18. Parents mentioned clashes of events between schools and community events, check calendars.
19. Minutes of BHCG meetings be placed on the Biddulph and Proud site to encourage more community involvement – PDF document format – AS happy to put it on Facebook.
20. Volunteer bank times and hours for people to post their availability - V Inspired – students sign up and get rewards (14-30).
21. Students leading local initiatives - re crossing patrols – video made by students from all the local schools highlighting the need for school patrols. U3A offered the help of video editing and their facilities.
22. Parent Volunteers – post on B&P, WA also struggling to recruit for volunteers – AS suggested to advertise for volunteers by promoting the benefits of engaging with school via a video rather than text based.
23. Biddulph Festival – lack of current local music festivals/carnival. Could this be a possibility for all the schools to work on?
24. School production on tour – Town Hall, St. Lawrence's, Lifeline event at the Town Hall and Luncheon Club.
25. Fireworks event November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) at Knypersley First School. School require volunteers and have offered it as a venue for the Fame production to promote their show in return of a preview to attendees of the show.
26. Directory of contacts required with specialisms so group can communicate better with each other.
27. BHS hosted a child and baby event recently. Would welcome support of other schools in advertising these events.
28. This Oct half-term new childcare programme running at BHS by Active Lives for children throughout the town to sign up for drama and multi-sports activities, this will provide child care throughout the holidays. B and P to promote and Headteachers of all schools have been asked to promote to parents. Active Lives leaflets delivered to all schools for distribution next week.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 6pm at Biddulph High School**

#### **Dates for your diary**

- **Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> October: Indoor Table Top Sale at Biddulph High School**
  - 10am to 12 noon, £5.00 per table
  - Refreshments and Breakfast provision on site. Call Joan or Maisie on 01782 523977 to book a table.
- **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Baby & Children's Market at Biddulph High School**
  - 10am to 12 noon
  - Second time for this successful event.
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Market at Biddulph High School**
  - 4pm to 7pm
  - £10.00 per table to businesses, free for charities and local schools
  - All enquiries to the school on 01782 523977