



# Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Services

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007





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**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**7.00pm** Welcome

### **AGM**

1. Introductions – Michael Hunter, Chairman WCVYS
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
4. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006
5. Matters Arising
6. Presentation of Annual Report
7. Election of Officers and Committee
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Any Other Business (Chairman to be notified prior to meeting)

**7.30pm** Speaker: John Bateman – Chief Executive of UK Youth  
*The Place of Youth Work within Every Child Matters  
and Young Person Matters Agenda*

**8.00pm** Spotlight

Future Direction

Close

**8.30 pm** Refreshments



# **Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Services**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
Young Farmers Club, Shires Farm,  
Hawford, Worcester  
at 7.00pm**

**Present:** see list attached

**Apologies:** see list attached

## **1. Welcome**

Michael Hunter, the Chairman, gave a warm welcome to all members, young people and our guests.

Michael introduced Lionel Hill, National President of Young Farmers Club. Worcestershire Federation of Young Farmers 'Clubs are our hosts for this evening.

Lionel welcomed everyone to the headquarters of the Young Farmer's Clubs in the county. He gave a brief description of the hard work and fundraising that had gone into completing a project to build a block of offices to rent out to raise income for the County Federation. He hoped everyone would have an enjoyable evening.

### **Michael welcomed:-**

#### **Civic Dignitaries**

Councillor Maurice Broomfield and Mrs Elizabeth Skinner

Councillor Liz Eyre, Worcestershire County Council, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Young People

Councillor Barry Gandy, Worcestershire County Council, Adviser to Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Young People

Councillor Jill Dyer, MBE - Bromsgrove District Council

#### **And Honoured Guests:-**

Steve Bull – Government Office, West Midlands

Bridget Cooper – Head of Youth Services, Worcestershire County Council

Jenny Newman – Hereford & Worcester County Scout Commissioner & Ian Newman

Leslie Fox – Wyre Forest District Council

Michael detailed the programme of events for the evening: the formal business of the meeting: guest speakers: Young Peoples' presentations, concluding with refreshments and a chance to network. There will be displays around the room of the young people's activities.

## **2. Minutes of 2005 AGM**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Steve Tominski, seconded by Steve Martin. Michael Hunter signed the Minutes as a true record.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

## **3. Presentation of Annual Report**

Michael introduced the annual report which was distributed to all present.

Michael did not propose to go into all the details but highlighted the continuing very successful Partnership between the Voluntary and Statutory sectors. This partnership has gone from strength to strength with many changes. He emphasised that we are not in competition but compliment each other for the benefit of all young people.

Much work has been accomplished around safeguarding children and young people including Keeping It Safe, providing CRB checks and additional support for Adult Leaders.

The report covers the period May 2005 to April 2006 and since April many projects have moved forward.

The WCVYS has been contracted to complete a project for Worcestershire Safeguarding Board which Cathy Clement will lead on. This is another example of the WCVYS working alongside the statutory sector to provide better outcomes for young people in the county.

Michael thanked Bridget Cooper for the funding with which WCVYS were able to award many and diverse grants to youth groups. Michael also thanked Bridget for continuing to support Cathy's secondment.

Michael acknowledged the support from the County Council and the Children's Fund for their support which allowed WCVYS to employ our Children's Officer, Dave Boucker and provide additional office support.

## **4. Financial Report**

Phil Weston, the Treasurer, was unable to be present this evening. Michael referred to the report, which is in the pack. The accounts are presented in the form as directed by the Charity Commission. The accounts have been audited by Howard Painter and Co.

As can be seen, our main source of income comes from the County Council Grant with other monies coming from the Children's Fund, Change up Funding and Local Network Funding. The back page lists all the grant awardees.

The accounts were approved by the WCVYS Executive Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

Councillor Barry Gandy asked about the unclaimed minibus training grants. Cathy explained that they could still be claimed as they have been allocated. Michael also explained that an application for a minibus grant gives an estimate of expected costs and sometimes, when the receipts are submitted, the actual costs are lower than predicted.

Michael explained that the structure of the WCVYS included small sub committees who worked on specific areas:

- CRB Steering Group who looked at our procedures and worked on development of the scheme
- Training Sub Group who co-ordinated training offered by various organisations
- Grants Sub Group who analysed the applications from youth groups for grants, ensuring that all criteria are met

These sub groups then make recommendations to the main Executive Committee for approval.

Michael thanked the following members of the various sub committees:

CRB Steering Group: Sarah Crowley; Phil Weston;

Training Sub Group: Steve Martin; Linda Huggins; Trish Stroud; Shirley Daniels; Jerry Parr;

Grants Sub Group: Paul Hern; Elaine Cox; Phil Weston; Ann Clark; Bob James; Bridget Cooper.

Michael thanked all the members of the Executive Committee for all their contributions to the successful WCVYS year:

Phil Weston; Ann Clark; Steve Martin; Mike Smith; John Bateman; Bob James; Jo Dowling; and co-opted members Mark Farmer and Duncan Berry.

Michael presented Ann with a beautiful pot plant.

**5. Election to the Executive Committee**

Nominations for the Executive committee:

Chairman: Michael Hunter  
Treasurer: Phil Weston  
Secretary: Ann Clark  
Members: Mike Smith  
Steve Martin  
Bob James  
John Bateman  
Jo Dowling  
Duncan Berry

The Nominations were proposed 'en bloc' and agreed unanimously

**6. Appointment of Auditors**

Michael asked for the approval of the members to the appointment of Howard Painter and Co. as auditors to WCVYS for the coming year. All members agreed unanimously.

**7. Any Other Business**

- Steve Martin reminded members that WCVYS are always keen to recruit to the Executive Committee. New 'blood' meant new ideas and enthusiasm which are necessary for progress. Michael suggested that new members could be co-opted and attend a few meetings to see if they wished to join. Anyone interested please contact Michael, after the meeting, or at a later date.
- Michael thanked Jo Banfield, WCVYS clerical assistant for all her work and presented her with a bouquet.

This concluded the business section of the meeting

**Councillor Liz Ayres**

Liz thanked the WCVYS for inviting her to join them this evening and for allowing her to speak. Liz stated that she was very interested in the services to young people outside school hours. 'Nowhere to go' 'Nothing to do' 'No advice or guidance'

The statutory and voluntary sectors must work closely together and be involved in the provision of services.

Liz saw the statutory sector as providing a strong, sustainable service with a clear agenda. In Worcestershire this was working well.

The voluntary sector provided vital links between the statutory services and the young people, providing guidance, advice and information as they are able to communicate with more young people. The Strategic Partnership, with which Cathy is involved, and the County Play Strategy, on which Dave was working, are important parts of the joint working between the statutory and voluntary sectors.

Liz believed that the partnership between statutory and voluntary sectors was the only way forward if we are to shape the services to the needs of the customers.

Listening to young people is vital and we must continue to listen if we are to provide the services that young people want and not the services which we adults think the young people need. Liz assured the WCVYS of her support for our work with young people.

Michael thanked Liz for her comments.

### **Steve Bull**

Steve Bull introduced himself as working for Government Office for the West Midlands, Children's and Learners Division. This was a new job title and Steve has responsibility for the Youth Opportunity Fund and the Youth Capital Fund across the West Midlands.

Steve proceeded to give an amusing and informative presentation about the funds.

The consultation document 'Youth Matters' had an overwhelming response with 19,000 replies from young people and 1,000 from professionals. The Youth Opportunities Fund and the Youth Capital Fund are a direct result of this consultation. These funds are to be used as a springboard to give Young People the things that they have been asking for. It is vital that young people must have a voice in shaping decisions, being involved at all stages, and in spending the monies allocated.

Michael thanked Steve for an informative and enjoyable presentation.

Cathy explained that, in this county the Youth Opportunity Fund is known as FLOSS. The grant awarding body consists of young people, who make the decisions about the allocation of grants. Training courses are held regularly for young people who wish to become assessors. Please contact Rachel or Cathy for more information.

### **Keeping it Safe**

This is an initiative developed and accredited by NCVYS, a young person-centred approach to safeguarding including child protection.

Three organisations have submitted portfolios and have received accreditation. Four other organisations are still developing their portfolios.

Cathy congratulated Kidz First and Wallace House Community Centre, who were not able to attend, on their awards.

Liz Ayres presented Kevin Rogers, from Youth Support Services, with their certificate.

Cathy also said that a group of assessors had also been trained so that the accreditation can be rolled out in the County.

### **Youth Work in Action**

Cathy introduced the following groups of young people who came from organisations that had received grants from the WCVYS for activities based around the five Every Child Matters Outcomes.

#### **Friday Fun Club**

Steve, George and Milly talked about some of the activities which they pursued and displayed photographs of the group in action. This Club is now in its seventh year having been formed by parents and leaders to provide a good environment for social events for young people with learning difficulties. The basic aim is to offer the same activities as those enjoyed by all able bodied young people. They thanked the WCVYS for the grant and the support which had made some of their events possible.

#### **SPLAT**

Splat is a young people's group consisting of members of Anglican and Catholic churches in Droitwich. All wanted a joint expedition to a music festival, Greenbelt. They planned the trip together and were delighted to receive a grant from the WCVYS to fund their plans. The group described, in rhyme, that it was the first time many had attended such an event and the first time they had camped under canvas. They shared many varied experiences at the event and bonded well. Their enjoyment of this experience was very visible. Their leader, Margaret Brown, thanked the WCVYS for giving the young people this opportunity.

#### **St Chad's Youth Group**

Peter Cooper introduced the Club which has around 20 members. The young people had expressed an interest in puppetry and the grant they received from the WCVYS had been used to purchase a selection of puppets. The group designed their own performances and Grace then demonstrated her skills as her puppet 'sang' us a song.

### **Worcester Diocesan Youth Council**

Members of the group thanked the WCVYS for a governance grant which they used to fund their project to help young people to have a voice within the church and therefore make it more relevant to them. They were delighted with their success in having achieved more influence on the decision making bodies in the Church as they now have representatives on the Synod and have been asked to nominate a young person to sit on the Bishop's Council.

### **Malvern Sea Cadets**

Bob Thomas, leader, thanked the WCVYS for their generous grant which had enabled the group to purchase infra red laser equipment for pistol shooting training. The group already had infra red rifle shooting equipment and this had proved so successful in training the young people in safe weapon handling and shooting techniques. Some of the young people had subsequently attended Bisley and won Gold medals for their shooting. Bob stated that there had been another unexpected value to this equipment, when some young people with ADHD or other such related behaviours had improved significantly after using the equipment. The equipment was set up at the side of the room and Bob invited anyone to come and 'have a go' after the meeting.

Bob is happy for this equipment to be made available for any youth group to use. Contact Bob for further information.

Bob stated that the Sea Cadets were very grateful to the WCVYS who over a number of years had offered much support and financial help.

Cathy thanked all young people and their Leaders for coming along and presenting this evening: just a taste of what a huge range of youth work is undertaken in Worcestershire.

Michael closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance, and invited all to take refreshments, chat with the young people and look at their displays.

## AGM 2006

### Present

Cllr Maurice Broomfield	Chairman WCC
Mrs Elizabeth Skinner	Consort
Cllr Liz Eyre	WCC Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children
& Young People	
Cllr Penelope Morgan	Langland Division Shadow Portfolio Holder for
Children's Services	
Steve Bull	Government Office West Midlands
Chief Insp Iain Bailey	Local Policing West Mercia Police
Bridget Cooper	Head of Youth Service
Lesley Fox	Community Development Officer - Wyre Forest District
Council	
Ann Sowton	BARN
John Entwistle	Wyre Forest LAFS
Janet King	Blackwell Youth
Vicky Gatley	British Red Cross
Steve Martin	Worcester Diocesan Youth Council/WCVYS Executive
Jonathan Morris	Worcester Diocesan Youth Council
Rachel Nightingale	Worcester Diocesan Youth Council
Trevor Wooldridge	Worcester Diocesan Youth Council
Lionel Hill	Worcestershire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs
Jenny Newman	County Commissioner Hereford & Worcestershire
Scouts	
Ian Newman	Herefordshire & Worcestershire Scouts
Phil Dent	Rubery Community & Leisure Centre
Pete Dunford	WCVYS Approved Deliverer
Cllr Barry Gandy	WCC Advisor to Cabinet Member
Joe Green	Children's Fund Worcestershire
Rachel Adams	Children's Fund Worcestershire
Kevin Rogers	Youth Support Services
David Richardson	Welland Youth Group
Debbie Evans	187 City of Worcester Squadron
Hazel Tyrrell	16 <sup>th</sup> Worcester Scouts
Michael Hunter	Chairman
Karen Hunter	
Mike Smith	Birmingham Federation of Clubs for Young
People/WCVYS Executive	
Ann Clark	Kidderminster Scouts/WCVYS Executive
Catherine Cumber	Sacred Heart Youth Club
Bob James	Hereford & Worcestershire County Scouts/WCVYS
Executive	
Jo Dowling	Girl Guiding Worcestershire
Margaret Brown	Splat Youth Group
Claire Brown	Splat Youth Group
Sara Hartwell	Splat Youth Group
Jonathan Machin	Splat Youth Group
Jo Watkins	Splat Youth Group
Gerald Wheeler	Splat Youth Group
Aaron Freeman-Powell	Splat Youth Group
Hetley Bentley	Splat Youth Group
Eva Chambers	Splat Youth Group
Beth Picking	Splat Youth Group
Steve Tomkinski	Friday Fun Club
George Brunt	Friday Fun Club
Liz Brunt	Friday Fun Club
Jacky Cooper	Friday Fun Club

## **Present continued**

Steve Cooper	Friday Fun Club
Terry Miller	Friday Fun Club
Peter Cooper	St Chads
Grace Burton	St Chads
Hugh Nunn	Harvington Youth Project
Bob Thomas	Malvern Sea Cadets
Rostislav Lozovitsky	Malvern Sea Cadets
J Morgan	Malvern Sea Cadets
A Portsmouth	Malvern Sea Cadets
Amber Barson	Malvern Sea Cadets
William Jones	Malvern Sea Cadets
Mr Thomas	Malvern Sea Cadets
Ben Turner	Malvern Sea Cadets
M Rope	Malvern Sea Cadets
Beck Mckay	Herefordshire Nature Trust
John Morgan	Driver for Cllr Morgan

### **In attendance:**

Jo Banfield	WCVYS
Dave Boucker	WCVYS
Cathy Clement	WCVYS

### **Apologies**

Right Rev Dr Peter Selby	Bishop of Worcester
Sir Michael Brinton	Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire
Cllr Iain Imray	Mayor of Worcester
Cllr Stephen Clee	Leader Wyre Forest DC
Cllr Craig Lanham	Chairman Bromsgrove DC
Jenny Murray	PEP Voluntary and Community Sector Co-
ordinator WCC	
Rev David Morphy	Worcester Diocesan Board of Education
Chief Superintendent Rod Reynolds	West Mercia Police
Chief Constable Paul West	West Mercia Police
Jack Hegarty	Managing Director Wychavon DC
Simon Adams	WCC
Roger Little	Connexions
Andrea Halford	Worcestershire Federation of Young Farmers'
Clubs	
Sally Ellison	Worcester Volunteer Centre
Sue Poyer	Droitwich & Rural Volunteer Centre
Jackie Hooper	Bromsgrove Youth Homeless Forum
Ben Lewing	CYPSP
Anne Cox	TG's
Mary Weller	Bayton Village Hall Committee
Emma Lucas	Harvington Youth Club
Kevyn Cox	WCVYS Approved Deliverer
Cath Round	WCVYS Approved Deliverer
Mary Miles	WCVYS Approved Deliverer
Fiona Mitchell	WCVYS Approved Deliverer
Jim Allsopp	WCVYS Approved Deliverer
Pete Sugg	Children's Fund Worcestershire
Sue Rogers	Borrowers Toy Library
Margaret Gray	WCC
Trish Stroud	Youthworcs Training

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**Report and Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30 April 2007**