

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of an emergency meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2012 at
Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllrs. C. Mills (Chair)) Coniston
M. Grotzke) Ward
Ms R. Thorne)

D. Tiley)
M. Greensword)
P. Cottrell)
S. Scott) Callicroft
J. Moore) Ward
K. Walker)
Mrs E. Orpen)

B. Hopkinson) Stoke Lodge
Miss S. Pomfret) Ward

In attendance: Mrs Julie Close – Southern Brooks
Community Partnership (part of meeting)

73/12. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Martin, Alsop, Gordon.

74/12. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S REVIEW

The Chairman stated that this meeting had been called with only one agenda item, the discuss the current review by SGC of their services to children and young people.

He reported that a meeting had been held on 10 May with Austin McNamara and his assistant, the SGC officer leading on this review. He had been able to explain the review and its effect on Patchway and the notes of this meeting are attached to these minutes.

Mrs Close showed a presentation provided by SGC explaining that they are consulting about their proposals for the future operation of Sure Start Centres including family services, services for Young People and High-cost placements.

Sure Start Centres are likely to be funded in Priority Neighbourhoods but will cover other areas.

More Family Services are likely to be commissioned to other organisations. For Young People, universal provision cannot be continued for financial reasons and SGC are looking to transfer control but integrated services for targeted teenagers at risk of poor outcomes will continue to be provided.

Councillors agreed that Patchway Town Council would like SGC to keep services in house. If this is not agreed, PTC would like to work with Southern Brooks Community Partnership to provide them.

There was a discussion about PTC putting in an Expression of Interest to take over the running of Patchway Youth Centre. This must be submitted by 23 May when the consultation closed.

Cllr. Hopkinson disputed the information as being incomplete.

Mrs Close then left the meeting.

It was suggested that if Patchway Youth Centre was not being maintained by SGC, Patchway TC would be interested in working with SBCP, or could say “a local provider”, to provide youth services but would want to have an asset transfer so that they could dispose of the youth centre for housing and use the proceeds to build a youth facility as part of the redeveloped Patchway Community Centre. It was agreed that in this case the Council would be willing to sign an agreement with SGC that the proceeds would only be used for youth work. The Chairman stated that confidential discussions had already been held on such a proposal with the architect and representatives of the Community Association.

Cllr. Hopkinson suggested that the Council might find it useful to talk to the Patchway Youth Leader, Russ Summers and his Area Manager, Margaret Lamb, about the operation of the Yate Youth Café.

Cllr. Orpen proposed that an Expression of Interest should be submitted but should be worded very carefully by the Chairman and circulated to other Councillors for comment, with the final say in the hands of the Chairman. It was agreed that the financial costs must be considered and that in this project the Town Council would wish to work with local groups and SGC. This was seconded by Cllr. Walker and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting.