

## VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

### Minutes of a meeting held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Present:- Les Stephenson, Ian Wright, Tim Brett, Alan Mepstead

Apologies:- Brian Dobinson, Mike Talbot, Jacqui Bartlett, Nan Miller, John Beckett.

It was noted that Rosemarie Morton would be joining this committee and a warm welcome is extended to her.

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved, with all matters arising being dealt with on the Agenda. **HOWEVER please note that the date of the Schools Public Speaking Competition is 4<sup>th</sup> February and NOT the 5<sup>th</sup>. (Apologies for my mistake).**
2. **Innovation competition.** BD has delivered competition details to the three schools on his list, as has AM. BD expects at least some entries from Simon Langton Boys and QE Faversham are going to make it a project. AM is in touch with the Principals of Chaucer College and Spires Academy as well as the Teachers committee at Steiner. Sunrise & Forest of Blean are also following up a good number of schools. The competition is on both Facebook and Twitter, and it is hoped to have posters displayed at Sainsburys and the Library. It is hoped to get an article in the Kentish Gazette. However we still need as many other leads as possible. TB asked that a poster be sent to the Prince of Wales Youth Club.
3. **Schools Public Speaking competition.** Is to be held at the Guildhall on **February 4th** and arrangements are well in hand. AM will contact the ESU to see if there is anything else that needs doing.
4. **Ideas for involvement with schools and higher education.** After discussion it was felt that we were already heavily involved and we should stand back from any further competitions for the time being. If any of our existing fall flat we could then look at possibly an innovation competition for higher education establishments.
5. **Events Programme for 2015** A number of suggestions were made and it was agreed to follow up the following

Shepherd Neame Faversham. TB

Chatham Dock Yard. AM

Tower Bridge and a possible trip and lunch on the River. Ask Rosemarie Morton if she would like to organise this with mentoring from Ian Wright.

Police Station LS through Peter Hermitage. (NB to Les – My note is not very clear on this)

Canterbury Walk The Huguenots or the Tudor Tyrants. AM.

Other Walks –and also including Bird watching etc. LS.

Visit to Poppy Factory. NM.

Chislehurst Caves and Eltham palace held in reserve.

**6 Any other business** .LS pointed out that we need to do a risk assessment for all trips this being a part of the club's Health and Safety Policy.

**7. Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015**