

Minutes of a meeting of the Vocational Services Committee held Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Present John Beckett Nan Miller Viv Pritchard

Les Stephenson Ian Wright Alan Mepstead

Apologies Tim Brett Brian Dobinson Mike Talbot.

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> April were approved. All matters arising are dealt with on the agenda.
2. **Innovation competition.** A note from BD was read out. He felt that the competition had gone well and there had been a good final meeting with the judges. The winner came from QE Faversham who had submitted a "Swiss army make up kit". Carole Barron , director of the Innovation Centre would like us to repeat the competition next year as would the two teachers present. It was thought that we should reconsider the prize money and remind all entrants to put the fact of entering on to their CV. Also do we think we can get enough entrants? Perhaps ask Sunrise & Forest of Blean to join with us. As this was very much a BD initiative would he run with it next year with help from other members?.
3. **Young Photographer competition.** This is being run in conjunction with Sunrise and Forest of Blean. Roddy T-B and AM are running our end. Some 75 schools have been invited to enter and sent Posters, Rules and entry Forms. We will follow up in September/October with a closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October. An exhibition of all entries is being planned.
4. **Thames Barge Trip.** Very well received and enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to BD for organising.
5. **Crossness engines trip.** Again very well received and enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to MT for organising.

6. **Country Walk.** Very pleasant walk and a good lunch. Thanks to LS for organising. He is prepared to organise another after a decent interval.
7. **Possible trip to Parliament.** NM is following this up. It will be through our MP and best time to visit is PMQT. Possibly Feb/March 2015.
8. **Careers Fair.** The object of this is to harness the extensive experience of our Membership in advising sixth formers on careers. Pointed out that despite some extensive organisation, last years meeting on planning only attracted three school children.. Are we overloading the schools with Rotary? We need to ask the membership if they are willing to participate and ask careers masters if they will find it useful. Also would this clash with anything Sunrise or Forest of Blean are doing?. Would they like to cooperate on this? AM will follow up.
9. **Trip to Dungeness Power Station.**(Since the meeting over 30 people are interested in going and that before an e-mail has gone round - looks klike a runner) AM organising. Possibly September.

#### **10.Any other Business.**

NM feels we are perhaps doing too many activities at the same time.

All members have problems opening AM's e-mails – he will ask his Guru if there is a solution!.

LS suggested a possible trip to the Police Road Traffic Centre in Nackington Road.

11. **Date of next meeting** 12 August 2014.