

FULL COUNCIL DECEMBER 2024 – ITEM 21 YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Cllr Cousins has reported the following:

After further options have been considered, it looks as if all venues/options have been explored. The Football pavilion has now been ruled out until the changes have been made so safeguarding and sole use on the evenings required can be guaranteed. The tennis club members are still using the pavilion on the Monday nights when ESCC staffing is currently available. ESCC Staffing has changed and may change again. ESCC Youth Services aren't able to commit to the detached service until the spring, weather being the main issue so this is now on hold until HPC take up this option next year. The minibus that we had hoped would come to Horam isn't now available.

I met with ESCC Youth Workers and the owner of the Cuckoo Café recently to see if this venue would serve as a drop in for youngsters in the evenings but was discounted early on as it has too many danger zones for youngsters/staff and property.

There aren't any other plans going forward at present. The new youth club when completed in Heathfield could be looked at again and may offer an alternative until Horam can find a venue that meets all requirements. This will throw up some challenges to HPC and whoever takes this on.