

Local Youth Network Meeting- Minutes

Monday 1st December 2014 Bradford-on-Avon Youth Development Centre

Apologies:

- Charlotte Jackson, Holt Youth Club
- Jim Lynch, BoACAN

Present:

- Skye May, Cherry Riley, Jade Britton - Youth Advisory Group
- Councillor Magnus McDonald, Wiltshire Council
- Councillor Alison Craddock, Town Council
- Councillor Ian Thorne, Town Council and Wiltshire Council
- Councillor Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Council
- Councillor Rosemary Brown, Wiltshire Council
- Peter Dunford, Bradford-on-Avon Area Board
- James Voughton, Fitzmaurice primary School and Youth For Christ
- Karen Butler, St Laurence School
- Jane Grant, Bob Crouch, Holt Youth Club
- Emma Coombs, Community Youth Officer

- ◆ Introduction of members, present in the meeting.

BoA Youth Development Centre Building:

- AC explained that the Town Council now has ownership of the Youth Development Centre. The dates to run youth sessions can now be arranged.
- PD spoke about bids to Area Board in the building – Equipment and redecoration.

Set up of the LYN, Young People and Involvement:

- A ratio of young people to adults is required. At least two members of the LYN should be young people, at a minimum. The group in general should consist of 10 members.

Election of Chair Person:

- Discussion of who could become the chair of the LYN.
- Suggestion of AC becoming the Chair.
- Second suggestion of having a combination of an adult as chair and young person as vice chair.
- Further discussion lead to the decision of having a young person holding the LYN meetings and becoming the chairperson.
- Voted decision to have SM and CR both as co-chair for three months and have a flexible chairperson.

Young People's Open Day:

- CR and SM spoke about the young people's open day on Saturday 6th December. The purpose of the open day is to collect information from young people about what they would like to see, within facilities, in the Bradford on Avon and surrounding areas.
- The young people who arrive at the open day will be presented with 9 questions, to be answered. This will allow us to see what it is exactly that young people want in the BoA area.
- Small amounts of funding have given, for the open day to operate.
- Advertising has taken place with the distribution of posters and JG suggested that LYN members could be emailed with the posters, to help advertise. This has been carried forward.
- JV suggested that the young people attending the open day could join a focus group or to join the LYN. This will be followed up at the open day by discussing it with the young people.
- The LYN has been invited to attend the open day.

Grant Applications:

- Application of applying for grants is now online.
- It was mentioned that people including young people should be made fully aware of the grant application, to keep the applications of funding, fair.
- The LYN was made aware that grant applications initially get sent to EC, for the purpose of checking the criteria to see if it is suitable to go forward to Area Board.
- Holt's funding application was looked at by the LYN. BC said that Holt youth club is in need of additional professional youth workers, as there is currently just one. Holt YC runs sessions every Wednesday, every 2-3 weeks. Currently 9-13 young people attend the sessions. There is a contract to pay Youth Action Wiltshire in addition to insurance. It is essential to fulfil the contract with Youth Action Wiltshire.
- It was suggested by SM that the young people's open day has not yet happened and evaluating young peoples ideas on the day would be beneficial, as to see what young people want in the surrounding areas of Bradford on Avon, before applications for funds are accepted.
- The LYN has a set of locally held funds, which if not used, will roll forward in March.
- The LYN accepted the grant and compromised for a cost of £3,524, to allow Holt to gain the funds up until March, as reserve. The LYN would like to see Holt YC promoted more, as there are currently few young people attending. A second application came be made by Holt, in March, if there is a need for more funds.

Meeting Preferences:

- It was agreed that LYN meetings should take place every 8 weeks by placing them 3 weeks before Area Board.

