

14th December 2022 - CALNE AREA YOUTH - Notes:

Chair: Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Wiltshire Council (SPK)

Attended:

Mark Edwards, Calne Town Council (ME)

PC John Bouke, Police (JB)

PCSO Mark Cook, Police (MC)

Celia Stevens, Sustainable Calne (CS)

David Sandberg, The Open Blue Trust (DS)

Gemma Parkinson, Rise Trust (GP)

Louisa Young, Area Board Delivery Officer Wiltshire Council (LY)

Ross Griffiths, Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager Wiltshire Council (RG)

The logo for Calne Youth is a grey speech bubble with the words "Calne Youth" written inside in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The bubble has a tail pointing towards the bottom left.

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Youth

1. **Welcome** from Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney

2. **Apologies**

Patricia Kelly, Kingsbury Green Academy

Ruth Hill, Wordfest and Home Schooler

3. **Celia Stevens – Sustainable Calne and representative from the Environment Working Group** presenting an idea for an environment youth engagement

4. **David Sandberg** – The Open Blue Trust verbal update on the project working with The Rise Trust in Calne. Operates out of open top blue bus parked in the Pocket Park 8pm-9:15pm with the Rise Trust assisting volunteers after 8:20pm. Young people have a place to go they supply toasties and hot drinks, board games and table football. Funding runs until February 2022.

Positive Feedback from all: Area Board Funding would be an option, the next deadline for application is 07/02/23 match funding is needed but note that Volunteer hours count. PCSO Cook suggested contacting Sainsburys for funding/match funding as they are likely to support anything that reduces anti-social behaviour in that area.

5. **Partner Updates:**

Police – PCSO Mark Cook

Have increased patrols after an incident involving knives. 11 youngsters from Devizes were arrested. Work collaboratively with the Rise Trust. Have had incidents of anti-social behaviour Sainsburys / Pocket Park and Colemans farm roof being accessed. Positive feedback re The Open Blue Bus returning and Rise Trust's work.

Rise Trust – Gemma Parkinson

Work collaboratively with the Town Council, The Open Blue Trust, and Police.

Town Council – Mark Edwards

The Town Council will be putting on a Family Panto for free for children and families. They will serve pizza and would like support in ensuring that families for who it would be most benefit to are aware / invited. 24th January 2023.

- 6. 55 Bus** – this was raised at the Area Board and feedback and comments on the situation with the buses was requested. There is still an issue.

ACTION : Contact Phil Grocock, Bus Manager - SPK

7. Review of Area Board priorities

Priority Young People – Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Develop Local Youth provision outreach and safe space
Continue collaborative approach with Town Council but also engage with parish councils to assess need in villages.
- Review of existing local outreach and safe space arrangements
Compare approaches with other Area's in the North of the County
- 'Happy News' project
Continuation

8. Recommendations for the area board/action plan:

9. AOB

CS advised that the Junior Park run needs more volunteers – youth volunteers could volunteer to marshall or be time keepers.

- 10. Next meeting** – meetings to be held roughly every 3 months and ideally ahead of the Calne Area board business meeting – next one is 7th March.

ACTION : Doodlepoll for availability for next Calne Youth meeting (before 6th March) - LY