

RW Bassett and Cricklade Community Area

YOUTH FORUM

25th January 2024 – 1:00pm

Virtual meeting via Teams link

AGENDA:



1. Welcome and introductions

Chair:

- (AB) Cllr Allison Bucknell – Wiltshire Councillor for Lyneham Division, Chair of the Area Board
- (AJa) Andrew Jack Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager, Wiltshire Council
- (LY) Louisa Young, Area Board Delivery Officer, Wiltshire Council
- (AJe) Cllr Angela Jenson – Cricklade Town Council
- (JK) Jan Kelly, Girl Guiding Wiltshire North
- (LJ) Luke Jones, SMASH Youth Project
- (KH) Kevin Hickling, The Church of God
- (MW) Marie Wykes, Launch to Learning
- (LC) Louise Curtis, OC 2491 Lyneham Squadron – 45 cadets 10 staff
- (MT) Michelle Temple, Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council
- (GW) Gill Welsman-Clarke, Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council
- (DB) Danielle Blake, The Rise Trust
- (JB) Jade Beasley, Rise Trust
- (AL) Alan Lowe, Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Football Club

2. Apologies

- (MH) Mark Hopkins, Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council

3. What's Happening in your areas

MW Launch to Learning

Finding there is an increasing county lines issue and there is evidence that it is coming into Royal Wootton Bassett. Continuing concerns regarding child mental health and feels its important that community groups are aware of these issues so they can counteract it.

LC Air Cadets

Positive update with 45 cadets on the books. Teaches leadership, drill and first aid. Generally, cadets attend because they want to and want to do well.

JK Guiding

In RWB area 2 guide units, 3 brownie units & 3 rainbows, Lyneham 1 brownie & 1 rainbow unit. Runs district ranger unit with girls from Swindon, RWB, Chippenham and Lyneham. Investigating some international trip possibilities.

DB / JB Rise Trust

RWB - Really busy seeing older young people and having the conversations and engagement around county lines and mentoring. JB has done some work with young people, the police, town council and the school. Getting involved as a big group and mix well, really good group. Purton

- great attendance and a lively group. Cricklade is a smaller group but a lot of engagement have been doing cooking and engaging with the police.

RWBRFC – AL

Have been invited to join a programme for refurbishing the changing facilities over the summer to make them compliant in order to allow mixed age and sex use at the same time. The funding provided by sponsor for the community coach has been pulled. The community coach has been supporting the youth and walking rugby provision.

4. Cricklade Youth Festival – Sunday 21st April 2024

AJ advised the town council will be investing in the youth building and thanked the area board for the grant towards making the building safe, warm and providing equipment. This is being held at Cricklade Leisure Centre. Lots of organisations have been contacted. The area board awarded a grant which is going to be put towards activities such as a company coming in to provide a 3 hour skating and scootering session. Administration of the event is now going to be supported by the town council.

5. Royal Wootton Bassett Youth Festival – Sunday 5th May 2024

This is being held at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre. Organisations have been contacted to advise proposed date, next stage is to firm up attendees and any funding needs. Possibility of bringing in a company to provide skateboarding/scooter ramps activity has been scoped and will need confirming once funding in place.

6. Grant funding - AJ

The area board does have funding available to youth organisations 13-19 & up to 25 with SEND, revenue money positive activities for young people. There is still youth funding available, though there are a couple of potential projects that will be seeking funding. Cricklade leisure centre are looking for funding to train up members of staff to be able to hold junior gym sessions like the Wiltshire owned leisure centres do. Lyneham Parish council have been in discussions with AWS and the Rise Trust regarding piloting the provision of detached youth work in Lyneham.

LC mentioned a potential project looking to take cadets to indoor sky diving and high ropes.

ACTION : LY to give MW & LC each other's contact details.

KH will be looking to develop an adventure playground with activities for use of the community.

ACTION: LY to put KH and DB in touch with each other so they can potentially arrange for the Rise Trust to visit Flaxlands.

The final area board of the financial year is Wednesday March 13th and so deadline for funding applications for this financial year is 14th February. Any ideas for projects and activities that may be supported by funding from the area board do get in touch with Andrew Jack Andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Proposed date for Next meeting: , via Teams –

(This Forum has agreed to meet on a quarterly basis).