

NOTES



23rd January 2024 9:45am – 11am

Meeting : In Person, Sheldon School

1. In attendance

(LA) Cllr Liz Alstrom
(KM) Cllr Kathryn Macdermid
(RH) Cllr Ross Henning
(AF) Cllr Adrian Foster
(LY) Louisa Young, Wiltshire Council
(LG-M) Laura Graham-May, Chippenham Borough Lands & Rag & Bone Arts
(HR) Heather Rae, Chippenham Town Council
(AS) Andy Symes, Sheldon school
(DH) Daniel Harvey, Wiltshire Council
(GM) George McCaffery, Chippenham Hub & Corsham Town Councillor
(SK) Simon Kain, Hardenhuish school
(FW) Fiona Wheadon, Chippenham Sports Club
(JC) Jo Cooke, Chippenham Sports Club
(ES) Eddie Simms, Rotract
(KN) Katerina Newbury, Rotract
(NT) Nicky Trollope, Rise Trust
(KS) Karen Simpson, Wessex Water

2. Apologies

Nick Norgrove, Abbeyfield school
Dave Tregiligas, Abbeyfield school
Heather Leach, The Arts Society
Richard Pomfrett, The Stay Safe Initiative
Elaine Davis, Chippenham Museum
Luke Jones, SMASH
(JH) Jessica Hilsdon, 4Youth
(DN) Deborah Narraway, Wiltshire College

3. What's Happening in your areas and update on any actions from last meeting

(SK) Hardenhuish – current project refurbishment of the gym which will be opened up for community use. Students looking to apply to Wiltshire youth parliament and will also raise about Chippenham town's youth council as may be of interest.

(FW) Chippenham Sports Club have moved their open day to Sunday 28th to link in with Teen Takeover. The air dome has reached its end of life and the club are in the early stages of a project to replace it with new sports hall which will be available for community

use.

(AF) Sheldon Methodist church thanked the area board for funding and updated on trips they have done and are planning. Will be doing residential in August and in future will be working more with Salvation army.

(ES) Rotract – introduced Rotract to the group 18-30 year olds who meet every couple of weeks at Grounded in Chippenham, looking to grow awareness.

(AS) Sheldon School have been adding enrichment such as sports equipment to break times. Have been working with the Rise Trust and NT has been doing a pop-up session each week. Community work included visiting care homes and a reverse advent calendar.

(NT) Rise Trust updated on award of Safer Streets funding and increased work on county lines in Wiltshire and Sheldon school. Have also been awarded million hours funding for Chippenham. Have been listening to young people and the feedback is they are sport focused and so would be great to get them engaging with some of the activities mentioned by the sports club. Young people are particularly interested in having a go at darts.

(HR) Chippenham Youth Council - the Youth Council is open to all young people aged 18 and under who are interested in representing the view of young people in Chippenham. The Youth Council works with the Town Council, the Town Council can ask for the view of the Youth Council and the Youth Council can update and provide feedback to the Town Council. The Youth Council engage with young people in the town and involve them in the democratic process to inform and influence decisions that affect them. Key topics they have discussed recently are climate and the environment and vaping.

Other meetings are organised to work on projects and events as they happen. The skills that young people can work on are leadership, debate, democracy, decision-making, listening, problem-solving and communication. The group meets once a month at the Town Hall in Chippenham, currently on Tuesday evenings from 4.45pm for about an hour. Applications can be made by filling out the attached form, for more information please contact youthcouncil@chippenham.gov.uk

(LG-M) Rag & Bone – teen improv and art.

As they have been attracting young people with higher (not always diagnosed) needs – went to improv to take out the pressure of performance. Will be exploring funding from Wiltshire community fund to add in a performance session. Artists will be replacing the art wall in the library.

Chippenham Borough lands – have got a new CEO. Working with Melt Productions on Fringe February lots of events suitable such as Doug Gillan street artist and all 18-29 tickets are half price and teen tickets lower. Instant wit & take the stage on the Friday night.

ACTION: LG-M sending poster to send out to LYN

GM updated on Chippenham community hub's increased work with young people. Also personally trains guide dogs and as part of that does a guide dog talk and is more than happy to come into schools or visit youth clubs, asked to share his contact details so anyone interested can get in touch:

George.mccaffery@guidedogs.org.uk 07803 415655.

KS Wessex Water briefly updated on the work Wessex water have been doing in area and what they can offer such as the educational advisers visiting. Mentioned the yellow fish project to highlight that water from drains goes directly into the water course and the Hello Lamp post signs around the town. Links are below and resources attached to minutes.

[Education | Wessex Water](#)

[Community Connectors | Wessex Water](#)

Bristol Avon Rivers Trust Yellow Fish [Yellow fish invade Bristol - Bristol Avon Rivers Trust](#)

Karen can be contacted by e-mail karen.simpson@wessexwater.co.uk 07443 302613

4. Youth Grants

LA advised that there is youth revenue funding available for providing positive activities for young people, including for activities over the teen takeover weekend and taster sessions after. There is still over £11,000 of funding available to invest, though there are some projects in the pipeline, the next Area board meeting is 11th March the deadline for applications is 12th February 2024. LA invited any ideas that people had had and asked everyone to promote the available funding.

Sheldon school raised the question about whether funding was available for schools, and it was clarified that they could apply but funding activities that take place during school hours was unlikely. Afterschool activities could be discussed and considered.

AF investigating the possibility of taking 1-2 coaches of disadvantaged children to Thorpe park. Likely cost of £800 per coach, £21 per head per person and would provide a packed lunch and evening meal. DBS leaders including from heals and Salvation Army and likely to be end of August. Some discussion held about how to decide on young people to invite perhaps through social workers or schools CIN register. This would not be open to behaviorally challenged children.

5. Teen Takeover 27th & 28th April 2024

Positive discussion about plans for Teen Takeover. Everyone happy to help promote the weekend and activities going on.

Saturday

Sports Club:

There will be a cricket match held at the sports club which anyone is welcome to watch.

Rag & Bone St Paul's Hall
Improv and art sessions

Stanley Park:
Normal football sessions

Monkton Park:
Normal Park Run

Discussed activities to be held at the MUA. Consider Rise Trust / Blue Bus basing there on the Saturday?

ACTION: DH looking into inclusive rugby session

Neeld Hall

The town council Youth Parliament and the Museum's Photography club will be based in the Neeld Foyer and are planning to hold a competition and have a healthy budget for a prize which will be awarded at the Eco-Fest event in October.

Food

Sheldon Methodist Church will look into if it is possible to hold a community lunch free to all young people. There wouldn't be a need to book this.

ACTION : AF looking into possibility and volunteers to assist

Sunday

Chippenham Sports Club have moved their open day to this weekend and will hold on the Sunday. This will involve all the groups that base themselves at the sports club.

Food

Thought is to fund the provision of free food for young people 13-19 years old, the most popular suggestion was that the sports club normally do a card that is stamped for each activity tried and this could be used to provide food for young people from the food vans which could be funded by the area board.

Rise Trust keen to take their young people.

If there is likely to be young people and the AWS are able to assist with volunteers in Hullavington the Blue Bus could be in Hullavington on the Sunday.

KS Wessex Water investigating options for the educational team and what they could do over the weekend that would link in.

Various discussions around the transport available for young people from the surrounding villages to be able to access activities going on in Chippenham. Suggestions included covering the cost of bus tickets and investigating use of community transport scheme.

ACTION: AF – contacting to check availability

6. Any other business

Five To Thrive – 28th February at the Olympiad. Some will have already received this invitation and it is open to all, invitation attached to minutes and all asked to advise if they or someone in their organisation will be attending areboards@Wiltshire.gov.uk.

JSNA – community data and consultation will be shared with the LYN next month, feedback to the consultation and future discussion will help shape the area board action plan.

7. Proposed date for Next meeting:

Tuesday 19th March 9:45am ideally in person, venue tbc.

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