

Report to	Pewsey
Date of Meeting	11/01/2016
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Pewsey Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: Pewsey Youth Group		
Project Title: Pewsey Youth Group New Venue and Summer Programme 2016	£5000.00	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£5000	
Total amount allocated so far	£22157.86	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

Community Youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

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Project Title: Pewsey Youth Group New Venue and Summer Programme 2016	Requested from Area Board: £5000.00	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

Project Summary: Pewsey Youth Group are looking to move venues in early 2016 to The Outback at Pewsey Vale School. This move is strongly backed by Young People who are already familiar with this building which is tailored specifically for them. PYG would like funding to enable us to rent this venue and also to provide essential equipment for our youth group sessions - ie outdoor lighting. PYG are also forward planning for our 2016 Summer Programme. Young people have expressed their requests for trips and from this list PYG are hoping to provide three trips during the summer holidays for young people ages 13-19 years old and living in the Pewsey Vale.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Pewsey Youth Group supports local needs and priorities by providing a safe meeting place for young people and also positive activities in our youth group sessions and during the summer holidays. Young people have generated a list of trips for our Summer Programme 2016 and through discussions and feedback received from young people three trips have been chosen. Thorpe Park Cotswold water park - Paddleboarding and clay pigeon shooting. Pewsey Youth Group has reached over 75 individual young people since we began last February with an average of 15-20 young people attending our sessions each week. If the move to The Outback at PVS is successful the larger space would enable us to provide further positive activities within the youth group sessions which would benefit all young people who attend. PYG are currently looking to open each Summer Programme trip to 10 young people which could potential benefit 30 young people. Pewsey Youth Group aims to make trips and activities accessible and affordable for all young people. For the Summer Programme trips transportation will be provided hopefully free of charge to young people and pick up/drop off will be local. For each trip the cost to young people will only be the cost to cover their ticket or place on the trip if not lower. We have also researched to find the best deals for each trip. The maximum cost for each trip will be 25. Transport will be expensive so we have requested the full estimated amount in this application. Through effect planning Pewsey Youth Group ensures this project is accessible to everyone whether disabled low incomes vulnerable etc. For example Wheelchair access into our chosen venue and ensuring transport has wheelchair access if needed. We have always encouraged young people to participate in activities and on many occasions have had conversations with young people to relieve their concerns and or worries regarding certain activities payment etc. All activities provided by Pewsey Youth Group are inclusive to all. We will advertise through our Facebook page and shared to relevant pages on Facebook as this seems the most effective way to reach not only young people but their parents or guardians too. We are also looking into possibly promoting these activities through Pewsey Vale School to ensure this programme has been seen by as many young people as possible. The spaces will be on a first come first serve basis. As soon as the parental consent forms are returned and the cost paid the young persons place will be confirmed. Pewsey Youth Group is working with Pewseys Community Youth Officer - Karen Brown. Karen continues to support us ensuring we are providing the best service for young people. If PYGs proposed move to The Outback is successful we will be working very closely with Pewsey Vale School to ensure all parties agree to and are happy with any arrangements or proposals of any kind. For example installing wifi and portable outdoor lighting.

Pewsey Youth Group has a Child protection Safeguarding policy and procedures in place and both myself and my colleague have successfully completed an e-learning module and associated assessments on safeguarding children. Pewsey Youth Group has only two members of staff which include myself. My colleague has read through the safeguarding policy and we have had a discussion to ensure understanding of this policy. DBS has been checked. I Holly Hillier am ultimately responsible for safeguarding. Pewsey Youth Group has a policy on Responsible Internet Use which provides guidelines on young peoples internet access and use. We also display a poster to ensure young people have access to this information at all times.

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