

Local Youth Network Management Group Record of Notes and Actions from November 2nd 2015

Area	Devizes Community Area				
Date	11 th Jan 16	Times	17:30- 19:30pm	Venue	Lavington School
Present	Wendy Higginson	CYO interim cover Devizes Community Area			
	Jack Oatley	Apprentice Youth Worker Devizes, Wiltshire Council			
	Cllr Andy Johnson	Devizes Town Council Cllr (youth focus)			
	Sue Marshall	acting Head teacher/SLT representative Devizes School			
	Daniela De Cet	Deputy Head Teacher, Lavington School			
	Kerry Rose-	Devizes School Governor			
	Cllr Anna Cuthbert	Wiltshire Council Cllr LYN Young Person's Rep			
	Damian Haasjes	Voluntary & Community Sector representative			
	Graeme Morrison	Community Engagement Manager, Wiltshire Council			
	Sam Shore	Youth worker Devizes Youth Club, Lunch Club & LGBT group			
	Andy List	NPT Devizes, Wiltshire Police			
	Ellen Carter	PCSO Devizes Rural area			
	Steve Dewar	Youth For Christ			
Apologies	Cllr Simon Jacobs	LYN Management Group Chair & Wiltshire Council Cllr			
	Lucy Owen-Baines	Young Person from Devizes, studying at Swindon College & Diversity representative/Champion in respect of the LYN			
	Laura Barr	Young Person, Yr. 12 Devizes School, Vice Chair Devizes LYN			
Agenda Items/Notes and Actions					
1	Welcome/Introductions by Wendy Higginson – Wendy introduced herself to the group and agreed to chair the meeting				
2	<p>Update on interim arrangements in terms of covering CYO/Sally's old role Wendy Updated the group on the measures in place to cover the interim vacancy since Sally Willox' departure.</p> <p>Update: Wiltshire Council has made the decision not to recruit both CYO posts that are currently vacant. This is a decision that has been to manage in-year budget pressures and ensure we have a balanced position at the end of the year. For these reasons, in-year recruitment is being reviewed across the council. No mention has been made for measures after the end of the financial year. Wendy Higginson is to cover the role as an interim measure and will be the point of contact for anyone with any queries as well as grant applications etc. Her colleague Karen Brown from the Pewsey community area will undertake supporting and supervising Jack Oatley.</p> <p>Cllr Cuthbert advised the group that they would have to be mindful of possibly becoming a victim of their own success and that it was important for Cllr Jacobs to be discussing this at a higher level. Whilst Sally Willox did a tremendous job there is still work that needs to take place to ensure the continuity of groups already set up and also a presence of a CYO in order for the Community Led Model to be promoted in the Devizes Area and new projects and grants promoted. This cannot be fulfilled with</p>				

	<p>an interim CYO who has their own areas to cover also. There is a danger of undoing all the good work that has already been carried out.</p> <p>AP: Cllr Jacobs to lobby for the CYO role to be filled as soon as possible.</p>
3	<p>Update on Projects and Activities (Jack Oatley & Sam Shore)</p> <p>Devizes Youthy</p> <p>The Youthy is currently closed and will be until the end of January due to refurbishment work being carried out. Learning & Development will have access to the space from 9-5 once completed; this won't affect the youth club.</p> <p>Lunch club</p> <p>The lunch club is going well and is a pleasant friendly space. Attendance is on average 40 young people.</p> <p>Issues may well arise from the use of the current venue once the refurbishment has taken place. There are plans to use the space by learning and development mon – fri 9-5 which will therefore mean the lunch club won't be able to take place there. Sam Shore reported that all current booking will be honoured until the end of the academic year in July.</p> <p>Cllr Cuthbert and Sue Marshall raised concerns about the continuity of delivery of the club as it had taken a while to get it set up and if another venue has to be sought this will cause challenges and could possibly back at square one again.</p> <p>AP: WH to make enquires and find out more information about the changes taking place once the refurb is complete. Also seek clarification on new rates to be charged and what the community rates will be and who reservations are to be made with.</p> <p>LGBT Group Devizes</p> <p>There have been some issues around launching the club due to days and timings. These have now been resolved and working around what suits users and the availability of venue. The group will meet on a Monday evening 6.30 – 8.30 and is being re launched by doing assemblies at schools along with fliers and leaflets. We are also looking to use the old LGBT Group Facebook page "POD" People of Diversity.</p> <p>There were some discussions about transporting young people from the rural area should there be a need. Some confusion over the minis bus driving laws.</p> <p>AP WH to seek clarification around the use of Wiltshire Council minibuses and other groups.</p> <p>Cont.....</p>

Youth Café – Lavington

The Café is open on a Tuesday at 3.30

All seems to be ok, however it would be worth the CYO popping in to make sure all is ok and if they need any assistance with anything, there has been talk about promoting at Lavington School. It could be in need of a relaunch as well as some succession planning and evaluating.

AP – WH to arrange a visit with Jack

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Youth Grant Funding Applications received

Devizes Eisteddfod has submitted a bid Venue Hire, promotional costs and programme cost. Total cost is £440 and they are seeking £220 from the youth grants towards this.

The group voted unanimously to support this grant application.

One suggestion to feed back to the applicant is that they look at what is happening at the schools before a date is set for the Eisteddfod.

Canoe Club – The club have submitted a grant to the Area Board, The LYN is being asked to consider funding some of the project from the positive activities grant. 45% of the membership of the Canoe Club are young people, the LYN have agreed to part fund this project from the Positive Activities grants. The view was taken that 45% of the amount requested would be allocated as this is the % of young people that use the club. Therefore £2250 will be allocated by the LYN with the condition that the Club deliver 3 taster sessions to young people during the year.

AP WH& GH to discuss how best this will be done.

There are two grants that have been awarded in between LYN meetings and are to ratified at the Area Board on 25th January

These are:

Virtual Baby Project – Mothers Union Diocese for Salisbury £255

15 year 10 students both male and female will engage in this project to enable them to be responsible for an infant over a period of time and highlight the responsibility of caring for a baby and the demands it places on the carer. This project will be supported by volunteers from the community and Devizes School.

Leadership Initiative – Devizes School £500

Funding is for the resources to embed the project. It will enable leadership skills to develop, help peers, and build confidence and independence. Up to 100 young people will benefit.

5	<p>Future projects</p> <p>Young people’s Super choir £5000</p> <p>Wendy has met with Carole Berry following on from the last LYN and Sally’s imminent departure. Carole is in the process of completing the application form which we will have in time for the next LYN? Area Board meeting. They are seeking £5000 towards to cost of the project. The project is in response to the Superchoir event that primary schools across the Devizes area engaged in. Young Peoples and LYN suggestion is that young people have their own event for 13-19 (25 with additional needs). It will involve engagement from the different schools across the community area – Devizes School, Lavington School, Rowdeford and Dauntseys, they will be supported by their schools to learn the material and then come together to perform a rock style Supersonic event. This project will engage the young people for at least 6 months and will be supported fully by Carole Berry, director of the event. It meets needs of some local young people and will be a fantastic community event, with diverse skills and interests being developed throughout the coached singing sessions.</p> <p>NOTE: ensure Downlands School are included.</p> <p>WWT are looking to run a pilot scheme of Forest Schools aimed at hard to reach young people. There is a possibility that they will seek funding for this or similar project in the near future.</p> <p>Youth for Christ are look to set up a pop up café in Devizes during the Summer holidays following on from the success of the one in Calne and will be seeking funding for this.</p> <p>Bluez n Zuz Andy List is keen to resurrect the Bluez n Zuz disco which used to be held at the Corn exchange. Funding could be sought from the LYN for this. Wendy has agreed to meet with Andy to see what steps need to be taken. Cllr Cuthbert also expressed an interest in being involved.</p>
Decisions-none	
Recommendations to Area Board	
All applications for youth grant funding were fully recommended by the Devizes Local Youth Network Management Group, as detailed above. Conditions that apply to the Canoe Club and also the Supersonic project, details of which are in each description.	
Other Actions	
1	Cllr Jacobs to lobby for the CYO role to be filled as soon as possible
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3	Wendy Higginson to seek clarification around the use of Wiltshire Council minibuses and other groups.		
4	Wendy Higginson to arrange a visit to Lavington Café with Jack		
5	Wendy & Graeme Morrison to discuss how best to process the Canoe Club Application		
6	Wendy to meet with Andy List and Anna Cuthbert to discuss Bluez n Zuz		
Dates of Next meetings		TBC	
Notes Taken By	Wendy Higginson	Position	CYO