

Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group Meeting Notes



Area	Pewsey				
Date	06/06/2017	Times	5.00pm	Venue	Great Bedwyn Memorial Hall
Present	Ros Griffiths, Curly Haskell, Chris Coppard, Jerry Kunkler, Jenny Bowley, Holly Hillier, Annie Whitcher, Ollie Russell, Courtney Stone				
Apologies	Dawn Wilson, Tracey Richards, Jo Del Mar				
Agenda Items					
1.	<p>Updates from youth groups and projects</p> <p>Cheer dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are 14-18 regular participants. A performance at the next Area Board on the 3rd July is being planned. The team is also working with Pewsey carnival to identify a suitable venue for their performance this year. <p>BMX group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The gates are open and the site is being used. It is also a safe social space for young people. Action - Jenny to promote site and enquire if GB youth group members are interested in taking a trip to the site. - Funding application to be submitted to AB, 7 or 8 young people involved from the start. <p>Pewsey Youth Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group is going well, approximately 15-20 people attend each session (ages 13-17). The summer programme includes: paintballing, Thorpe Park (possible scope to join up with other groups), Better Extreme, drumming sessions and a graffiti BBQ. <p>Great Bedwyn Youth Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous activities have included cooking, pottery painting, Innovate sports sessions, trips, volunteering and activities to support DOE bronze. A recent jumble sale raised £1100. Age range is 11-18yr olds. There are 15-20 regulars. Parish council funding and a grant from Wiltshire community foundation has been received to support the group. <p>Grafton Youth activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting once a month. Recent activities have included silk painting, GB panto followed by fish and chips and an Easter chocolate making session. 6-11 people at each session, some from more disadvantaged areas. More parents are volunteering. The half pipe is well used. GB YP are more likely to go by train to Newbury or Hungerford. The group is currently raising money for a new zip wire and will apply to Area Board later this year. An inter village rounders match is 				

	<p>being organised to involve parish councillors and the wider community. Ideas for summer include trip to tree runners, bush craft skills and overnight survivor skills course.</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All groups encouraged to use LYN Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/PewseyLYN/ • Marlborough LYN is looking at introducing a mobile youth club to reach rural parishes – JB to keep the group updated • A new youth group has set up in Netheravon - a representative will attend a future LYN meeting.
3.	<p>Youth Budget and Funding applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget for 17/18 is £8926. Locally Held Funds approx. 8-10K. Year-end adjustments to be confirmed. • Funding allocated last year approx. 20K • Youth groups encouraged to explore alternative funding sources • BMX group application presented. The request is now for 1 year only and insurance / maintenance costs removed as PCAP awarded £500 at Jan AB. Request is for £1552 • The BMX group were invited to attend the next AB meeting • LYN members fully support the application
4	<p>Community Engagement Manager / Locality Youth Facilitator support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover arrangements (from within the Communities team) will be put in place for the duration of Ros' maternity leave (starting 30th June). • Two youth group leaders present raised frustrations around the lack of LYF support in the Pewsey Community Area over the past 12 months. It was agreed Jenny would summarise these frustrations in an email and share with the wider group for endorsement, this would then be shared with the senior Cabinet member and Portfolio holder for Youth. • Ros clarified that there was support available from within the wider team to assist with specific issues such as recruitment and safeguarding and a LYF currently allocated to a different area would be on hand to advise. This arrangement had been used recently to help with the DBS checks needed for a new position within GB youth group.
5	<p>Youth priorities identified at the Joint Strategic Assessment 'Our Community Matters' event and a LYN forward work programme (FWP)</p> <p>These were confirmed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mental and emotional health * Positive leisure time activities for young people * Child Poverty <p>Ros confirmed that the Area board endorsed these priorities on 6th March 2017. Applications for funding should be geared towards addressing these priorities</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circulate JSA summary report to LYN members 2. Develop a LYN work programme to incorporate the priorities identified 3. Seek input from young people on projects to address priorities
6	<p>Getting Young People involved in the LYN management group</p> <p>Ideas/thoughts</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move LYN meetings around the community area and change the start time • Ask youth group leaders to seek views from youth groups to inform the work of the LYN ahead of meetings • Incentivise young people – Pewsey volunteer reward scheme? • Sell the benefits - leadership experience, managing a budget, having a say on how money is spent and what activities are organised, supports DOE etc • The LYN is more than just grant applications – make it fun and introduce themed meetings. • Hold LYN meetings after school or before youth group meetings • Organise a marketing campaign – new posters / social media • It is unreasonable to expect volunteers to attend both AB and LYN meetings • Ask young people what would motivate them to get involved. • Recognise the challenge of living in a rural area, transport is an issue • Young people from the local area where an AB/LYN meeting is being held could be invited to attend to report back on projects funded by Pewsey Area Board. Starlight Cheerdance will attend the Bouverie Hall on 3rd July, could a rep from Grafton youth attend the September Area Board meeting? 		
7	<p>Update on Wheeled Sports Area at The Vale Health and Wellbeing centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rydon will be starting on site week commencing 12th June. Practical completion of the project is programmed for mid-Summer 2018 • Stakeholder meeting with schools arranged 13th June • Ros is liaising with Victoria Smith - Rydon community co-ordinator about school and community involvement projects e.g. health and safety presentations and a ground breaking ceremony with a time capsule. • Ros to write a project brief for the wheeled sports space based on feedback gathered from various groups such as ex-skaters, LYN members, youth group leaders and pupils in schools. • A meeting will be convened in the summer to sign off the brief which will be used in the procurement process. 4 or 5 quotes will be sought from companies early Autumn, contract to include facilitation of a full consultation with young people across the community area on the final specification for the new facility. • CEM officer/s to be appointed to manage this piece of work. 		
Decisions/ Actions			
1	Youth Budget and Funding applications – Recommendation to award £1552 to Pewsey BMX Group. Ros to confirm 17/18 budget and LHF once year end adjustments made.		
2	CEM /LYF support – Ros to confirm cover arrangements		
4	Youth priorities and FWP – Ros to share JSA report		
Date of Next meeting: to be confirmed			
Notes Taken By	Ros Griffiths	Position	CEM