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| Report to | Amesbury |
| Date of Meeting | 27/07/2017 |
| Title of Report | Community Youth Grants |

1. Purpose of the report:

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

| Application | Grant Amount | |
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| Applicant: Wessex Community Action Project Title: Amesbury Youth Cafe | £13162.65 | |
| Applicant: Splash part of Community First Project Title: Splash with Amesbury LYN | £5856.00 | |
| Total grant amount requested at this meeting | £19018.65 | |

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2017/18 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve 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.

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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| Applicant: Wessex Community Action Project Title: Amesbury Youth Cafe | Amount Requested from Area Board: £13,162.65 | Total cost of project £18,600.00 |
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This application meets grant criteria

Project Summary: This is a centrally based youth drop-in cafe catering for the needs of a wide cross section of 13-19 year olds on Tuesday and Friday evenings. It takes place in the fully equipped premises at The Redworth Centre. We are building on the initial 2 years of this growing facility for young people.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:

The Youth Cafe is open to all and free to attend. Local people are volunteering at the cafe and we signpost young people to other activities which are taking place locally delivering positive activities. The cafe is widely advertised especially in all the local schools and using social media. We have worked with over 100 Young People with attendances averaging 30 per session. Lowest Attendance in February 2017 was 23 Young People and the Highest Attendance was 36 Young People. We provide a Youth Club designed to meet basic leisure needs for young people aged 13 to 19 and steer them in the direction of other more specific positive activities. Young People have access to refreshments and a variety of recreational activities. They are encouraged to set their own agenda and be involved in the planning and running of the facility but with no obligation. We have talked to young people and discussed their wishes needs and desires. Darren and Jonathan try to talk face to face with each young person making small talk as often as possible and this has often led to meaningful conversations. We use some online educational resources for YP particularly in the field of health relationships and arming YP against exploitation. Darren assistant Youth Worker has been trained to deliver sexual health information and to ensure that this is appropriate. Young People are involved in the layout of the furniture the programming and the implementation of our activities. We have identified some integration issues with a couple of YP and have put on some Teambuilding Activities with XPG events in March. We have had a comedy night and taken part in the local Skatejam at the Skate Park. Regular activities include Gaming x-box etc Pool Table Football Quiz Basic Cooking Nail Art Parkour and free running Gladiators Football Rap Balloon Twisting Prestidigitation and educational seminars. We aim to introduce our customers to wider aspects of the community and expose them to external influences locally that go beyond popular culture. We monitor attendance and attempt to include young people from all the area board villages. We work with other providers in the area to suggest further activities for the young people to attend. We attend the Local Youth Network to enable us to build relationships with other community partners.

We keep records of the number of people attending and of the positive activities that we signpost them on to at other times in the week. Over the last year the Youth Cafe has had rising numbers with attendances averaging 30 per session. Once again we anticipate constant levels of young people attending over the year and would like to be able to make a commitment to the young people to be there for the next year. This will enable us to work with the young people building their confidence and helping them to take part in other positive activities in the area.

Recommendations from LYN meeting 14/06/2017
 After careful consideration. LYN recommend to the area board to award £6,500 with for the first six months and that WCA return in 6 months with a thoroughly costed project plan, evidence of 50% match funding and a full evaluation. In any event the LYN would only be recommending a maximum of 50% funding going forward.

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| Applicant: Splash part of Community First Project Title: Splash with Amesbury LYN | Amount Requested from Area Board: £5,856.00 | Total project costs £7,981.00 |
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This application meets grant criteria

Project Summary: Splash provides free positive activities during school holidays. We prioritise young people facing challenges in their lives for example those with special educational needs or disabilities on child protection plans in care at risk of anti-social behaviour or offending victims of bullying young people with caring responsibilities or from families facing bereavement breakdown substance misuse or financial hardship. We aim to raise young people's self-esteem and confidence divert from risky and anti-social behaviour develop an acceptance of others reduce peer on peer bullying and empower young people to make independent positive and safe choices about their future leisure time.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:

Having worked in the Amesbury Area Board area since Feb 2016 Splash have already identified and engaged with 39 young people from the area. Repeat attendance on Splash activities increases the positive impact on the young person and the wider community. The 39-young people already engaging have attended 146 contact sessions between them. Listening to the young people we have identified a demand and need for free positive activities to be delivered in the local area and for young people to be transported to other venues to widen their experiences challenge themselves further and increase their social engagement skills. If approved this grant would provide a further 100 contact sessions engaging a minimum of 25 local young people. All Splash activities and transport are provided free of charge to ensure that barriers to our services are removed. In addition 1 to 1 support is available for those that require support prior to

engaging in group activities and for those that require support after attending in order to maximise their ability to recognise behaviours self-management and develop a strong relationship with Splash staff. Splash have developed strong relationships with local referral partners such as schools AWS youth clubs parents and local PCSOs. We also encourage local volunteers to undertake appropriate training and support the young people on Splash activities. Engaging with both military and civilian partners is vital in our aims to support positive integration into the local community for young people new to the area. As a member of the Wiltshire Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum Splash staff are well informed of other organisations in the area that we can sign post young people and families to for additional specific support where appropriate and beneficial to do so. When appropriate we also signpost and support young people to access local community groups to further continue the developments identified whilst attending Splash activities.

A comprehensive delivery plan will be provided prior to the project commencing. This will include the following KPIs 100 contact sessions 25 young people 3 expected to require 1 to 1 support 70 of engaging young people report an increase in wellbeing and confidence 70 report increase in personal and social skills 70 parents and referral agencies report that Splash has had a positive effect on young people 80 fill rate on places and contact sessions Activities will be monitored by staff young people parents and referral agents. 6 monthly feedback surveys will be conducted to identify the impact attendance has had.

Recommendations from LYN meeting 14/06/2017

After careful consideration. LYN recommend to the area board to award £2,900 for this financial year. They would welcome bids in future years but would want evidence of 50% match funding and would only fund activities for 13 plus age range.

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