

Notes of the Local Youth Network Management Meeting held on 22nd August at The People's Place Studley Green, Trowbridge

Present

Cllr Stewart Palmen (WC Area Board rep), Tracy Sullivan (Trowbridge Arts), Amee Dewitt (Selwood housing) Colin Kay (TCAF)

Apologies

Mary Cullen (Community Area Manager)

Mary is away on annual leave for urgent family business. In her absence she has asked Amée to take notes and facilitate discussions where required.

Budget

Unsure in Marys absence we discussed circa £17k and scored applications based on this estimation.

Application no: 592 – Youth Adventure Programme 2018, Forest camps

Discussed whether Swindon had been approached to invest in young people as they don't appear on the funders list but heavily feature in the application form. Not sure how they are structured as they are unitary and won't have area boards.

Confirmation email read out to confirm that sources of AB funding have been awarded by Chippenham and Westbury. Curiosity over Swindon financial support to young person activities although this wouldn't sway our decision in funding.

The application states they are a newly formed group and don't have published accounts? – How have they received £910k in 1st year and raised so much money – it would be useful to see the company history of accounts if this is an amalgamation of companies.

Why has the application come in so late if it's happening in Aug and Sept. Would this happen anyway regardless of LYN money.

Clear from the application that the money applied for is for the 7 young people from Trowbridge.

Regardless of the discussions above all attending agreed to the importance of the project and agreed to support application for £3,000 IN FULL.

Additional notes on scoring paper work.

Application no: 608 – Brighter Aspirations – staff training

Stewart & Colin were both unable to take part in the grant bid.

AD & TS to discuss application. AD read out additional support questions which had been posed to TCAF and their responses. No additional questions posed to support application.

Long discussion regarding the need for sexual health and healthy relationships training and support to young people. Trowbridge obviously has a need for this given the JSA figures. Colin explained the new structure at TCAF Brighter Aspirations.

There is a hope that volunteers will also attend the free training – Tracy is keen to attend this.

Group agreed to support application for £3,141 IN FULL.

Additional notes on scoring paper work.

Tracy wanted noted her recommendation that if further funding be required for the training of staff in Sexual health and wellbeing that the LYN should support this to allow the teaching to be continued to reach more young people in the future.

News and updates from partners

TCAF

Colin updated the group on current team structure and increase in staffing. Lindseys replacement is due to start on 1st September officially and has a youth and grants background.

2 bids Colin is currently working on – 1 national lottery bid is on youth loneliness for up to 80K. Thinking about commissioning a theatre group Jan 2019 – 2021. There is a report on youth loneliness to back this up. May ask Selwood to partner on this bid. Needs to be applied for by 26th September.

Building connections youth grant between 30-80k – this is deadline on Friday but might not meet this deadline. Could be an idea to look at a space in the town centre possibly.

At September Area Board there will be a discussion regarding LYN steaming and commissioning of services and how this could work in the future.

Town Hall

They have secured additional support from TTC which should give breathing space for the next 3 years with their continued support.

Additional support has been sourced for SEND students, so the programme will continue.

New brochure coming out this week – full season of work up and coming.

Taster sessions at schools for youth theatre will run in January.

IN October the YP music sessions will start thanks to LYN support.

Great success with Greatest showman outdoor cinema screening. The free tickets 'sold out' in 7 mins!

Selwood Housing

Team changes and shortages in the involvement and improvement team have meant extra work pressures on remaining staff. Should have a more permanent solution to this at the beginning of September.

AD happy to discuss TCAF national lottery bid and meet with Sarah but best to wait until late September when she has a bit more time and direction is confirmed. AD suggested in the interim Colin should speak directly with Verena Buchanan to float the idea and assess if a partnership is something that could happen.

AD thanked Tracy on behalf of Town Hall Arts for their generous offering of 30 tickets to attend the outdoor cinema. The competition we have run has been a great success and ensures those on low incomes are enjoying free arts activities on offer in the town.

Cllr Stuart Palmen

No update

Mary Cullen

Amée read update from Mary

There is no further news on the communities review, however we now have a new Head of Service so I guess they will pick it up in due course. Steve Milton will be leaving.

A.O.B

None

Date of next meeting

Mary to advise in due course. 10am on Wednesday morning works well for those in attendance. The Peoples Place is free to book at this time.