



PURTON PARISH COUNCIL
BRIEF REPORT – youth provision within Purton
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board Meeting

Chairman of Council, Ray Thomas, will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Purton Parish Council took the decision in April 2018 to support a youth group through Community Monitoring Support Services (CMAS) one session per week for 9-11 year olds, during term time only. A trial of 6 months was set up at a cost of £3000 plus hall hire.

The cost was born by the Parish Council in full as the age group does not meet the criteria for grant funding through RWB&C Area Board criteria.

The Parish Council felt that we needed to capture the youth before they became potential issues rather than focusing on the issues once they had arrived at the more difficult age to engage of 12-18. Although this age group is still a potential area for working with in the future. Funds permitting.

To date we have run 18 sessions from 6.15pm-8.45pm in the Village Hall in Purton (25th April 2019). We have variance in attendance numbers from 9 on our first day to 34 on our busiest.

Our maximum capacity is 32 with the given numbers of leaders we pay for. (currently we have 20 female and 23 males on the books)

The group also had a young person doing their Duke of Edinburgh award with the groups which added the additional numbers being seen.

The group engage each week and ask what they would like to do not only at that session, but at the next so they are thinking forward in their tasks.

The youth club provides a craft, activity and socialising element but also a mentoring service to the few who have felt they needed that extra support during difficult family times.

The group has been kept to Purton children only due to number capacities although we have been asked to extend to others. Due to costings this is not an option at this given time.

The Parish Council pays not only for the CMAS service of youth workers but also the cost of the hall hire as we have no facilities of our own.

The budgeted figure for 2019/20 is £7750.00 which includes hall hire for a 40 week service (non term time).

Ray Thomas
Purton Parish Council