
Bids to the Amesbury Community Area Youth Budget 2010/11

Purpose of the Report

1. To present two bids for funding from the Amesbury Community Area Youth Budget 2010/11.

Recommendation

2. The Area Board is recommended to approve both funding bids.

Background

3. £5,053 was allocated to the Amesbury Area Board to support youth projects in 2010/11.
4. £1,000 of this was allocated to a youth minibus project in April 2010, but after careful research and set up arrangements, unfortunately this project has not proved viable. Consequently £840 of this £1,000 has been returned to the area board to allocate to other projects.
5. £4,893 therefore remains available for new projects.
6. The Area Board also has discretion to contribute funding from the Community Area Grants Budget to support youth projects.

Summary of Bids Submitted

7. BMX Skate Park Project - Amesbury
 - (a) A group of young people, with support from the Youth Development Service have submitted an application (see appendix 1) seeking £5,000 to contribute towards the refurbishment of the existing skate park at Bonny Mead, Amesbury – the estimated total cost is between £8,000-10,000.
 - (b) Amesbury Town Council is responsible for this site, and support the young people's desire for improved facilities. The town council will financially support this project, but, in order to provide the modern, fit for purpose, facilities which meet the young people's requirements, additional funding assistance from the Area Board is also sought

- (c) The young people have successfully secured 50 signatures from other young people in the local community for the project, and over 100 young people have confirmed their support via a facebook page.
- (d) Bonny Mead Park is located on Recreation Rd away from the main residential area of Amesbury. The park was given to the town council in 1925 for community use.
- (e) The young people have been developing this project for some time now, designing and planning the refurbishment (to also include a graffiti wall) in partnership with the town council. Detailed quotes for which are currently being finalised.
- (f) The hope is that the new equipment can be installed over the coming months in time for the summer.
- (g) This project meets objectives in the Community Area Plan and Wiltshire Community Plan – to provide value for money activities which meet the needs of young people now and in the future.

8. Film Project – to show case youth work in the Amesbury Area

- (a) This project has derived from the Community Area Young People's Issues Group, and is being led by a young person, with the support of the Youth Development Officer.
- (b) The Area Board is asked to grant £450 to fund the making of a film that will show case youth work and youth activities currently being delivered in the Amesbury Community Area. The project will be lead by young people, the footage will be filmed by young people, and the film will include young people.
- (c) The film will be shot at the Durrington and Amesbury Youth Development Centres, on the streets and in the parks throughout the Area and will visit other youth groups who wish to get involved.
- (d) The hope is to have the film complete and ready to show case in the Spring 2011.
- (e) The main objective of the project is to promote through schools, voluntary groups, town and parish councils and the area board the wide range of activities and the benefits of youth work opportunities which are available in this area.
- (f) The desired outcome is to promote the positive aspects of youth work, positive activities and places for young people to go, where they can get involved in the running of their centres and have a strong voice in the community.

Financial Implications

9. If the Area Board approves both bids – this totals £5,450.
10. The Area Board's Youth Budget 2010/11 has £4,893 remaining, and therefore, councillors are asked to allocate £557 from the Community Area Grants budget 2010/11 to make up the difference.

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