

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

PEWSEY AREA BOARD
11 March 2013

Applications for funding to support projects for young people

Purpose of the Report

To ask Councillors to consider three applications for funding from a separate Youth Funding budget which has £1,775 left.

1. Young people from Great Bedwyn Youth Club are seeking £140 for a pottery workshop which will involve the design and production of mugs which they will then paint once they have been fired. This will cover the materials for 20 people to each make a mug. Labour and kiln firing is an in kind contribution.
2. Young people from Great Bedwyn Youth Club are seeking £600 to pay for transport and trips - the grant given by Pewsey Area Board a few years ago has now been spent. Every term the youth leader helps the young people to organize a trip, and the young people decide where to go. Recently they have been bowling and ice skating which they would like to do more of.
3. Savernake Forest Scout Group are seeking £1,000 for their Cooking Under Canvass Project, they have been offered a 2nd hand mess tent which includes walls. It costs £1,600. Cooking is currently carried out under garden gazebos borrowed from parents – unfortunately they don't offer the protection for prolonged periods of cooking in exposed fields for a lot of people.
4. Pewsey Area Youth Council are seeking £1,000 for a "Have a Go at Carnival" project which is about businesses and organisations running sessions for a specified number of teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 – the types of sessions are endless but it is intended to include activities such as clay pigeon shooting, archery, baking, first aid, cookery, bowls, tennis, football, rugby, sewing/knitting, arts and crafts etc. Transport to be provided to and from the activities. Funding is required for travel, venue hire, equipment, advertising and any professional input that may require payment. **Note: The Youth council have agreed that this application can be deferred to July**

Background

1. Area boards had been given extra funding to engage young people who are currently unable to access existing services (e.g. by providing transport to existing provision/delivering services in rural areas/delivering services that target specific groups.)
2. Pewsey Area Board had £4,494 allocated to these youth funding projects, which is in addition to the Community Area Grant budget. It allocated £2,719 at its

meeting in November.

3. It has been agreed that a Participatory Budgeting process can be used as a method of allocating Area Board's youth funding in accordance with the principles of local governance. The Participatory Budgeting Unit defines PB as:
'Participatory Budgeting is a method where local people decide how to allocate part of a public budget. It directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget and aims to increase transparency, accountability, understanding and social inclusion in local government affairs.' Councillors may or may not use the Participatory Budgeting process to determine these applications.

Main Considerations

4. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
5. The Youth Funding item may adopt the principles of participatory budgeting process with decisions made by those present in the room, that is, Board members and members of the public present on the day, should members which to take this approach. Alternatively they may award the funding as per the Community Area Grants Scheme.
6. If participatory budgeting is to be followed, the process will be:
 - Each applicant/s present their project to the meeting, this might be a verbal or power point presentation, a video or other means of communicating the salient points of the project followed by
 - a question and answer session. Questions can come from Members of the Board or Members of the Public
 - Once all applicants have presented and answered any questions, voting will take place using voting handsets. Voters will be advised to bear in mind the following criteria when voting:
 - Does the project demonstrate value for money
 - Will the project leave a legacy for the area
 - Are there demonstrable benefits for young people
7. Success will be measured by votes cast
8. Unsuccessful projects will be advised to discuss other means of funding their projects with the Community Area Manager.

Implications

9. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

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.

10. Financial Implication

Awards must fall within the £1,775 budget allocated to the Pewsey Area Board.

11. Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

12. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

13. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific Equality & Diversity implications related to this report.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Area Board:

- Consider using the participatory budgeting process as indicated in sections 4, 5 and 6 above as a method of distributing Pewsey's youth initiatives funding.
- Agrees to support the enclosed applications and allocates the budget of £1,775 to take the three applications selected through the process.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Youth Funding Proposal: Pottery Workshop

Appendix 2: Youth Funding Proposal: Transport and Trips

Appendix 3: Youth Funding Proposal: Cooking under Canvas