

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	Thursday 26 th March
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
Larkhill Youth Club- London trip	£451
Bourne Valley Explorer Scouts	£1347
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£1798
Total amount allocated so far	£5451

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area 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 2014/2015.

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

Larkhill Youth Club- London Trip- £451

We have decided to plan a trip to London to visit Wicked the musical, London eye and Covent Garden

Over a series of weeks we have planned a trip to London. We started with 20 attractions to choose from and then we tallied them to get a top 5 from which we picked two. We discussed a range of issues which including the use of mobile phones and behaviour to come up with ground rules.

We have decided that £20 is an affordable figure for all member of the youth club to contribute.

Youth Club is open to both Army and civilian teenagers from the Larkhill and Durrington area.

Local Youth Network

The local youth network considered this grant at their meeting on Thursday 12th March. It was scored using the appropriate scoring sheets- available on request. The group attended the meeting and were able to talk about their application and tell the group what they would gain. After discussion the LYN group felt that this group was representing an area of the community who would benefit from this activity and there were clear areas of personal development for the young people taking part. It was also noted that the group have not approached the area board in the past and provided their services regularly meeting a need in the Larkhill area, but opened up to the wider community.

The LYN group would recommend full funding of the grant to the area board. They would like to add a clause that the young people either come to LYN group to provide evaluation of the grant or would invite the LYN members to attend their group for feedback.

Bourne Valley Explorer Scouts- £1347

To take a group of 20 14-18yr old scouts to the Lake District, and sleep under canvas for nine nights. Cooking on open fires, canoeing, caving, climbing, gorge walking, mountain hiking, sailing and tree climbing are the activities planned at a scout activity center, and a trip to Beatrix Potters home. Participants have been able to fund-raise toward the cost of their camp fee by bag packing in a supermarket and an entrepreneur scheme has been run since October. Young people have been involved in all aspects of the planning.

Our summer camp to the Lake District will provide 20 young people from a rural community with the opportunity to challenge themselves in a more demanding but safe environment. Our aim on this camp, as with previous camps, is for the young people to budget, buy, cook and clean up all food during the trip; installing a measure of time keeping, organisational skills, cooperation and team working abilities. Traveling a distance away from home will boost the youths confidence and independence a great asset for life.

The camp has been made accessible and affordable for all by keeping costs to the minimum and through the organisation of events and opportunities for the youth to raise money to further subsidise these costs. For example, we launched an enterprising scheme in October, giving each youth £5 to invest through craft, cooking, and other enterprising activities in order to expand their profits, which would go towards their individual camp fees. During an event we organised at the beginning of December, 12 youths raised £20 each selling their enterprising produce to around 100 people from the local community. Another project that some of the

youth volunteered for, was bag packing at the local Tesco store. Further fund raising events are planned.

Our unit has a youth executive committee of 6 elected members who are responsible for our units constitution, fine tuning of activities and the running of the unit. They meet monthly and have a Chairperson, Secretary, and treasurer. They have been involved with the decision to apply for this grant and have agreed on the contents of this application form.

We have taken deposits from 20 young people within our unit (this was within a month of the camp being offered). This amazing take up and positive response to the camp has meant that we will need to take two minibuses on the trip, an extra expense we had not planned for. However, with the additional space in the second minibus, we will also be able to offer the youth from other units in the district (Amesbury, Winterslow, Laverstock and Alderbury) the opportunity to join us.

Scouting is inclusive and open to all. We have a partially blind youth that will be going on the camp with us.

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