

**Report to** Marlborough Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
**Title of report** Youth Grant Funding

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Aldbourn Youth Council	£5.000	A decision to deferred was recommended in order for AYC to provide further information

**1. Background**

The recommendation from the LYN Management Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Positive Activities for Young People local Youth Network Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards

Young people have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

**2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Grant Funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide and be assured that young people and the community will benefit from the funding being awarded and the project/positive activity proceeding. The application should meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the areas, as identified in the LYN Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding children and young people.
- 2.4. Councillors will need to ensure that young people have been central to each stage of this Youth Grant Funding application.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Youth Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

**4. Financial Implications**

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

**5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**6. Human Resources Implications**

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

**7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and LYNs fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

**8. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Youth Officer has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

**9. Applications for consideration.**

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">ID 79</a> (hyper link)	Aldbourn Youth Council	Summer Activity	£5.000
<p><b>Project description</b></p> <p>Young people have met to decide which activities and trips that they would like to partake in and offer to other young people in the Marlborough area. At present, Aldbourn Youth Council provides a rural youth service three evenings a week during term time and would like to provide activities during the weekends and summer. By applying for grants, this will mean activities and trips can be heavily subsidised which will ensure everyone has equal access. If successful, we can then promote the summer program widely to ensure as many young people as possible are aware and able to participate if they would like to. Currently there are 18 youth councillors who have been involved with designing this summer youth program alongside youth workers and adult trustees and over 115 young people who have already accessed Community Junction facilities and youth activities so far that could benefit directly. Neighbouring villages Baydon, Ramsbury and Ogbourn St George are only 2-3 miles away from Aldbourn so those young people could also benefit relatively easily. In addition, all young people age 13+ could benefit from the Marlborough area as we can arrange for an additional pick up in Marlborough if there is interest. We have made links with one Marlborough youth group and St John's have offered us the chance to promote our activities through their school newsletter. We will also advertise on social media and our own website. Sessions will be managed by our regular youth workers alongside volunteers. We will actively recruit adult volunteers for each session/activity. The play day event we are planning is an open access day that has in the past benefitted over 400 children. Young people contribute towards trips by paying £5 and fundraising activities at the play day event to help towards costs.</p>			

### **Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group**

The application meets the grant criteria in part – the LYN Management Group agreed , due to the amount of funds requested, it was the recommendation of the LYN to request further information and clarity of a few points, at which point the AYC would be giving further consideration at their next meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015. This will also allow the AYC to consider attending the meeting to answer any further questions, if required.

The recommendation to the Area Board is to hold an extraordinary meeting after the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to consider the LYN's final recommendation

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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