

## Malmesbury Town Council

Notes of the **Local Youth Network (LYN)** Group  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Present; Gavin Grant (Wiltshire Council, Malmesbury Area Board & Town Mayor, Malmesbury Town Council)  
Dan Baker (Malmesbury Secondary School)  
Andrew Jack (Strategic Partnership & Engagement Manager) Buff  
Threlfall (Wiltshire Council, Malmesbury Area Board)  
Martin Smith (Wiltshire Council, Malmesbury Area Board)  
Kim Power (Malmesbury Town Council & Chair of Riverside Community Centre)  
Louisa Young (Area Board Delivery Officer, North)  
Matt Wigley (Skate Park)  
Charlie L'Anson (Royal Wootton Bassett Academy)  
Alison Scott – (Parent/resident)

Also present; Lisa Dent (Deputy Town Clerk) – taking notes

1. Welcome

Cllr Gavin Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Apologies for absence

Chuck Berry	(Wiltshire Council, Malmesbury Area Board)
Jo Phelps	(Wiltshire Police)
Becky Walsh	(Wiltshire Police)
Juliet Evans	(Wiltshire Police)
Danielle Blake	Rise Trust
Richard Pomfrett	Staysafe Initiative
Tristan Green	Last Baguette Company

3. Minutes of last meeting (7<sup>th</sup> November 2023)

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record.

4. Updates and reports

Rise Trust – Report from Danielle Blake was read by Cllr Grant. Malmesbury Area Board has funded safe spaces and detached youth working.

Malmesbury School had safeguarding issues over Christmas holiday and police were involved. The Bungalow – one child is being moved to home education, there are some students with high needs needing support and will contact Police and Crime Commissioner as they may have funding available for this and also early intervention work. New project work starting at Westonbirt building a community shelter (Year 9 – 13 and 14 years). Cllr Grant informed 9 Regiment are open to offering assistance/engagement and can provide contact details.

5. Grant Applications

The Last Baguette Company – Youth grant £501 - £1000

Project summary:

Young people to create, write, direct play on a theme around anti-bullying. Participant-led, the young people will create characters and scenes, set and props. These workshops will build confidence in speaking, performing and teamwork.

This application meets the Area Board criteria and budget. LYN gave its recommendation to award funding and requested information as to numbers who attend the production and age groups involved.

### Caerbladon

Creative space for young people – a new community magazine running summer to autumn. It has been agreed to defer this request to the new financial year.

### 6. Plans for skateboarding facilities in Malmesbury

Matt Wigley gave a short talk on the indoor skateboarding facility to the rear of Riverside. It is a small space, restricts numbers of users and requires qualified coaches to run sessions. Many users from outside Malmesbury (Stroud, Bristol, Chippenham). Providing structured coaching sessions, there is room for an outdoor park which enables users to do their own thing and Matt offered to share their experience and assist in the start-up of such a facility.

Alison Scott has been looking at the feasibility of providing a young persons recreation space and following a questionnaire distributed through the local school, an outside sports/recreation area was most popular. The aspiration includes skateboarding/cycling/football/rugby/tennis athletics. It was agreed to focus on 1. outdoor skatepark and cycling area and 2. artificial pitch

Next steps were identified as:-

Recruit additional volunteers forming a group

Public consultation - involve public and identify need

Identify possible locations

Meeting was closed at 17.45.

Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024