

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 6 November 2018
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council – New youth club at Lockeridge	£3,820.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£3,820.00
Total Youth funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2018/19	£19,250.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2018/19	£8,753.00
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£15,607.00 (This includes £8,930 rolled forwards from 2017/18 into this year)

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 2018/2019 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 has been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implication

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards and Local Youth Networks must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people in order to meet the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council’s equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
607	Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council	Set up new monthly youth club	£3,820.00
<p>Project Description</p> <p>Marlborough’s Local Youth Network funded a pilot project through the first half of 2018 to run monthly youth clubs in Baydon, Ramsbury, Ogbourne St George and Lockeridge. Following evaluation, the club at Lockeridge was by far the most successful in terms of numbers of young people attending each month, regularly having more than 10 and up to 20 young people.</p> <p>Building on this success, the local parish council would like to continue this activity for their local young people. They have chosen to engage the same professionals that ran the pilot club – Innov8 Sportz and Jenny Bowley – to run a monthly youth club to be based at Kennet Valley Hall. Their application covers the cost of employing these professional workers for 12 months and other costs of putting on activities for the young people.</p>			
<p>LYN Recommendation:</p> <p>Marlborough Local Youth Network were pleased that the pilot of the rural youth clubs was</p>			

successful in Lockeridge and that local young people were keen for it to continue. The LYN is happy to support the new youth club being set up, however it did have concerns. The LYN encourages new activities for young people to be set up and can provide funding for these activities to establish themselves. In certain cases, the LYN is happy to provide further funding for subsequent years but want to see that provision is in place for the group to become more and more self-sustainable, so that LYN funding is not expected or needed year after year.

Speaking with the applicant, it was clear that the local parish council and volunteers could not commit to giving support to the club until it was set up and running. Marlborough LYN would like to offer the Lockeridge youth club funding for the first six months so that the club can establish itself and be seen as a successful place where local young people want to go. Marlborough LYN can then offer the second six months of funding on condition that it gets proper assurance that the parish council will adequately fund the club alongside local fundraising efforts so that the club can continue after this 12 months of LYN funding runs out. Also that the club is resourced with regular volunteers who are undergoing on-the-job training so they have the experience to take over running the club if or when professionals like Innov8 and Jenny Bowley are no longer involved.

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

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