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| Report to | Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade |
| Date of Meeting | 25/03/2020 |
| Title of Report | Community Youth Grants |

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following application seeking funding from the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

| Application # 815 | Grant Amount | |
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| Applicant: Purton Parish Council Project Title: Youth Provision 13-18 year olds in Purton | £4430.00 | |
| Total grant amount requested at this meeting | £4430 | |

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2019/20 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 Communications, Communities, Leisure and Libraries. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2019/20.

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

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| APPLICATION NUMBER: 815 | Amount Requested |
| Applicant: Purton Parish Council | from Area Board: |
| Project Title: Youth Provision 13-18 year olds in Purton | £4430.00 |
| This application meets grant criteria 2019/20. | |
| Project Summary: To commission positive youth activities for 13-18 year olds in Purton. | |
| Overview of the benefit of the project: Since April 2018 Purton Parish Council has provided a youth club for the younger age group within Purton. In the last year the Parish has been assessing the requirement of an extended offer to an older group. Qualified youth workers who are currently engaged with the younger group have held | |

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conversations with existing group members who will become too old to participate in existing provision in the near future, they have also attended local schools to discuss youth provision and the requirements of an older range of young people. These conversations have provided the Parish Council with the evidence to decide there is a need for an older group.

Previous issues of antisocial behaviour at the Village Centre and Village Hall have both required the use of police resource and CCTV installation however this potentially only removes the issue to a different location and does not address the underlying causes which young people tell us are linked to having a place to go.

The RWB and Cricklade Community Area priorities for the current period including Positive Leisure Time Activities for young people and the reduction of anti-social behaviour. The Parish Council expects these issues to be well addressed by the provision of this project in the Parish whilst also providing further opportunities to provide specific activities that will engage young people around other community priorities including the mental and emotional health of young people, social inclusion and affordable access to cultural activities.

The new group will also provide opportunities for young people to engage with the Parish, the CEM and Wiltshire Council in wider discussions about their experiences of being a young person in the area and their needs and aspirations for the future e.g. opportunities to continue to live and work in the area, training and skills requirements mental emotional and sexual health concerns. Once we have a broad idea of the range of interests concerns that the group wishes to engage with we will encourage local volunteers and partner organisations with specific expertise to work with our youth providers to design and deliver further provision of relevant information sessions, activities and projects; this could include environmental awareness, financial skills, business skills, sport and physical activity, mindfulness, arts and crafts etc. There is currently no other such opportunity for young people of this age to engage in an open free thinking but safe and accessible environment within Purton. The group will be open to all young people who live or go to the school in the Parish pending youth worker capacity. In the first instance it is intended that 1 session per week will be commissioned. This provision will be free to all members although there may be occasions when a small charge will be required to access additional trips/activities - however those who cannot will not be required to pay.

Proposal: That the area board determines the application.

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