

Malmesbury Town Council

Notes of the **Local Youth Network (LYN)** Group

Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 4.30pm

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)
Richard Pomfrett (Stay Safe Initiative)
Chuck Berry (Wiltshire Council & Malmesbury Area Board)
Juliet Evans (Wiltshire Police)

Also present; Claire Mann (Town Clerk) and Lily Guppy (Spurgeons)

1. Welcome & Introductions

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

2. Apologies for absence

Matt Wigley Malmesbury Skate park
Kim Power Malmesbury Health & Wellbeing Forum
Danielle Balke The Rise Trust

3. To approve minutes of last meeting (16th May 2024)

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

4. Updates and reports

Rise Trust – The Rise Trust were not in attendance. Cllr Grant invited Lily Guppy of Spurgeons (Lily is the Community Family Navigator with Wiltshire Family Hubs) to introduce herself as they work very closely with The Rise Trust. Lily explained that her role is mainly to visit Schools to highlight the work her organisation undertakes. Questions were asked about how families are referred and Lily explained that it is mainly through Schools but also Fear Free and other Multi Agency Forums. Cllr Grant how the LYN can help, Lily responded that awareness/signposting is crucial. PCSO Juliet Evans took Lily's details so that the Police might also make referrals.

Malmesbury School – Dan reported that the School has had a calm start to the new term. The current Yr 11s are less involved in undesirable habits. Dan noted that when the older children in the School are better behaved it tends to follow on down through the younger year groups.

ASB is centred around groups of Yr9 girls currently. Lily suggested a group called 'Mighty Girls' could be utilised; they hold workshops around body image, healthy relationships and other relevant topics. Dan said that he will certainly look into this. Richard stated that he was familiar with the group and would share contact details with Andrew also.

Wiltshire Police – PCSO Juliet Evans reported that she has been on her own for some time since the retirement of PC Jo Phelps. All recruitment has now been put on hold but a new PC,

Kyle Lloyd will be in post shortly. Juliet stated that Community Resolutions are being driven at the moment as there are still some young people that remain an issue, attempting to intimidate people whilst riding their bikes.

5. To note grant applications

Malmesbury Community Skate Park - £2.5k

Andrew reported that he will detail the application at item 7.

6. To decide approach to assess SEND performance in the Malmesbury area.

It was noted that the Primary and Pre-School are SEND underperforming. Discussion followed and it was raised whether this is just countywide or a national issue. Andrew stated that he and Alexa will contact SEND to make enquiries about this.

7. To receive an update on Pump Track, MUGA and outdoor Skate Park

Cllr Grant reported that the project is progressing at speed. The site identified and currently being investigated is at White Lion Park Play Area. A public meeting had taken place with presentations from established schemes and 50-60 people had attended. The group is looking into its legal status to enable them to make applications for funding to progress the initiative.

Andrew Jack stated that an application has been made to the Area Board for £2.5k for preliminary works at the site.

8. Any other business

Richard asked if the criteria had changed for youth grant applications. Changes are expected but this has not happened yet and Cllr Grant suggested that Richard submits an application as normal. The Area Board will contact Cllrs A Bucknell and Blair-Pilling for an update.

Cllr Grant reported that Matt Wigley, Malmesbury Indoor Skate Park, wants to promote the work done by the group and asked that all members get in touch with Matt for a photo opportunity and to see what goes on there.

9. Date and time of next meeting

To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 6pm.