

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WARMINSTER AREA BOARD

Thursday 24 June 2010

Partner update for CAYPIG

**Warminster Development Centre for Young People - Community Area
Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG), Specifically looking at Skate
Park and Transport Issues**

Purpose of the Report

1. To highlight issues that affect young people within Warminster and surrounding Villages these include the continuing issues that surround the Skate Park within Warminster Town Park and also Transport Issues in the Warminster Community Area – Young people not being able to access out of school hours activities.
2. An update of service in relation to opportunities available for young people and resources

Background

1. Young people are really happy with the amount of work that has gone on in the skate park and are still involved in sorting out various bits and pieces like benches, Sponsored Skate event and also the Warminster Skate Comp on July 10th. The young people from the CAYPIG will be Opening up the Fun Day in the park along with the Mayor, to say thank you to the Funders and councillors for all their support.
2. The young people also have to look at the signage for the Skate Park which was a condition as part of the Performance Reward Grant given to help with the repairs of the skate park and also the teen shelter.
3. Young people have also put in a Grant Bid to the Area Board for money to develop a sculpture within the town (most likely to be in the Park if Permission is granted) this is so that the young people can give something back to the community in light of all the bad press and so Warminster can see young people in a positive light.
4. Young people living in outlying community areas of Warminster are not engaging fully in after school activities/services, this is mainly down to the lack of buses available to young people in villages and also within some parts of town. Certain young people are missing out on valuable developmental opportunities from organisations; one being Wiltshire Council's Youth Development Centre and their outreach

service, as well as the sports centre, Skate Park and even the town park as a whole. This also extends to other youth organisations within the town and surrounding villages.

5. There is a lack of buses from outlying areas, including villages, to transport young people into Warminster to access the services they may wish to use. Buses don't stop near where they live and do not run at times suitable to their needs. Young people's safety is a major issue because they want to be able to access a bus at a safe, well-lit location, times when the clubs/services they access close, to avoid loitering and at locations near the clubs/services they wish to use, to avoid long walks, especially if it is late or they are on their own/small groups. Without safe, accessible transport, young people will lose out. Many parents/carers do not allow their children to walk to places when it is late or dark and those young people, who are allowed, don't want to as feel vulnerable.
6. Young people of the CAYPIG are currently looking into the prospect of linking up with other organisations such as the Minster Church for the possibility of using their resources and access to minibuses and volunteer drivers and will look to seek funding for this from Area Board and would like to put together a proposal and a presentation for the Area Board in September for this highlighted and maybe gain some interest and offer of support from other businesses and community organisations in Warminster.

Main Considerations

- Young people's needs
- More Benches and looking into the signage (making it more user friendly to Young people and children)
- Full consultation and involvement in future plans for the skate park and the town park
- Ensuring that young people are recognised be being positive influences with in the local community ie: Fun in the Park, Community art sculpture, Sponsored Skate
- Parent/guardian opinions
- Explore existing transport routes/times including villages
- Meet with transport providers to highlight young people's concerns
- Isolation of young people
- Options for improvements to transport/new initiatives
- Funding for transport initiatives
- Positive impact on young people through being able to access 'out of school hours' services
- Recognising the importance of the voice & opinion/influence of young people
- Costs to young people when they access transport
- Safety of young people

Recommendation

- Look at further improvements to the skate park and the town park in relation to the friends of the park and Wiltshire councils 5 year plan and that young people's involvement is welcomed.
- Develop Signage for the Skate Park to make it more welcoming and young people to take ownership and responsibility for their own actions within the skate park.
- Young people to organise and fundraise for cost of repairs and maintenance of the skate park by organising a sponsored skate possibly to Imber village (in discussions with the army) – Young people to promote Skate Park and competition for the event on Saturday 10th July 2010
- CAYPIG to put together a grant application to the Area Board for a community art sculpture.
- The existing transport provider's public bus routes/timetables are explored
- Transport providers from current services should be invited to the Warminster
CAYPIG & possibly future Area Boards
- Further consultation/in-depth questionnaire with young people reference the times they want buses to operate and from what specific locations, this has been initiated but needs continuing

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