

Local Youth Network Meeting- Minutes

Wednesday 18th February 2015 Bradford-on-Avon Youth Development Centre

Apologies:

- Karen Butler, St Laurence School
- Councillor Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Council
- James Voughton, Fitzmaurice primary School and Youth For Christ
- Councillor Ian Thorne, Town Council and Wiltshire Council

Present:

- Skye May, Cherry Riley- Local Youth Network Chairs
 - Emma Coombs, Community Youth Officer
 - Councillor Magnus McDonald, Wiltshire Council
 - Councillor Alison Craddock, Town Council
 - Councillor Rosemary Brown, Wiltshire Council
 - Peter Dunford, Bradford-on-Avon Area Board
 - Jane Grant, Bob Crouch- Holt Youth Club
 - Charlotte Jackson, Holt Youth Club
 - Jim Lynch, BoACAN
 - Amée Desimone, Selwood Housing
- ◆ Introduction of members, present in the meeting.
- ◆ Previous minutes emailed to members- Adjustment of previous minutes: Holt's grant application granted £2774 for the running of the youth centre.

Matters Arising:

- AC gave an update on the community centre building and the lease.
 - Costs £20,000 per year to keep the building open with the 18 months lease with possible extension to 5 years.
 - The lease has been signed and a grant has been set to make improvements in the building. Specific building improvements: Tiles, electrics, sanding pillars, painting, additional radiators, building seals, broken blinds, new cooker, door closures, wifi, signage, carpeting and improvements on the fire doors.
 - Costs: £1565
 - Caretaker available for the building.
 - Unknown use of the building from Fitzmaurice School.
 - Open falls clinic.
 - Study from Wiltshire Council to investigate which schools are in most need of the use of the building.
- ◆ EC gave an update of the running of the youth club sessions.
- ◆ Opening of the youth club sessions were promoted.
- ◆ 2 sessions have taken place on Tuesdays. The first session consisted of 23 young people and 16 on the second night. Few young people attend during term holidays.

- ◆ Young people who attended previously attended before the closure of Wiltshire youth services.
- ◆ New young people attended the session.
- ◆ Ground rules were set for young people to understand how to use the building.
- ◆ Use of the budget was explained to young people.
- ◆ Possible future opening of the youth club sessions on a second evening on Thursdays.

- ❖ EC, CR and SM met with head teacher, Fergus Stewart, of St Laurence to discuss distributing questionnaires for the pupils to complete about what facilities they would like to see available in Bradford on Avon and surrounding areas. This will take place in March.
- ❖ Head teacher, Fergus Stewart has full support of the work being made for young people.
- ❖ JV available to provide a gazebo in the school for distributing questionnaires.
- ❖ Briefings/Assemblies are possible to be used within St Laurence.

Engagement Events:

- A young people's open day took place on December 16th. It was used as a consultation day, to find out what positive activities young people want within Bradford on Avon, and surrounding areas.
- Many young people, who had previously attended a youth club, mentioned that they felt that running youth club sessions would be beneficial for them. Youth club sessions are now available again.

Mapping Exercises / Community Providers:

- Available activities: Uniform groups- scouts, guides, air cadets. Parkour, skate park, lifesaving skills, rowing, church youth groups, 3-2-5 clubs at St Laurence, music centre clubs.
- Known provider: Kate Nottage
- CJ explained the use of the Citizens Advice Guru and how they can be used to teach young people about efficient banking/ saving.

Grant applications:

- The LYN is supportive of grant applications.
- The grant application from Holt was looked at. The scoring process for grant application was looked at.
- EC explained how the grant applications work and how the scoring process is used with marking system. Information is available on the website for the Area Board.
- Grant application by JL to be marked in April.
- JL explained the meeting with EC and IT to make a grant for Will Sansom to complete more filming about the social history of tire factory in Bradford on Avon as a project.
- The use of filming from Will, to be used to show young people the skills of filming in cameras, mobile phones etc... Applied for £5000 grant and received £2500.

- Shorted applications will be used in the future.
- RB began the discussion on numbering the scoring sheet, to allow the use of cross-referencing both parts of the information to be quicker.
- CJ explained the use of no numbering could be more useful as the members of LYN could work closely together to mark the application.
- AC spoke about the minimal correlation between the 100 point scoring systems.
- AC suggested the use of having a set time for applications be sent in, on a quarterly basis.
- Discussion of grant applicants to be questioned at LYN meetings about their applications.
- The suitability of partial bids was questioned.
- Discussion about adapting the agenda to have a longer set time for grant applications (longer than 30 minutes).

Who else should be involved? / Widening the LYN:

- Suggestion of more young people to be invited to the LYN.
- Use of running an event to allow young people to see what is available in the area.
- Suggestion of Chris Brown joining the LYN.

Moving forward:

- Next meeting arranged for Monday 13th April 2015.
- Meetings to be set at least 3 weeks before Area Board

Any other business:

- JL spoke about the fringe festival and met with JP and PD to speak about the London workshops to work with young people ages 16-25 years. BOACAN and LYN to become apart of this and be supportive.
- Charity from the fringe festival to be used for proceeds going to Bradford on Avon youth club with 700-800 surplus.
- Intended use of BOACAN to apply for a grant for this to take place.
- ◆ £15,674.74 allocated each year for the Positive Activities.
- ◆ Locally held fund of £26,000 from 14/15 - rolls forward.
- ◆ MM mentioned the use of fundraising to allow extra money into Bradford-on-Avon.
- ❖ Jane Grant resigned from the LYN and suggested recruiting new member.