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Clerks Report to: Broadclyst Parish Council

Date of Meeting: 4th September 2017

Agenda item: 17/161

Subject: Broadclyst Youth Club

Purpose of report: to update the Council following an annual review of the Parish Council's Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the YMCA

Recommendation:

- i. that that report be noted
- ii. that recommendations within the report be passed to the Finance Committee for consideration when setting its budget for 2018/19
- iii. that the value of the group, with a current membership of around 140 young people, be noted, and that financial provision be made in the 2018/19 budget for continuation of Youth Work in Broadclyst parish.

Financial implications: Medium: The Council is under a 3 year SLA with the YMCA to deliver a community youth club in Broadclyst. Notice periods on both sides are built in to the SLA. External funding is sought where possible.

Legal implications: Low: The SLA includes the adoption and cover of all YMCA policies, procedures, and safeguarding. The Youth Worker and Clerk are both CEOP registered <https://ceop.police.uk/> and DBS checked.

Equalities impact: Low: The Club has an all-inclusive policy and the venue is DDA compliant.

Risk: Low: The YMCA is audited and insured to provide community youth work session.

Link to Council Action Plan: Promotion of sustainable and economic lifestyles in the parish; to support community schemes and voluntary groups within the parish.

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Background

Broadclyst Youth Club is administrated by the youth committee on behalf of Broadclyst Parish Council. Broadclyst is classified as a disadvantaged rural area and all members live in the parish. Youth work is delivered under an agreement with the YMCA, commencing June 2014. Young people are encouraged to get actively involved with the management and running of their Club.

An annual review meeting was held on Friday 11th Aug 2017. It was attended by Sam Thomas (YMCA Youth Services Co-Ordinator), Gareth Sorsby (YMCA Community Projects Manager), Sally Robinson (Broadclyst Youth Club Chairman), Angie Hurren (Broadclyst Parish Clerk), Natasha Curwood (BPC). This report summarises discussions and recommendations arising from that meeting.

Current operation

The previous year has been smooth running. Provision is planned around a curriculum (provided with this report) which covers many topics and is delivered in age-appropriate session. The possibility of extending the current 42-week provision further was discussed in order to provide a year-round club which negates long gaps in support which is so vital to vulnerable members. The additional charge for the extra sessions, as well as the cost of the SLA for 2018/19, will be made available to the Finance Committee in order to set next year's budgets.

In previous years, the youth club have successfully carried out an activity for the children to gain a vocational qualification. The 3D project, Emergency 1st Aid at work, and basic food hygiene have all been successfully delivered with the senior members of the club. This year with Steph leaving nothing was put in place, however we recognise the benefit of enabling young people to gain an additional vocational qualification, therefore this report carries a recommendation for part-funding of another vocational qualification next year (May half term).

Membership/session structure

Session changes:

The current membership has increased to 100 young people since the start of the academic year, including several year 6 and 7 members.

At present, we have just over 100 13-17y old's registered and 33 9-12y old's registered. The older age group numbers do drop off with study leave and exams at the end of the academic year and then picks back up again with the new intake of children.

The maturity and needs of young people vary hugely so due to increasing membership and attendance a trial of 2 separate sessions was carried out in 2016/17, enabling age-appropriate activities and topic work can be done to serve the requirements of all age groups.

Sessions from Wednesday 19th October 2016 have been:

Yrs 6-8	18:30-20:00
Yrs 10-13	20:15-21:45
Year 9	either session (at Youth Worker's discretion)

This was a positive move and well received by members. Following the success of the trial the two different age groups will continue.

Aims and Outcomes

The Club aims to achieve certain outcomes through its work in the parish:

Be Safe (e.g. promoting tolerance, celebrating diversity, someone to go)

Be Healthy (e.g. feeling happy, mental health, fitness, gain confidence)

Be Resilience (e.g. self-discipline, self-management, concentration, persistence, control)

Be Prosperous (e.g. volunteering, preparing for college or work, learning new skills)

Be Connected (e.g. have a voice, social action, community links)

This forthcoming year the concentration will be on the following outcomes:

Outcome 1 - **Be Prosperous**

Members are volunteering to work with staff outside of their club, developing friendships outside of their own youth club circle and learning interpersonal skills.

Members have learnt many skills which are transferrable into the work place including first aid at work, cooking, budgeting, and how to work together as a team.

Careers project:

Club Members have requested a project to teach interview techniques, C.V. writing, and a general guide through the whole job application process. This will stand our young people in good stead as they leave education and/or seek work, and has been asked for as they do not feel they do not currently have enough support either through home or school.

Partnership options with the Rotary Club, who have a track record of working with young people on mock interview sessions, are being explored.

Outcome 2 - **Be Safe**

Youth club offers young people a safe, secure space in which to discuss their fears, concerns and worries in confidence.

Tolerance of other young people and adults is positively encouraged through discussion and role play scenarios.

Advice is available for all aspects of safety which are pertinent to young people today, i.e. internet safety, personal safety, drugs/alcohol awareness, and safe sex.

Social Media awareness project:

Session leaders are planning the opportunity to help Club members to sort through their social media accounts, removing photos /status updates which are inappropriate and could be potentially harmful to a future career.

Outcome 3 - **Be Healthy**

Physical health: actively encouraged through sports and team games. Members have regular cooking activities where they are able to prepare basic meals from scratch.

Mental health: Support and advice in confidence is available; young people within the group discuss their issues and those of which they are aware but do not have personally experienced. This helps build and understanding and tolerance of peers.

Emotional health: space to talk and support encourage emotional health in young people as they discuss how they are feeling both in the session or at any time during the week.

Sexual health: a good relationship between youth workers and young people encourage open and frank discussion about safe sex, contraception, and sexual relationships.

Staffing:

Steph Trebilcock, former YMCA youth worker and co-ordinator, left in April 2017 to pursue a career with the Police Force. Her role, which had expanded greatly since the original SLA was agreed, has been reviewed. A new role has been created to take on the co-ordination and management the youth work team and to deputise for Gareth. Martha, and new youth worker Becky, will focus on session planning and delivery. Each session is also supported by interns/volunteers from the YMCA. It was suggested about having a small group of parent volunteers if ever the need arise for extra help so they wouldn't need to close any sessions due to sickness etc.

Changes within DCC's Youth work delivery:

The County Council has remodelled the way in which it delivers youth services, resulting in the awarding of a 3-year contract to provide Youth Services to newly-formed company DYS Space Ltd. last year.

There are approximately 63,000 young people in the 13 – 19 year age range living in Devon. DCC Youth Service, in line with Resourcing Excellent Youth Services (DfES 2002) should - as a minimum - be in regular contact with 25% of that number (15,700 young people) annually. This statutory duty is being met by the principal authority through its revised provision which was launched in February 2017: "...a number of our highly-skilled youth service staff have moved into intensive senior youth worker roles. These support a range of early help services for young people with a range of needs who have support from more than one service. The roles are flexible across a range of targeted work including mentoring, assessment, intervention and relationship-building. This supports Principle 4: There should be clear pathways between services which allow young people to access specialist support when needed and then move on."

The National Standards of Youth Work Provision targets state that authorities must secure convenient and suitable access for young people to high quality youth work in safe, warm, well-equipped locations and secure adequate opening of youth provision within these locations, which should be within a safe 30-minute journey time for 80% of young people in County Council areas. This target criteria is being met through DCC-run urban youth hubs, located in towns across Devon with the highest footfall, including Exeter, Exmouth, Barnstaple, and Okehampton, however it leaves many young people without easy access to their nearest youth facility.

This has the greatest impact on the most vulnerable young people, who are already disadvantaged by living in rural locations with non-existent/poor and expensive public transport networks. Strategy 34 of EDDC's Adopted Local Plan 2013-2031 requires affordable housing to be provided on all residential developments over 11 houses¹ in East Devon, unless Government guidance indicates otherwise. This geographical pepper-potting of social housing away from urban areas has resulted in children of disadvantaged families being located in an area from which they are unable to access youth services. A 30-minute journey is simply not an option for some families. It is recognised locally, regionally and nationally that, where youth provision exists and is well managed, governed and maintained and "owned by the local community", the benefits to the wider community and young people themselves, are substantial and sustained.²

¹ maximum combined gross floor space of no more than 1,000 sqm

² National Standards of Youth Work Provision – Local Development Framework

Funding

Broadclyst Youth Club's LYN funding bid was largely unsuccessful save for 50% of room rents cost. We will apply again for next year and hopefully secure some grant monies, however there is no guarantee that the LYN funding will continue as DCC strives to manage its budget cuts.

The cost of the SLA for 18/19 is yet to be confirmed but is likely to be in the region of £9,000 (to allow continuation of 2 staff and split sessions). We are awaiting figures from YMCA to increase sessions to 50 per annum; it is not yet known if this much of an increase is possible as the YMCA has a finite capacity for its community youth work resources and traditionally breaks in the summer to fit in staff annual leave. It is hoped an agreeable compromise can be reached.

The YMCA and club contributes to the overheads of community youth provision by fundraising. The cost analysis on last year's figures show the value of this fundraising, as well as showing the cost to the taxpayer per young person per year.

2016/17 Cost Analysis

Source of funding 2016/17	Amount of funding 2016/17	Percentage of total cost	Cost per session (42 per year)	Cost per member per year (111 members)
Broadclyst Parish Council	£7,000	51.51%	£166.67	£63.06
YMCA Fundraising	£6,590	48.49%	£156.90	£59.37
Total	13,590	100.00%	324	122

2018/19 Projected figures

Projected figures (estimates, based on current membership)				
Source of funding 2018/19	Amount of funding 2018/19	Percentage of total cost	Cost per session (42 per year)	Cost per member per year (140 members)
Broadclyst Parish Council	£8,500	53.13%	£202.38	£60.71
YMCA Fundraising	£7,500	46.88%	£178.57	£67.57
Total	16,000	100.00%	381	128
Source of funding 2018/19	Amount of funding 2018/19	Percentage of total cost	Cost per session (50 per year)	Cost per member per year (140 members)
Broadclyst Parish Council	£10,000	54.05%	£238.10	£71.43
YMCA Fundraising	£8,500	45.95%	£202.38	£76.58
Total	18,500	100.00%	440	148

Inevitably an increase to sessions will push up the annual cost of the SLA, however with a membership pattern which has steadily increased over the last 3 years the cost per member will see little change and could potentially even drop if the number of sessions isn't able to be increased.

Recommendation:

When calculating the budget for 2018/19 the following allocations be made:

- figures for the SLA to be confirmed later in the autumn once received from the YMCA
- May half term project for 2018 a contribution of £1,500 (project to be decided)
- Room rent of £1,000 per year (50 weeks at £20/week)

This concludes my report to Council.

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