



Community Assets Committee Youth Outreach Services Opportunity

Wroughton Parish Council has had a Service Level Agreement in place for the last few years to deliver 2 hours of outreach youth services via Central Swindon North Parish Council's experienced team. Notice was given by CSNPC that from the end of March 2023 that they did not wish to continue this due to operational changes in their ways of working. The Clerk and Community Projects and Grants Officer have been looking for another suitable arrangements for delivery including joint working with other parishes but no solutions have been identified. It is not feasible to deliver this service in house due to the complex Safeguarding arrangements nor financially viable due to the short duration of contact time involved.

The Community Grants and Project Officer recently met with SMASH Youth (see Appendix 1) who are a specialist Swindon-wide charity who support local young people and have been providing bespoke mentoring services to children and young people for over 24 years. They have made an outline proposal to offer 52 weeks of 2 hour youth outreach time for £4492 EXCL VAT.

The current budget provision for this service is £3000 for the rest of the financial year.

As the school holidays approach, the Youth Working Party propose that it would be a good idea for youth outreach to be put into place quickly to maximise the opportunities to support our young people during the good weather. With this in mind a number of recommendations are being put forward by the Youth Working Party.

Recommendations

1. The Clerk and Community Project and Grants Officer are given authorisation to liaise directly with SMASH Youth to agree and implement a Service Level Agreement to deliver 2 hours weekly of youth outreach services to our young people upto the end of October 2023.
2. Spend for Youth Outreach services to the end of October 2023 does not exceed £2000 (code 4012/100).
3. An opportunity of for a launch event for the refurbished basketball court at Maunsell Way involving a professional coach is explored and if feasible implemented as soon as possible by the Community Grants and Grants Officer.
4. A review process of the new youth outreach services takes place in late September to discuss how youth provision could continue during the winter months with external grants potentially sought by WPC/and or SMASH Youth to support this.
5. Opportunities to explore the suitability of Maunsell Way Pavilion or the shipping containers for future youth indoor provision are explored with SMASH Youth.