

## Report No.1

### Report to Meeting of Malmesbury Town Council 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015

#### Malmesbury Local Youth Network

#### 1. Purpose of the report

1.1. To inform the Town Council of the work of the Local Youth Network.

#### 2. Background

2.1 The Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group meets monthly. The Management Group is run by the young people, joined by five supporting adults with the Secretariat provided by Wiltshire Council's local Community Youth Worker

2.2 The purpose of the LYN is to provide a voice from young people in the communities covered by our Area Board to the Area Board and other bodies including Town and Parish Councils.

2.3 Importantly the young people make recommendations on commissioning work to support the priorities for action as established by the needs survey conducted among young people in 2015. This achieved a participation rate of 841 responses out of a target audience of 1,533. This work programme is put before the Area Board for funding. Such funding can be used to support Town Council events. A good example was the funding of the "long bow" archery at the 2015 St Aldhelm's Fair. This was seen as a success by the LYN Management Committee.

2.4 The current make-up of the LYN Management Committee is:

- Chair - Shaina Snashall (Malmesbury)
- Promotion Champion - Jade Sanders (Malmesbury)
- Rural Representative - Finn Wood (Sherston)

2.5 Currently the following roles are vacant and being recruited:

- Secretary
- Equalities Representative
- Safeguarding Champion

Former LYN Officers who are still in the relevant age range attend the Management Committee.

2.6 Supporting Adult roles:

- Area Board Representative - Simon Killane
- Town Council Representative - Gavin Grant
- Malmesbury School Representative - Shelly Ball
- Voluntary Community Sector Representative - Denise Little
- Parishes Representative - Vacant
- Support Worker - Xina Hart

2.7 At the most recent Management Committee meeting I reported back on the informal discussion that had taken place between Xina Hart and the members of our Town and Community Promotions Committee who were in attendance at our last meeting.

- 2.8 This discussion centred around the Town Council's desire to work more closely with young people, listen to their voice and respond to their needs. This approach was welcomed by Xina during our informal meeting, a fact she echoed during the LYN discussion.
- 2.9 The young people at the LYN Management Committee responded positively to our assertion. They would like to meet with the Town and Community Promotions Committee to explain the work of the LYN and explore how we might work together. Xina would also like to attend that meeting.
- 2.10 The discussions between the young people running the LYN and the Town and Community Promotions Committee will be reported to the Town Council through the Committee minutes. In addition it will be my intent as the representative of the Town Council to report back to the Town and Community Promotions Committee. From time to time and on any important LYN matters that do not fit to the timetable of our Committee meetings. Should the need arise I will bring such matters to the attention of the full Town Council through a written report.
- 2.11 Finally the Town Council may wish to note that the LYN Officers were interested in exploring the possibilities of making a presentation on their work to the full Town Council. This could follow on from starting the joint discussions with the Town and Community Promotion Committee

### 3. Proposals

- 3.1. The Town Council invite the Officers of the Local Youth Network to deliver a short presentation about their work at a future meeting of the Town Council.

### 4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider if the Officers of the Local Youth Network should be invited to make a presentation to the Town Council.

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Representative of Malmesbury Town Council to the Local Youth Network Management Committee  
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