

1819/048 Youth Work Provision in Prudhoe

a) Summer Activities for Young People

It was AGREED to SUPPORT the proposal from Cllr Angie Scott to use funding available for 'Youth Provision in Prudhoe' and go out to tender for a programme of summer activities for young people in the town was received.

Proposed: Cllr Angie Scott Seconded: Cllr Jennifer McGee

Members supported the proposal and discussed that there was a very short time frame in order to agree to funding before schools break up for summer. **It was AGREED** that in order to support the proposal, the July PCW's would have to hear this as an extraordinary item with a closing date of 10th July to receive proposals.

The Acting Clerk asked if members could agree to delegate the approval of the proposal to herself and the chair, in conjunction with Cllr Angie Scott, prior to going out. **This was AGREED.**

b) Detached Youth Work

The subject of providing detached youth work sessions in the town was discussed.

Cllr Jennifer McGee advised that the issue of detached youth work has been raised before by different people and the feeling is that there should be greater provision as there is a need in the town. Cllr Jennifer McGee proposed that the town council put out to tender the opportunity to provide this to any youth organisation available to work in the town, including West Northumberland Youth Service.

Cllr Angie Scott advised that North East Youth work alongside NCC outreach in Blyth, adding that Friday and Saturday are when the work is required. Other groups suggested as being potentially able to provide outreach work were Corbridge Youth Initiative, Hexham Youth Initiative, Children North East and Consett YMCA.

Cllr Gerry Price reported that 3 months ago he requested NCC seek new detached workers and that there has been no response to date. Additionally, Cllr Gerry Price noted that presently feedback suggests young people are gathering at Prudhoe Riverside and in the woods.

Cllr Jennifer McGee noted that Ponteland Town Council has recently instigated an outreach service in conjunction with West Northumberland Youth Service.

It was AGREED to seek tenders for the provision of two outreach youth workers on a Friday and a Saturday evening, with a view to budgeting how many weeks in the year would be feasible. **It was AGREED** that the summer funding proposal should be prioritised.

Proposed: Cllr Jennifer McGee Seconded: Cllr Tracy Gilmore