

Community Board – North West Chilterns
Young and The Elderly
Briefing Report – 11th March 2021

Purpose of the report:

This report provides a brief update on the work undertaken by the Young and The Elderly (YAE) subgroup since the last Community board meeting held on 19th November 2021. The last meeting was held on Monday 15th February.

Progress to date:

The subgroup has met three times since the last Community Board meeting. The following is a summary of the key matters arising:

The Elderly

Following our initial investigation into social isolation and the interest in the subject by the Health & Wellbeing Board, the YAE subgroup put on hold further work with the anticipation of a countywide initiative being introduced. Unfortunately, this has not happened and there is no clear direction towards fulfilling this important topic.

There was discussion on other groups that have been involved in work on relieving social isolation in elderly and younger age groups.

It was recognised therefore that the subgroup should do more research. It was agreed that Shirley Shaw from the Learning and Sharing Together (LAST) programme and two teenagers from the Buckinghamshire Youth Executive Council attend our next meeting. This would provide an opportunity to look at possibilities for relieving social isolation with both the young and elderly residents

The Young

The grant approved project headed up by James Cavalier of Active In the Community is due to commence as soon as Covid restrictions are lifted and hopefully immediately after the Easter holidays.

The initial objective is to address anti-social behaviour that is a problem with a significant minority of young people, many of whom live in a home that is designated as being in poverty. The project will provide physical activities and food education, where young people will cook and eat the food after.

Grant Application - Lacey Green and Loosley Row Tennis Club

The application for a grant of £6,000 from the Lacey Green and Loosley Row Tennis Club towards a £12,844 project to add floodlights to a third tennis court was further discussed. The club has a strong junior section and the third floodlit court was needed to fulfil demand for coaching for juniors in the evenings.

At the previous YAE meeting, it was agreed to make contact again with the Lacey Green and Speen Parish Council to enquire whether further funding for the project from them was a possibility. They have allocated £250 from their emergency fund to date, being the only funding left in the budget. The response was that another modest grant was a possibility in the new financial year. The chair of the club was also contacted to enquire about other grant applications and good comfort was given that other applications had been made and with the requested grant from the Community Board and some funds from their members, the chair of the club is confident that the project would be adequately funded.

Planning Permission was granted by Buckinghamshire Council some weeks ago.

Therefore, it was agreed that the decision made in principle at the previous subcommittee meeting was to be formalised into a recommendation that a grant of £6k be made to the Lacey Green and Loosley Row Tennis Club at the Community Board at the meeting on 11th March.

Subgroup meetings:

The next meeting on Thursday 8th April.

Graham Peart
Chair of the Subgroup
11th March 2021