

Weston-Super-Mare YMCA and Town Council Partnership

Report for Community Services prepared by May Barnett and Alli Waller.

1. Purpose of report

This report covers services and work delivered and supported from the beginning of September 2019 to the end of October 2019 in the Weston-super-Mare area. This includes the development and progress of the programme and services for young people and the community at YMCA W-s-M, 2 Bristol Road Lower and Weston Youth and Community Centre, Coleridge Road.

2. Work with young people – Youth & Community café

a) Open access:

The Youth & Community cafe provides a youth focused, free, well-appointed space for young people after school and on Saturdays with additional opening during school holidays. Through this service we aim to ensure that every young person should:

- Feel Safe and Welcome
- Have someone they can talk to and access to support
- Have the opportunity to make friends, socialise and be active
- Feel more connected with their community
- Have the chance to achieve and challenge themselves to reach their full potential
- Have Fun

The YMCA Youth and Community café operates 6 open sessions per week (5 after school & on Saturday) entry for young people is free and all equipment is available.

We are proactively working to increase numbers at our open sessions, by promoting the work we are doing. Recently we welcomed Emma Britton from BBC Radio Bristol who interviewed staff and some of our community users. This interview came in conjunction with our nomination in the Diversity category at the Youth matter awards that is happening next month in London. It was a great opportunity to telling listeners where we are and what we offer as a diverse community cafe.

We are looking at buying new equipment for the youth café to make it more inviting for young people. Speaking to young people who currently attend and use our drop in sessions say they have identified we need more board games and music equipment.

We are in the process of planning an open mic evening that will take place once a month at the Weston café. It will be for all ages to come and share their work. We think this will be really beneficial and will encourage young people to be creative with their writing.

We will also be holding an open access session for young people attending the Carnival. It is based at encouraging young people to check in with Staff or meet their friends and socialise before the Carnival begins. This will also be an opportunity to encourage young people to access our services they may not already know

b) Targeted work:

We recognise that for some individuals or groups what we regularly offer may not be easily accessible to them. So we look at targeted work to support people to access our facilities and services who might not otherwise be able to. This work is predominantly carried out in partnership and we currently work with:

- **Young Carers** – *Junior & Senior sessions 2nd Wednesday of each month*
- **LGBT drop in session** - *weekly Friday evenings*
- **Home Education Network** - *youth project every Friday*
- **Young people with disabilities** - *Weston College brings over an average of 15 young people on a Tuesday in the day time to encourage them to use the social space and feel more confident about attending open sessions.*
- **Ups & Downs South West Youth Project** – *Tuesday evenings fortnightly*
- **Adult young carers**- *Once a month on a Thursday evening*
- **Care Leavers**- *Every Monday afternoon*
- **Groups tackling isolation for young people** – *We works in partnership with Weston Colle, with young people not in education, employment or training – Wednesday mornings weekly*

3. Work with young people – satellites & outreach

Big Worle - Youth workers have been working with local young people in sessions to raise awareness of online safety after identifying a rise in young people sharing videos online.

Castlebatch- This session was started after a need was identified to target anti-social behaviour in the park. Staff are now offering a safe space and activities like football and cooking to young people who have previously been hard to engage.

Weston Youth centre

The Friday open access session continues to be popular with young people from Oldmixon, Coronation and Bournville. Offering them a weekly chance to access sports and activities such as Football, basketball, Painting and making bracelets.

We have been working closely with the local community to support the Lantern parade. Giving the young people an opportunity to make their own lanterns in sessions so they can attend the parade in November.

With the ever growing presence of drugs on all three estates, staff have been liaising with local PCSO's and offering advice and guidance to young people who are involved, in a bid to raise awareness of the consequences and damages that comes with partaking in drug activity.

Staff continue to support Swan activities and the youth forum. Young people who attend, plan trips and events such as a community Halloween party and a trip to Wookey Hole.

For all our youth provisions around North Somerset, we have planned a community action project for all the young people to get involved with. We believe it is really important for young

people to give back to their community. For every session the young people identified projects that mattered to them the projects in the W-s-M area are as follows:

Youth Group	Community project
Big Worle	Making an Internet safety video to spread awareness to other young people.
Bournville Youth club	Community litter pick and BBQ. In support of the lantern parade
Home Ed group	Preparing boxes for the shoebox appeal
Youth Council	Litter pick and terra recycling in Grove park plus community talk about plastic pollution.

4. Youth Council

The youth council said goodbye to their Chair as she went off to Portsmouth University. They have worked on the role descriptions for roles that are needed and will be voting on them at the next meeting. They have held three meeting since the last report through which they have agreed that they would like to support "In Charlies Memory" as their charity of the year. They have been discussing the amount of rubbish that is littering Weston -super-Mare and have taken an active approach by organising a community litter pick in and around Grove Park as part of the community action fortnight.

5. Work with community

Adult young carers- We have recently been working alongside adult young carers, they use our space once a month on a Thursday, we provide a welcoming space to make them feel at ease and we support them with their activities to help them gain skills and confidence.

Scout's district event- On September the 14th we helped to support the scout's district event in Grove Park where over 700 young people attended. We ran the Segway's and climbing wall. The young people could earn badges by taking part in the activities and learning about the safety of all the equipment.

Mock interviews- Two of the youth and community team attended Worle community School mock interviews. The year 10 students all performed extremely well investing in their time into researching companies and producing CV's.

Fitness Suite - The majority of our staff have now been trained to give gym inductions to the public. We are hoping to get more people inquiring about our fitness suite, which will be re-launched very soon. As it's great for people who struggle with isolation or might feel uncomfortable about using a more commercial gym.

6. Volunteering

- In September we had a college student with us for a week who was studying health and social care. Whilst with us the young person learnt about all the different services we offer and getting involved in our youth provisions and getting her prepared for when she leaves college and gets a job within the care sector.

7. Monitoring and Feedback

	September 2019	October 2019
KPI 1 - Total Attendance	418	491
KPI 2 – Total Engagement	175	149
KPI 3 – Volunteering Sessions	9	5
KPI New – Targeted Sessions	11	19
KPI 4 – Community Sessions	31	34

8. Links to Town Council Strategy

The work being undertaken always strives to meet the presented needs of the community whilst building the quality of provision for young people and developing the scope of the work that the Town Council supports with Young People. We are always keen to look at addressing the needs of young people across the area and are happy to look at establishing any new work or work in new areas that there is an identifiable need for.



YMCA Weston - Wellness day

“Wellness is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being”

Proposed Date – January 25th 11 am – 4pm.

We have chosen this date as January can be a very depressing time for young people. Families struggle after the Christmas spend.

Why – Many young people that attend many of our sessions suffer in silence from mental health issues. We have highlighted a need for young people to develop ways of coping with the 7 dimensions of wellness, social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, occupational, intellectual, and physical **wellbeing** so they are able to create an active process of becoming aware of and making choices towards a healthy and fulfilling life.

Aim – To promote the 7 areas in order to give those young people aged 13 – 18 years that struggle an opportunity to make those choices for themselves with guidance.

We will ask someone from each of the seven areas to come and offer practical activities such as yoga, breathing exercises, ways to express themselves and ways to declutter your mind, as well as signposting.

Outcome- provide young people with a support network should they need that help in the future.

The youth council are willing to support the staff to run the day.

We will also be offering wellness bags to all young people that attend the day. Inside will be items to help young people focus on the positives, such as – note pads, pens, stress balls, as well as practical information of local support groups, clubs and charities.

The funding will go towards securing professionals to attend and support the day and providing the contents for the wellness bags.

Our media officer will cover the day by doing a press releases.



Guest ideas

Social - YMCA staff on hand to signpost to clubs and groups.

Emotional – Meditation coach

Spiritual - Linda Low

Environmental- local Environmentalist

Occupational - College welfare officers, life coach

Intellectual - ways to learn new skills.

physical - local yoga teacher offering taster sessions

Wellness bag contents

Item	Quantity	Price	Website
Draw string bag	50	£74.50	Cleverbagger
Stress balls	50	£65.00 £15.00 Delivery	everythingbranded
Notepads	50	£59.90	Paperstone
Personalised pens	50	£84.50	Ebay
Facemasks	50	£45.00	Wilko's
Well-being badge	50	£11.99	Ebay
Wrist bands (Never give up)	50	£15.65 + £3.42 for delivery	Amazon
Leaflets		Free	Local charities

Total: £374.96



Future support

We will promote drop in sessions that will take place in May/June that will offer support to year 11 students through the stress of revision around exam time. We will also look to run this event again in mental health week 18th – 24th October 2020

Grounds Service Management Report – written by Fay Powell Grounds Manager

Public Toilets

Ongoing issues with Grove Park and Clarence Park due to blockages caused by drug paraphernalia. Work being carried out by the Grounds Manager and Community Services Toilet Working Group to look at improvements and collaborative working with agencies to deter anti-social behaviour.

The Grounds Manager working with the Town Clerk is progressing the idea of a Community Toilet Scheme as previously approved. (See separate report.)

Cemetery

Working with our grave digger new plots have been identified these are not available for pre-purchase they are for immediate use only.

An assessment of all burial sites within the Cemetery over the last 12 months has taken place to identify graves that require ‘topping up’.

Plots in the Memorial Garden are remaining a popular choice and there are still plenty. We have many Statutory Declarations being processed as well as Memorial Permits.

Allotments

The last Allotments sub-committee took place on Tuesday 8th October 2019. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Bus Shelters

Grounds Manager has made contact with several advertising companies regarding income generation and maintenance of the bus shelters. Will update when all information has been received.

Recommendation

That the report be noted

Grounds Manager October 2019

Grant Application Scoring Matrix - Community Services Committee

Name of Applicant: Victorias Kitchen

Amount Requested: £1,000

Date Received: 16.07.19

Type of Grant: Small & Voluntary

Previously Awarded Funding: No Yes Dates / Amounts NO

Grant Eligibility - Scoring Summary

	CRITERIA	YES	Unclear	NO	Additional Information
The organisation / company is NOT limited by shares or limited liability partnership	1				
The organisation / company is NOT a Local Authority or body owned or controlled by them	1				
The organisation / company is NOT a Political Organisation - unless clear demonstration of benefit to wider community	1				
The application is NOT an individual seeking Financial funding	1				
The organisation / company is NOT 'Upward Funders' ie local groups who fundraising is sent for central distribution	1				
The organisation / company is NOT a 'Group Fundraiser who distribute funds as grants or sponsorship of other organisations or individuals	1				
The application is NOT for requesting a grants payment retrospectively at time of meeting	1				
Is the organisation a Charity or Non Profit Making Body that benefits the local community	1				
The organisation has submitted a trading account and balance sheet for the last financial year	0			1	
The organisation has submitted bank / building society statements	0			1	
The organisation has provided clear justification why it needs grant aid	1				
Application provides indication of percentage number of beneficiaries are residents to WSM	1				
The organisation has provided evidence of any other financial backing from other sources & the outcome	1				
Is the organisation based in the parish of WSM (including Worle & Uphill) or serving a significant amount of residents	1				
Is the organisation is NOT New Start up *	1				
The application is NOT for a grant to cover salaries or staff costs	1				
Scoring TOTAL				14	0
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Additional Information

The application is for a New Start Up *
 Bank / Balance Sheet Balance Unknown
 Is the a more appropriate source of funding the organisation should be direct to / Who?
 Purpose of Grant
 What Benefit does it provide to the town?

For additional equipment to be purchased eg. New tea urn, hotwater heater, cutlery, table cloths and clothes rails as the needs have increased.
 50+ people and rising.

* Victorias kitchen have been emailed requesting bank statements and a balance sheet on 2 occasions with no response.

Grant Application Scoring Matrix - Community Services Committee

Name of Applicant: Sheldon Road Methodist Church

Amount Requested: £250

Date Received: 23.07.19

Type of Grant: Small & Voluntary

Previously Awarded Funding: No Yes Dates / Amounts NO

Grant Eligibility - Scoring Summary

Criteria	CRITERIA		Additional Information
	YES	Unclear	
The organisation / company is NOT limited by shares or limited liability partnership	1		
The organisation / company is NOT a Local Authority or body owned or controlled by them	1		
The organisation / company is NOT a Political Organisation - unless clear demonstration of benefit to wider community	1		
The application is NOT an individual seeking Financial funding	1		
The organisation / company is NOT "Upward Funders" i.e local groups who fundraising is sent for central distribution	1		
The organisation / company is NOT a 'Group Fundraiser who distribute funds as grants or sponsorship of other organisations or individuals	1		
The application is NOT for requesting a grants payment retrospectively at time of meeting	1		
Is the organisation a Charity or Non Profit Making Body that benefits the local community	1		
The organisation has submitted a trading account and balance sheet for the last financial year	1		
The organisation has submitted bank / building society statements	0		1
The organisation has provided clear justification why it needs grant aid	1		
Application provides indication of percentage number of beneficiaries are residents to WSM	1		
The organisation has provided evidence of any other financial backing from other sources & the outcome	1		
Is the organisation based in the parish of WSM (including Worle & Uphill) or serving a significant amount of residents	1		
Is the organisation is NOT New Start up *	1		
The application is NOT for a grant to cover salaries or staff costs	1		
Scoring TOTAL	15	0	1

The application is for a New Start Up *

Bank / Balance Sheet Balance: -£7,071.00

Is the a more appropriate source of funding the organisation should be direct to / Who?

Purpose of Grant

To take 36-10-14 year old local disadvantaged and behaviourally challenged young people to Longleat for a Christmas outing on the 01.12.19 for respite for them, their parents and siblings

There are 9 members that will be attending from Weston super Mare this year. The remaining members are from Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Chippenham.

Grant Application Scoring Matrix - Community Services Committee

Name of Applicant	Weston Supers		
Amount Requested	£620		
Date Received	15.10.19		
Type of Grant	Small & Voluntary		
Previously Awarded Funding	Yes	Dates / Amounts	NO

Grant Eligibility - Scoring Summary

Additional Information	CRITERIA		
	YES	Unclear	NO
The application is for a New Start Up *			NO
Bank / Balance Sheet Balance	£52.00		
Is the a more appropriate source of funding the organisation should be direct to / Who?			
Purpose of Grant			
What Benefit does it provide to the town?			
3 leather footballs due to the growing number of attendees. New flag belts which are used for tackling, pitch marking cones and advertising. Weston superstars are a recently formed American football team based in WSM. Flag football is a non contact sport which is inclusive to all abilities, genders and ages. Free sessions are ran in Ashcombe Park for members who aspire to play in the national league.			
The organisation / company is NOT limited by shares or limited liability partnership	1		
The organisation / company is NOT a Local Authority or body owned or controlled by them	1		
The organisation / company is NOT a Political Organisation - unless clear demonstration of benefit to wider community	1		
The application is NOT a individual seeking Financial funding	1		
The organisation / company is NOT 'Upward Funders' ie local groups who fundraising is sent for central distribution	1		
The organisation / company is NOT a 'Group Fundraiser who distribute funds as grants or sponsorship of other organisations or individuals	1		
The application is NOT for requesting a grants payment retrospectively at time of meeting	1		
Is the organisation a Charity or Non Profit Making Body that benefits the local community	1		
The organisation has submitted a trading account and balance sheet for the last financial year	1		
The organisation has submitted bank / building society statements	1		
The organisation has provided clear justification why it needs grant aid	1		
Application provides indication of percentage number of beneficiaries are residents to WSM	1		
The organisation has provided evidence of any other financial backing from other sources & the outcome	1		
Is the organisation based in the parish of WSM (including Worle & Uphill) or serving a significant amount of residents	1		
Is the organisation is NOT New Start up *	1		
The application is NOT for a grant to cover salaries or staff costs	1		
Scoring TOTAL	16	0	0

Grant Application Scoring Matrix - Community Services Committee

Name of Applicant

Amount Requested

Date Received

Type of Grant

Previously Awarded Funding Yes Dates / Amounts

Grant Eligibility - Scoring Summary

	CRITERIA	YES	Unclear	NO	Additional Information
The organisation / company is NOT limited by shares or limited liability partnership	1				
The organisation / company is NOT a Local Authority or body owned or controlled by them	1				
The organisation / company is NOT a Political Organisation - unless clear demonstration of benefit to wider community	1				
The application is NOT a individual seeking Financial funding	1				
The organisation / company is NOT 'Upward Funders' ie local groups who fundraising is sent for central distribution	1				
The organisation / company is NOT a 'Group Fundraiser who distribute funds as grants or sponsorship of other organisations or individuals	1				
The application is NOT for requesting a grants payment retrospectively at time of meeting	1				
Is the organisation a Charity or Non Profit Making Body that benefits the local community	1				
The organisation has submitted a trading account and balance sheet for the last financial year	1				
The organisation has submitted bank / building society statements	1				
The organisation has provided clear justification why it needs grant aid	1				
Application provides indication of percentage number of beneficiaries are residents to WSM	1				
The organisation has provided evidence of any other financial backing from other sources & the outcome	1				
Is the organisation based in the parish of WSM (including Worle & Uphill) or serving a significant amount of residents	1				
Is the organisation is NOT 'New Start up'	1				
The application is NOT for a grant to cover salaries or staff costs	1				
Scoring TOTAL				16	0

Additional Information

The application is for a New Start Up *

Bank / Balance Sheet Balance

Is the a more appropriate source of funding the organisation should be direct to / Who?

Purpose of Grant

What Benefit does it provide to the town?

To run 40 sessions of various projects for a year especially the refugee women group. This will help them grown in confidence, learn English and help them integrate with the wider community.
Between volunteers, Trustees, students and regular users and visitors this grant will benefit approximately 70 people. There is an average of 30 visits to the office every week and when events take place a much wider audience is reached.

Grant Application Scoring Matrix - Community Services Committee

Weston Writers Nights			
Name of Applicant			
Amount Requested	£250		
Date Received	Oct-19		
Type of Grant	Small & Voluntary		
Previously Awarded Funding	No	Yes	NO

Grant Eligibility - Scoring Summary

	CRITERIA	YES	Unclear	NO
The organisation / company is NOT limited by shares or limited liability partnership	1			
The organisation / company is NOT a Local Authority or body owned or controlled by them	1			
The organisation / company is NOT a Political Organisation - unless clear demonstration of benefit to wider community	1			
The application is NOT an individual seeking Financial funding	1			
The organisation / company is NOT 'Upward Funders' ie local groups who fundraising is sent for central distribution	1			
The organisation / company is NOT a 'Group Fundraiser who distribute funds as grants or sponsorship of other organisations or individuals	1			
The application is NOT for requesting a grants payment retrospectively at time of meeting	1			
Is the organisation a Charity or Non Profit Making Body that benefits the local community	1			
The organisation has submitted a trading account and balance sheet for the last financial year	1			
The organisation has submitted bank / building society statements	1			
The organisation has provided clear justification why it needs grant aid	1			
Application provides indication of percentage number of beneficiaries are residents to WSM	1			
The organisation has provided evidence of any other financial backing from other sources & the outcome	1			
Is the organisation based in the parish of WSM (including Worle & Uphill) or serving a significant amount of residents	1			
Is the organisation is NOT New Start up *	1			
The application is NOT for a grant to cover salaries or staff costs	1			
Scoring TOTAL	14	0	2	

Additional Information

The application is for a New Start Up * YES NO

Bank / Balance Sheet Balance £0.00

Is the a more appropriate source of funding the organisation should be direct to / Who?

Purpose of Grant

What Benefit does it provide to the town?

To cover the cost of running one workshop group including venue hire and marketing costs. This workshop group includes 6 sessions over the course of the year

The Weston writers nights project is based in Weston super Mare and aims to increase opportunities available for local people to engage with creative writing. These evening events are marketed directly at residents of Weston super Mare and currently attract between 25-40 attendees from the local area. The specific workshop group that funding is being applied for benefits 6 residents of Weston super Mare.

Community Services Committee – 11th November 2019

Report written by Zoe Scott, Community and Grounds Officer

Literary Festival -

The current line up consists of:

Saturday 29th February

4.00pm	Book Launch - The Coronation. Join author Justin Newland for the launch of his 3 rd novel – The Coronation. Have your chance to speak to Justin and get your copy!	Waterstones	Meet the author
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Script Writing Workshop with Mark Breckon TBC	Museum Learning Space	Workshop
7.00pm	Headline event TBC	Weston Museum	Author Talk/Q&A/Book Signing

Sunday 1st March

10.30am-11.30am	Samantha Ball - Join Samantha to hear about how she managed to juggle the process of researching, writing and publishing her book; alongside working full time. This talk will cover all the positives and struggles it takes to write a book with a deadline! A great talk for any budding author.	Museum Learning Space	Author Talk/Q&A/Book Signing
12noon – 1.30pm	Availability		
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Poetry Workshop – Come and spend 2hrs with Macaque, a local poet and a regular feature of Weston's Word mustard open mic evenings since their inception. The workshop focuses on what constitutes 'good poetry', and how writers of both poetry and prose can think more carefully	Museum Learning Space	Workshop

	about their choice of words to make their writing more powerful, interesting, and ultimately more poetic. Common pitfalls, such as being a slave to rhyme and form, and not being succinct enough, are discussed, and there are exercises to illustrate techniques for avoiding these.		
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Monday 2nd March

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Tuesday 3rd March

3.30pm – 5pm	Laurie Lee, The Lost Recordings – An illustrated talk by television programme maker, David Parker. Reflections on love, landscape, childhood, poetry, music and much more from the voice of one of the great writers of the last century. Television producer, David Parker was fortunate to spend a glorious few weeks in the summer of 1994 recording a series of interviews with Laurie Lee. Laurie did not 'do' television so these recordings are unique. In this session David will play extracts from the interviews to reveal what they tell us about one of England's finest chroniclers of our times. David Parker's book of the recordings; ' <i>Down in the Valley</i> ' A writer's Landscape' is published by Penguin Books.	Museum Learning Space	Talk/Q&A
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Wednesday 4th March

3.30pm - 5pm	Dystopian Fiction Workshop - "The world is changing. So is fiction. The Hunger Games. 1984. Divergent. The Maze Runner. Our appetite for powerful stories about fantasy worlds is only becoming stronger. If you want to learn how to craft your own dystopian fiction, then this is the workshop for you. From creating	Museum Learning Space	Workshop
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	<p>a gutsy character with just enough vulnerability to be believable, to building a fully-functional fantasy world – this workshop will take you through all of the building blocks you will need to write your own dystopian story. No writing experience necessary – all you need is a pen, some paper and a small sprinkling of inspiration. We'll work through your ideas about the world and turn them into a profound narrative that will get your message across.</p> <p>Jasmin is the founder of Weston Writer's Nights and has an MA in Creative Writing from Bath Spa University. She is a lover of all things fantasy and specialised in dystopian fiction in her degree."</p>		
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Thursday 5th March

3pm – 5pm	<p>World Book Day at Weston Museum – Come and join us at Weston Museum for a fun filled afternoon celebrating all things wordy! Joined by author Sue Purkiss who wrote the adventures of 'Jack Fortune' as well as Michelle Cassar with her wonderful story of 'Seb and Polly Planet & their ocean quest'. Come along in your World Book Day costumes and join in the fun!</p>	Weston Museum	Children's Activities/readings
7.00pm	<p>Open Mic Writer's Night - For one night only, we are gathering together the town's most exciting up-and-coming writers for an evening of story-swapping. Expect to be transported to different realms and introduced to a whole cast of intriguing characters as we delve into the creative works of Weston writers.</p>	The Stable	

	<p>Whether you're a budding writer or just want to spend an evening listening to some great fiction, we'd love for you to join us at our Open Mic Weston Writer's Night. In collaboration with the Weston Literary Festival, we want to celebrate the stories and poetry coming out of the town by giving writers a platform to share their work. Are you a local writer? Come and read your work to a captive audience! This is a great opportunity to share your stories, boost your confidence and get feedback on your writing, all in one evening. And who knows, you might even make some writer-friends along the way. We will give all writers advice on reading their work aloud in a friendly, supportive atmosphere and hope to welcome local publications to the event, giving you the opportunity to secure a spot for your story in print.</p> <p>If you are interested in taking part, please email us and we will be in touch with more details. hello@westonwritersnights.co.uk</p>		
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Friday 6th March

3.30pm - 5pm	<p>Stories of Inspirational Women - Stories of inspirational Women focuses on historical women, who were thinkers and actioners ahead of their time. As part of Weston's Literature Festival we welcome author and stand-up comedian Becky Walsh to interview a fabulous female panel, including historian Lucienne Boyce (author of The Bristol Suffragettes and historical fiction set in the 18th century), writer and explorer Jacki Hill-Murphy, biographer Kathryn Atherton, author Suffragette Planners and Plotters: The Pankhurst/Pethick-Lawrence Story</p>	Museum Learning Space	Talk
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	and Charmaine Lawrence: entrepreneur, self-help writer and music artist. Expect laughs as well as literature during this thought-provoking debate on the subject of “Inspirational Women head of their time.”		
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Authors we are still waiting to hear back from are:

- Simon Sebag Montefiore
- Mrs Hinch
- Sophie Dahl

YMCA Youth Event

Originally the YMCA was going to use their £1000 fund allocated to them to host a Summer Starter event in Grove Park. This event, due to staffing changes at the YMCA and timings, did not take place.

Subsequently the YMCA has proposed an alternative event “Wellness day” which would take place Saturday 25th January. Please see Appendix 1 attached. The funding will go towards securing professionals to attend and support the day and providing the contents for the wellness bags.

Weston in Bloom –

The presentation event took place in Newquay on the 11th October; Weston in Bloom was awarded a Silver Gilt and the South West Tourism Cup. The It’s Your Neighbourhood Award entrants also had great success and a local awards ceremony will be arranged for them to collect their certificates.

Members are requested to:

1. Confirm the £1000 originally allocated to the YMCA for a Summer Starter event now be used for a YMCA Weston - Wellness day.

Public Toilet Report – written by Fay Powell Grounds Manager

Outcomes of discussions taken place at Community Services – Toilet Working Group

Community Toilet Scheme

We have made contact with Bristol City Council who run a successful scheme across the city, they have sent over information for their scheme, how they started it, sponsorship etc. They currently have 107 listed on their website. The locations are a mix of large businesses and small independents, museums, and public buildings. They have offered support and advice going forward.

The Grounds Manager believes the scheme can be initiated by the Grounds Team across the town and with the support of the Toilet Working Group should be up and running in the next few months.

Weston Support Services

Martin Williams is working with Weston BID to put in place Storenet radio for his cleaning staff. (will update at meeting with exact date)

Public Sector Software (PSS LIVE)

In November we will be rolling out PSS Live to our contractors servicing our toilets, this will enable us to have more robust reports of issues/ repairs for each toilet assisting with analysis of cost and help us move forward when tackling anti-social behaviour by providing evidence. This information will provide a valuable insight for the working party to guide their aims and objectives going forward.

Steps going forward

We have experienced issues in Clarence Park and Grove Park toilets with blockages. This has been due to drug paraphernalia and litter blocking the toilets which has resulted in contractors being called out. As a result, the Grounds Team have been carrying out ad hoc inspections of the toilets and recording their findings.

Following the last Toilet Working Group it was agreed that the Grounds Manager would make contact with the local beat police team to establish what anti-social behaviour issues they experience with our toilet sites with a particular emphasis on Grove Park, which through the Toilet Working Group has been identified as a priority to review and improve.

On Monday 21st October the Grounds Manager met with Katy Waterman Crime Reduction & Designing Out Crime Officer from Avon and Somerset Constabulary to discuss the toilets in Weston with a focus on Grove Park. A site visit was made to Grove Park and written recommendations were made by Avon and Somerset Constabulary. The Grounds Manager will report this back to the Toilet Working Group at the next meeting.

Recommendation

That the report be noted

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 11TH NOVEMBER 2019

**WAYLEAVE FOR CABLE ACCESS ACROSS ALLOTMENT SITE
REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

As reported to the Policy and Finance Committee on 23rd August 2018, a company then called Surf Telecoms, a subsidiary of Western Power Distribution, wish to erect a new fibre-optic cable on the overhead pylon lines which traverse land the Town Council own and manage at both Old Mill Way and Hutton Moor allotment sites. The company is now renamed WPD Telecoms.

Along with other landowners the town council appointed Greenslade Taylor Hunt, chartered surveyors experienced in these matters, to represent them. The Committee authorised me to grant an easement to Surf Telecoms for a fibre optic cable across the Hutton Moor allotments (a cable over Old Mill Way allotment site as previously reported is no longer required.)

The company, now called WPD Telecoms, has now agreed a one off payment of £7,500 to the Town Council for a 'wayleave' which is legal permission to cross the Council's land. This is in accordance with the valuation principles in the Hinkley Point C Project and in line with the payment negotiated with other landowners along the route. I have therefore agreed a wayleave as per the authority from Policy and Finance Committee.

The proposed cable will have no practical effect on allotment holders and will look the same as at present when completed. The work is likely to take place in 2020 and involves adding one extra wire through the middle of the pylons. The installers will climb each of the two pylons on the site to which a spool will be attached and the cable will be winched up from the end of the electricity line which is off site.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Malcolm L Nicholson LL.B, DMS, PSLCC
Town Clerk
08th October 2019

10. Community Services Committee – 11th November 2019 Town Council Strategy – 2020 - 2024

Extract from the 2015-2019 Town Council Strategy

PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES

9.1. Allotments

9.2. The Town Council will maintain allotments in Weston-super-Mare in partnership with the Allotments Club, seeking to meet statutory obligations to provide additional allotments where needed.

9.3. Bus Shelters

9.4. The Town Council will maintain and improve bus shelters in locations where they have previously been installed.

9.5. Dog Waste Bins

9.6. While not the authority responsible for their provision, the Town Council will keep under review the provision of dog waste bins across the town prioritising play areas operated by the Town Council for future provision.

9.7. Milton Road Cemetery

9.8. The Town Council will continue to maintain and improve the facilities at Milton Road Cemetery as a heritage site, a wildlife and environmental amenity, and as a working cemetery for burials and the interment of cremated remains.

9.9. Notice Boards

9.10. The Town Council will maintain and provide new community notice boards in key locations throughout the town as a means for publicising Town Council and community facilities and activities. Existing locations will be kept under review.

9.11. Weston-In-Bloom

9.12. The Town Council will continue to support and work with Weston-In-Bloom.

10. LAW AND ORDER

10.1. The Town Council supports and will work with the Community Response Team set up by North Somerset Council. The Town Council will also work closely with the police, resident groups, the business community and other bodies to improve community safety throughout the town (Crime and Disorder Act s.17).

10.2. The Town Council will support and seek to control the extent and location of CCTV coverage which meets the needs of the town.