PORLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT – PORLOCK YOUTH CLUB

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1/ Apologies.
The meeting this week is so unfortunately timed for me as I run my son's football team, and they have a match this Wednesday at the same time! I would like to have come along as I'm keen to answer any questions, and/or take a steer from the Parish Council so that the club works well for them as well as the young people who attend. If it would be of use I'm more than happy to have a conversation in the next couple of weeks if there are other unanswered questions.

2/ Overall costs.
Although I've sent costings to the council before, it's important to highlight the overall costs involved in running the youth club. These are stated below;

£ 5709.60 Salary costs - 2 youth workers at £15p/h x3 hrs per week x 52 weeks x oncosts = £5709.60
£1029.60 Management costs= £1,029.60
£1370.30 VAT 20%
TOTAL= £8221.82

EXTRAS
£1000 Resources and equipment
£500 Trips and transport

(TOTAL = £9721.82)

We are more than grateful for the parish's donation of £3,425.76 last year, as you can see our overall costs are far higher. Last year and this year Minehead Eye has paid the shortfall of £6296.06 per annum.

3/ Minehead Eye centre usage
Since the recreation committee is carrying out building work on their venue we've used a minibus to take the Porlock Young People to the Eye every Monday for eight weeks to use all of its facilities and activities at no additional cost. This would normally cost £6 a child per visit if they didn't come with the youth club. (13 young people on the bus x 8weeks x £6 p/child = £624).

4/ Fundraising
It's important for me to highlight that the funding we highlighted in the report was raised purely for Porlock Youth Club. And at the weekend we also held a fundraising event in Blenhiem Gardens in Minehead with the Rotary club (picture attached) which raised £120! We are happy to add this to our fundraising total for Porlock Youth Club, ensuring it comfortably meets our fundraising targets. Although we will continue to raise further funds with Porlock Young People involved during the summer hopefully.

As you can see, fundraising is difficult because we must pay our workers for their time, as they are not volunteers. This sometimes unfortunately results in an extra cost to us. However, we are keen to involve young people in future fundraising events because we feel participation demonstrates their commitment to the club.