

PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2019

SUMMER 2019 YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide details on the summer activities provided by MCC Youth Service for young people in Abergavenny.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Town Council approved £5,000 for MCC Youth Service to subsidise a range of activities for young people during the summer holidays.

2.2 The Town Council approved the range of activities to be offered.

3. FEEDBACK

3.1 MCC Youth Service advertised the programme of activities in the Focus Magazine in June and July. They also publicised the programme through KHS and through their engagement with young people.

3.2 Not all the activities offered achieved full capacity but all activities when ahead. Below is a breakdown on the number attending the individual activities (this includes multiple counting as individual young people can attend more than one activity). Photos are included in appendix 1.

		9-10	11-13	14-16	17-19	Total
Cabin Sessions	1 st Aug		7	6	1	14
	2 nd Aug		7	7		14
	8 th Aug		13	8		21
	9 th Aug		8	8		16
	14 th Aug - Skate Jam		7	12	4	16
	15 th Aug – Graffiti Project		17	12	4	23
	16 th Aug		10	11		21
	22 nd Aug		12	8		20
	23 rd Aug		12	10		22
Gilwern Outdoor Ed Day trip	5 th Aug		6			6
Play Day Trip	7 th Aug	7				7
Swimming Trip	12 th Aug		12			12
Gilwern Residential trip	19 th Aug		7	1		8
Alton Towers Trip	28 th Aug		9	7		16
Total		7	127	90	5	229

3.4 The number of unique participants was 91.

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Abergavenny Summer	7	51	30	3	91

3.5 In comparison to 2018, the numbers attending are encouraging. Figures in 2018 for a full quarter June – September was 226 contacts when in 2019, with Town Council funding 229 was achieved in just one month.

3.6 The cost to the Town Council of subsidising these activities is set out below.

- Transport for trips – £226.26
 - Abergavenny Focus Magazine Adverts - £130
 - 5th August Day trip £8 people @£33p/p £264
 - 12th August Swimming trip – 17 people @£5.50p/p £93.50
 - 15th August Graffiti project - £475
 - 19th August 1 night residential 6 people @£75.30 p/p £451.80
 - 28th August Alton Towers trip 16 people @£15.00/p £240
 - Supplying food & drinks £250
 - Gardening resources 3 sessions @ £100 - £300
- Total £2430.56**

3.7 A report has been received from Katie Jones, MCC Youth Worker which is included as Appendix 2.

3.8 Following the summer activities, a balance of £2569.44 remains. Part of this will be used to subsidise two trips; Halloween fright night trip to Thorpe Park and Ice Skating trip at Christmas. After these, the Town Clerk will liaise with MCC Youth Team to discuss carrying forward the balance into 2020.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To note the report

APPENDIX 1 PHOTOS FROM SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES



3 Words to describe your time on the M45 trips

- Fun
 - Enjoyable
 - Cool
 - Amazing
 - Dark (caves)
 - Freezing Water
 - Interesting
 - Funny
 - Glad
 - Friendships
 - Exhilarating
 - Outdoors.
 - Adventurous.
 - Relaxing
 - Radical
 - Exploration
 - Caves
 - Thrilling
- wouldn't change anything
 - Abseiling trip
 - Proper rock climbing
 - Camping
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APPENDIX 2 Report from Katie Jones, MCC Youth Worker

Gilwern OEC Day - 6 young people attended and took part in canoeing and climbing throughout the day. Although we didn't reach our maximum potential of numbers the day went really well. Young people who had never met yet became friends, young people faced fears of heights and water by working together and supporting each other and staff had the chance to get to know a different group of young people to who we have previously worked with. Young people paid £5pp for this day as ATC agreed to subsidise the rest.

National Play Day - for national play day young people aged 9-11 attended a trip down to Tredegar Park Newport to join in on their PlayDay celebration event. At this event young people were able to engage in a range of play activities including den building, marshmallow toasting, balloon animal making, arts and crafts, smoothie making and playing in the park. Young people were able to celebrate the freedom of play with each other and again this QA's a great day with the maximum of 7 attending. Young people paid £2 towards transport as ATC subsidised the rest.

Swansea LC2 swimming - maximum of 14 young people booked onto the trip at £3pp, ATC subsidised the rest. Young people were able to engage in an alternative activity to what we can offer in Monmouthshire, the pool included slides, lazy river, wave machine and more. All young people engaged and enjoyed the day whilst being active and participative. Again a range of young people attended the trip who we may not have worked with otherwise which was nice.

The Cabin - well where do I start here - it has been open on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the summer and it has been absolutely buzzing!! It has been having anywhere from 15-30 young people through the door each day (obviously not at the same time as we wouldn't fit lol) & we have seen over 70 different young people throughout the summer. At the start of the summer we agreed to carry out BBQS throughout the summer but due to MCC licensing rules we were unable to offer this so instead we provided young people with pot noodles, sausage rolls, snacks, occasional chip shop dinners - reason being a lot of them don't eat during summer as parents can't afford it. Abergavenny TC agreed they would subsidise the cost of all the food. We have engaged with young people from ages 11 through to 17 - which personally I have absolutely loved and it's what I wanted for the cabin. We have had several very interesting conversations throughout the summer with young people around drugs, smoking, pregnancy, sexuality and more I can't think of! It's been so good getting to know a variety of the young people who potentially may need our support in the future and I really hope that when I am off on maternity the relationships with the staff and young people continue to blossom.

Graffiti Workshop at The Cabin – 29 young people attended The Cabin throughout the day whilst the graffiti workshop was on, Lloyd who did the workshop was amazing with the young people! He painted the side of The Cabin with the dragon, sprayed some of the young people's scooters and completed canvas' for them to take home. The workshop went down a treat with the young people and they are hoping that we can run another in the future.

Gilwern Residential – 8 young people attended the Gilwern residential trip. Young people took part in alternative activities including gorge walking, caving and team building. The young people also had a chance to develop basic independent living skills as they were left

in charge of their own rooms, cleaning, making dinners. Young people enjoyed the activities and expressed that they would not have been able to take part in activities like this if they weren't so cheap, young people paid £15pp.