

# Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan - Subgroup Report

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**Topic Group**

**Education & Youth Activities**

**Meeting date 22.1.14**

## **Attendees:**

- **Alma Dunigan**
- **Ashley brown**

## **Items discussed**

- The reduction in current funding to the youth service by Northumberland County Council
- Current youth provision in Ponteland
- The future youth provision for Ponteland, NCC Budget Meeting Feb 18<sup>th</sup>
- Northumberland County Councils statutory obligation to the youth provision.

## **Decisions**

1. Lack of Northumberland County Council funding had limited the provision to date
2. Future funding was set to reduce even further; this would have a significant impact on provision.
3. Funding from Ponteland Town Council was £5,500 per year, in comparison to £12,000 contribution from the Hexham Council.
4. The future provision was out of our hands
5. The Ponteland Community partnership could give a life line to accessing funding for youth activities.

<b>Action agreed</b>	<b>Date by</b>	<b>Name</b>
1. Needed to involve Ashley in future discussions	Pending	AD & RA
2. Support an application to PTC for a revised financial contribution	Discuss at next subgroup meeting	All
3. Raise at Ponteland Community Partnership meeting	March/April	AD
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## **Outstanding Issues to Follow up**

- The future youth activities in Ponteland are looking extremely grim, due to lack of funding. Involve the Ponteland Community Partnership
- Comparing the level of opportunity in Hexham for a young person to Ponteland shows that the youth of Ponteland are under provided for, this could be put down to an higher percentage of ageing population.
- Need to raise at the PCP meeting, need to locate project funding for the future.