

CHILL OUT 2009/2010

Meeting date:

February

Name of Organisation

St Matthews Church

Name of Project

Refurbishment and re-equipping clubs

Revenue:

Capital:

£2000

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| Breakdown of costs | Furniture | 1200 |
| | Electrical equipment | 1500 |
| | Sporting equipment | 600 |
| | Other – disco lights etc | 300 |
| | Trips | 400 |
| | Total amount of project | 4000 |
| | Match funding | 2000 |
| | Chill out | 2000 |

Area: Central

Northern

Southern

Brief description of project

St Matthews Church run 2 youth groups for young people in Grandpont, these are important as there are no other clubs in the area. They need to be refurbished and kept up to date, and they need new equipment to expand activities weekly and for older young people, keep them up to date and have different activities, including game consoles and sporting equipment

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young people benefiting

Age range:

Match funding in place (with whom and amount)

Voluntary contributions, fundraising and St Matthews Church DCC - £2000

Have they applied before

Yes

No

If yes, when, how much and have they completed evaluation form

Comments:

This is a good bid and very pleased to see a voluntary sector group in this area applying for funding. There needs to be a condition on the funding, if approved, a – to make links with the Area Youth Worker covering this area and b – to ensure equipment is processed in this financial year.

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***Suggested amount
£2000***

Awarded: Yes

No (reason)

Chill Out Fund Application Form

1. Name of Organisation

'Crazy Club', 'Powerhouse' & Open Door Youth Clubs - St Matthews Church,

Name of Project

Refurbishing and re-equipping clubs

2. Children and young people

Specify the age range of the children/young people that will be supported

8-16 years

Number of children/young people will benefit

75

Describe how children/young people have been involved in this application (please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)

The members of the clubs have debated and decided over several weeks how they would most like to see their clubs improved. We began in October, asking them how they felt their needs were changing; continued through November and December asking them to prioritize ideas. A final meeting was held at the clubs on Wednesday, January 13th and the children wrote comments on the whiteboards (see photographs & attached summary comment sheet).

3. Access to positive activity in children/young people's leisure-time

Powerhouse (8-11 years) and Crazy Club (11-14 years) run from 5.30-7.00 and 7.00-8.30 respectively each Wednesday and Open Door (14-16 years) runs each Friday evening in St Matthews Church. The Clubs have been running for around five years, but recently have increased in popularity (numbers have nearly trebled recently). These clubs are open to whoever wants to join. Activities range from basketball and football in the hall, to watching a DVD, playing on the computer, a tuck shop, and just sitting around chatting and relaxing. Once a term there is typically a trip ice-skating or bowling, with summer and Christmas parties. In October the older children run a Halloween Party for the younger ones. Fundraising has involved organizing events. Adult volunteers organize the clubs.

Describe why this project is important

These two youth clubs are important to the young people of Grandpont because there is no other youth club in the area. The recent rapid growth in the numbers of children in the area has underlined this absence. Without these clubs local children would only be able to stay at home, or friends' houses, typically under parental supervision. The importance of the clubs is reinforced by the narrowing catchment area for Cherwell secondary school. All our children have attended Grandpont Nursery and St Ebbe's Primary school. But recent changes in catchment populations have meant that from Year 7, they have been forced to move to different secondary schools. Without these clubs, these life-long friendships would be broken (see comments). The clubs were established when our oldest children were in primary school and so our existing equipment is getting old and increasingly less attractive to the older children, however. We need to refurbish our equipment to expand our weekly activities, and, as the children grow older, we need additional equipment – different sports equipment, new electronic equipment and furniture. Without additional activities there is a risk that the children may begin to find the clubs boring.

The benefits are twofold: first the benefits to the children of having a club to go to enabling them simply to relax somewhere safe and secure outside school and home include giving them space to continue to develop life-long friendships, to relax in each other's company, to have fun outside parental or school supervision, and, for our various events, to develop organizational and leadership skills. Second, the children, their families and the local community benefit from investing in nurturing these lifelong friendships because it enables continuity in relationships at a crucial time in their lives when the catchment area effect forces friends to separate. This gives tremendous security to our children, facilitating their transition into happy, secure and mature teenagers.

4. How much will the project cost?

Please let us know what the project costs are, breakdown the costs for both capital and/or revenue, identify how much and from where matched funding has been achieved and enter the amount(s) applied for from the Chill Out Fund

| | | Revenue | Capital |
|--|---|---------|---------|
| Total Cost of the Project (include funding already in place) | | | |
| Breakdown of costs | Furniture (Sofas, cushions, bean-bags) | | 1200 |
| | Electrical equipment (PC + speakers, Widescreen TV, Wii, DVDs) | | 1500 |
| | Toys, sporting equipment (basketball hoops, trampoline, football goals, space hoppers) | | 600 |
| | Other (Disco lights, chocolate fountain) | | 300 |
| | trips – bowling, ice skating | 400 | |
| Identify amount and source of matched funding in place | St Matthew's Church DCC & Voluntary contributions (parents) & children's fundraising activities | 400 | 1600 |
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| Total Grant Aid requested from the Chill Out Fund | | | 2000 |

5. Timescale

What is the timescale for this project (start and finish dates)

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| Start: March 1, 2010 | Finish: July 15 th , 2010. |
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We love crazy club, because we get to see our friends that we don't see everyday !!!

We get to see people who don't go to our school.

We love crazy club.

We love tuck shop

It would be good to have sofas because it's a place to relax with our friends.

Fun stuff!

We would like:

- ❖ Trampoline
- ❖ Chocolate fountain
- ❖ Wii
- ❖ Plasma television
- ❖ Space hoppers
- ❖ Basket ball hoops
- ❖ Football goals
- ❖ Stereo and speakers
- ❖ DVD's
- ❖ Facebook
- ❖ MSN
- ❖ Disco balls
- ❖ Disco lights
- ❖ Trips (e.g. bowling or ice skating)

