

Ward Forum 15 - Aboyne Area - Dinnet Hall
Thursday 13th Nov 2008

TRANSPORT

Question:

We would like some buses to take us to the smaller villages i.e. Tarland, Torphins.

Responses:

Community Transport - Mid Deeside B.R.D

Disclosure

Bus Forum - 6 months

More information - questionnaire

Demand

Extend Hopper / Dial a bus

Car Share

Talk to Mid Deeside - Help to do this

When? From where to Tarland. We live in Lumphanan and my children get to Tarland and Torphins and home again. Should be represented at the bus Forum.

Can the council subsidize a service? We need more info and what you want.

Community Bus - evenings - employ drivers. Taxi Company.

Transport Survey for young people / demand.

SCHOOL EXCLUSION

Question:

Why do some people in the school get excluded more easily than others? The system is unfair.

Responses:

Implication that some young people are "picked on" by teachers and repeatedly excluded for minor issues.

Easy option for teachers.

Personal dislikes.

Social work department in school to be approached.

Is there a School Board, PTA or Councillor to talk to Chairman of Education? Is there a way to ask question anonymously?

POLICE

Question:

Is there any way we can get the "Hotsteppers" disco to come back?

Hotsteppers are amazing, and a great way to get to know people.

Responses:

Let's try it again but with some more specific criteria need to be in order with legal requirements.

What measures would need to be taken to get the disco re-instated, what restrictions, would they accept age limits, stewards? Will be brought up at

South Marr Community Safety Group. Can it be set up with an upper age limit? Stewarding the kids, safety organization. Need for more (number of) professional youth workers to set up activities. Paid stewards for events is expensive and difficult to organize. Problem with the people turned away on street.

Entertainment Licence.

Stewarding Costly.

Police Advice.

Tribal element vs other communities.

Set a good example of smaller discos to show community it can be safely done.

ENVIRONMENT

Question:

Why do we not have any rubbish bins on the green?

Responses:

Lack of bins encourages people to take rubbish home.

Council will look into it (Cllr Luffman)

What is your main route from school to shops - where do you want the bins?

Group feels there should be plenty of bins.

There are bins on the green or adjacent to it - if no bin take it home.

Council continually asked for more and more bins - expensive.

SCHOOL

Question:

We don't think it's fair that teachers and the public get to jump the queues at lunchtime. How do we go about stopping this, as we then have to wait longer for our lunch?

Responses:

Student Council (Crap). Councillor to look into issue!!! Time taken up. Respect issue. Survey - Respect. What can be done beyond Student Council? Approach individual teachers. School Council to lobby. A council will look into it. Who are the adults going in? Are there rules or a reason why adults can queue jump? Are there enough people to serve? Why do the adults need to queue jump? What facts do you have - how long do you queue? How many adults queue jump and how many don't? Can you discuss this at school? Would adults queue jump if there were a short wait? Shows a lack of respect. Pupil council does not feel it is being listened to.

CINEMA

Question:

Why is it always movies for the young kids or the adults and never movies for teenagers (shown in Aboyne)?

Responses:

Who chooses? Request through reception at centre with list of specific films. Is it more about who is there as much as what you watch? Film mobile. Is there restricted number of films that can be shown? List of films requested? Cinema Club. Questionnaire to young people about what films. Teen movie nights only. Educational - School Film Club. Make your own film. Simon 07339880175. Start a Cinema Club. Or make a list of type of film want to see and approach the company. Bums on seats. Do teenagers go to the school hall or village hall? - They tend to think it's uncool. If the numbers don't turn up they won't try teenagers again.

BAD PRESS

Question: It would be nice to see more good press about the kids in our area. Why are we all seen as bad kids?>

Responses:

As a community we should be going to speak to the kids. Small minority. People not willing to speak out. Lack of understanding between the generations. Intergenerational work needed. This group doesn't feel that all the publicity is bad. What are you doing that you want to see promoted - we'll help. At last Community Safety Meeting were approached by group who were making a big effort with their project, Actually quite a lot of good press about kids in Piper. People tend to latch on to the bad press. Council paying for a page in local press i.e. will use that to publicise good things about youth projects. Press feeds on bad news. National and regional press will tend to edit stories. Youth Forum could have a policy to publicise good stories. Les will ask Communications team from Council to speak to Youth Forum. Volunteer Centre happy to publicise youth volunteering (MV scheme) - helps to build CV's as well. Rufus has a Glasgow Herald journalist who is willing to speak to young people. Ask the Piper if they can have a Youth page - could campaign through the press (up for Youth Shelter). Group could get together with video cameras and do exposé - lots of organisations would give them money. Media project through the school. This group doesn't believe you're all bad kids. At Marr community safety council there was a group of Youths who did well. Local regional press have lots of positive items that far out way negative. National papers always show much larger representation of bad of all parts of the community. You can send press release of good stories.

Youth Forum needs a visit from a journalist.

Press needs to be given info of good stuff.

Youth Ambassadors - could go and talk to Rotaries etc (with support).

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Question:

We would like a Youth Club that's not in our School. How can you help us?

Responses:

Location. We could support.

Community Buildings.

Could another building be used?

Parent / adult support.

Community Council.

The support of adults who respond to the things they want to do.

Are there other building they could share Multi use.

Community Council and CLD doing a Community Needs Survey.

Youth Café - Princes Trust

Units in Lower Road - owned by council - cheaper rent.

Leadership.

Could youth workers be employed in another building?

Room attached to chip shop.

Reduced rate for village halls.

Sponsorship for hall rental.

Where would the youngsters want to meet/go?

Ownership by young people - need to agree rules.

Fire Station / Safe Driving

Scout Hut

Church Hall

Alford has a Youth Café could an extension to an existing building be set up.

What would you want to do at your Youth Club?

Where do you want it?

Adults in your communities should work towards setting up a youth Club.

Adults need to know what you want.

A dedicated building would be possible.

We can understand why you wouldn't want to go back to school.

ACCESS TO SHOPS

Question:

Is it illegal for the shops to limit us to two at a time at lunchtime?

Responses:

Businesses have to protect themselves. Not illegal.

Kids could negotiate with shopkeepers / business association.

Congestion in school canteens force kids out.

Social enterprise in school - kids could produce and sell.

Just used to control and monitor. Problem is the volume and pilfering.
Shopkeepers concerned for their other customers.
Staggered breaks - probably not viable.
Shops could make up packs to speed up through put.
Could shops bring goods up to the school?

SPORTS FACILITIES

Question:

Would it be possible to get a dry ski slope or an all weather pitch in Aboyne?
What's happening with the skate park?

Responses:

We think it may not be a viable business for dry ski slope.
Could you use the slope in Alford if there was a bus?
Skate park committee has folded project been taken over by Deeside Council.
Street Football - police / council. Organise bus too.
Skate park committee speak to young people at school / youth club.
Newsletter to young people. Let people know what is happening.
Get more young people involved?
What skate park?
Dry ski - Alford - transport.
All weather pitch at Ballater.

YOUTH SHELTERS

Question:

Can we get our shelter back, but made stronger?

Responses:

Positioning important - more inside the park, nearer the play area.
Range of ages within the managing group (of young people).
Should be doing the fundraising themselves (at least some of).
Area Management Team looking at steel structure to replace, but might be planning consent problems.
Needs young people to be involved. Problem with length of time things take.
Needs young people to take responsibility.
Older generation need to be on board (work to bring generations together).
Ballater - help needed to engage with young people again.
Need to agree the site. Some kind of light needed inside.
Aboyne one wasn't robust enough.
All in this group in favour of shelters in Aboyne and Ballater.
Get Rotary involved. Young people to build it.
Needs to be where the young people want to go, but also where they won't bother other people.
Ballater - money through planning gain - kids would like all weather pitch (could put a shelter there too) - too many people in village don't want a shelter where the kids want it.