

Funding for Frome Report – April 2015

1. Intensive support to lay foundations for large capital and revenue funding bids for Mendip YMCA and the Frome Youth and Community Centre

Work with Mendip YMCA/Vallis Youth and Community Centre, including another planning meeting with the Mendip YMCA CEO and senior youth worker, participating in a meeting of the newly established steering group.

Tenure issues continue with Somerset County Council, although a letter has now been received promising an asset transfer. I've written a successful £3k application to FTC for this project. I have written an application for £7.5K to the FDCiC asking for funds to employ an architect and QS so we can have a "master plan" as a basis for applying for funding. Funds are also being sought for a "needs and potential impact" report. The YMCA, at my suggestion, has appointed a short-contract project worker and hopefully the Mendip YMCA can now move faster to a position whereby I can help write substantial bids, including a Lottery Inspired Facilities application. Tenure and a master plan are, however, prerequisites.

2. Frome Children's Festival.

Helped prepare three grant applications for the Children's Festival: Awards for All, FDCiC and a FTC bid. Most of these costs are for "front-line" festival events and out-reach and inclusion work to ensure that disabled children, traveler children, teenagers and children from poorer homes can take part in the festival and benefit. The Awards for All bid and FDCiC bids were successful. The FTC bid was partially successful: £15K in all. This year's Children's Festival activities have already started, but the main event will be in July.

3. Last Tree Dreaming Project

Having suggested it as a source of funds, I have provided detailed advice and support for a £40K Young Heritage Lottery bid for the "Last Tree Dreaming" project. This is a project based on helping students at Frome College develop an appreciation of local woodland and country parks, and related traditional skills. It includes erecting a huge timber sculpture (well, a carved tree really) in the grounds of Frome College. It sounds somewhat eccentric, and it's a challenge to raise the funds for. However, seeing the enthusiasm of young people involved and the way they love "getting their hands on", and using real tools, it's hard to not to be inspired. They don't do woodwork in schools anymore...

4. POD Youth Club and building “grant readiness”

Help has been given to the POD youth club to choose charitable objectives and to apply for Charitable Incorporated Organisation status and this process has now been completed successfully. Support is currently being provided on a lottery application and, in September, a three-year BBC Children In Need application.

4. Frome Gateway Club

The Frome Gateway Project has approached me and I’ve asked them for a “wish list” and I will be following this up with guidance/advice on grants.

5. Frome Rugby Club

I’ve attended a meeting at the Frome Rugby Club and provided them with written guidance on what I believe to be their best forward on a range of funding needs.

6. Edventure

Edventure have been provided with a copy of a successful grant application to Santander and advice given on applying to this funder.

7. Other...

There is “work in progress” with the Wandsdyke (children’s) Play Association (that wants to run projects/playscheme, play ranger projects in Frome), plus work with the emerging Frome Scrap Store, a musical instrument recycle project, and a possible “meals on wheels” scheme. Also a meeting with the Frome Weavers group, but what this group really needs is premises and it’s not possible to raise funds for this until a property is actually identified. Green Strand ran a workshop at the well-attended Meet the Funder Event on the 26th February.

Frome Town Council: Funding Frome Project record of appointments/meetings/work undertaken

Record of interventions/meeting (times recorded to nearest half-hour)

Phone calls under 30 minutes not recorded

From October 2014 to end of March 2015

Date	Time	Place	Group/work/contacts
1 st Oct	3	Home Office	Workshop preparation
1 st Oct	2	C&G	Niki Rice, Scrap Store
2 nd Oct	3	C&G	Workshop on organisational forms/governance
8th Oct	2	Black Swan	Cultural Quarter. Amanda Sheridan re Art Council feasibility
14 th Oct	1.5	C&G	As above
20 th Oct	1	C&G	Pre-meet with Jenny Hartnell re Active and In-Touch
21 st Oct	1.5	C&G	Jenny Hartnell & Lucia Chadwick re constitution, aims, bank account forms etc for Active and In Touch
24 th Oct	0.5	C&G	Peter Macpadyen re Mayor's Charity and Active in Touch
Oct total	17 hrs		
10 th Nov	2.5	Frome Youth and Community Centre	Mark and Karen Devrill (YMCA)
11 th Nov	2	C&G	Lisa – recycled instruments
12 th Nov	2	C&G	Proposed Frome Scrap Store Niki Rice
13 th Nov	1.5	Palmer Street	Cultural Q meeting
17th	1.5	Sue's home	Sue, POD – registering as an ICO – aims constitution - forms
19 th Nov	1.5	YPF offices	Children's Festival funding/grant application planning
19 th Nov	2	Edventure building	Edventure – Charitable status/VAT etc
21 st Nov	2	Home office	Children's Festival applications
26 th Nov	2	Home office	Children's festival applications
28 th Nov	6	Vallis Youth and Community Centre	All day workshop on development options and process, finance, business and funding planning
Nov total	23.5		
December 1st	1	John Samways	Trinity Church
3 rd Dec	2	Frome College	Children's Festival – funding planning meeting – Sue, Rachel, Azeema

5 th Dec	2	Foyer/YMCA	Karen Devrill/Somerset Community Foundation/Angela Yeoman re Vallis Youth & Community Centre
6 th Dec	6	Home office	Awards for All bid for Children's Festival
8 th Dec	1.5	C&G	John Samways Trinity
9 th Dec	1	Foyer YMCA	YMCA Board meeting re Vallis Youth & Community Centre
12 th Dec	2	C&G	Musical instrument recycling: Lisa Nasta
15 th Dec	0.5	Palmer Street	Karen D plus Mel, plus Paul re Vallis
17 th Dec	2	C&G	Morwenna Lewis Meals on Wheels
19 th Dec	2	Black Swan	Cultural Q/Arts Council/Heart of Wessex – Amanda Sheridan
22 nd Dec	1	Home office	Prep plus BBC CiN telephone interview
Dec total	21 hours		
7 th Jan	1	C&G	Children's Festival
8 th Jan	0.5	Bridge Cafe	Morwenna Lewis Meals on wheels business plan
9 th Jan	1	Home Office	Work contributing to Meals on Wheels business planning (spread sheets and software)
12 th Jan	1.5	Round Tower	Rebecca and Amanda re Black swan
13 th Jan	1	Foyer	Mendip YMCA re Vallis
14 th Jan	1.5	Project C&G	Cindy Moxham – review of funding needs
22 nd Jan	2	Home Office	Work for YMCA re Vallis
23 rd Jan	1	C&G	Claudia from the Merlin & Rosie Eliot
23 rd Jan	1	C&G	Morwenna Lewis/Meals on Wheels
26 th Jan	1.5	C&G	Ian from Bowls Club
January	12		
Total	hours		
3 rd Feb	0.5	Canoe Club	Pan Dixon, Canoe Club – talk to club management committee
4th Feb	3	Home office	Barry Cooper – Young Roots heritage bid for Last Tree Dreaming Project
6 th Feb	2	Home office	Work on Heritage Young Roots bid
10 th Feb	1.5	Home office	Work on bid for Frome Youth and Community YMCA
17th	3	Home office	More work on Young Roots heritage bid for Last Tree Dreaming Project
24th	1.5	C&G	Matt Thacker re Vallis – Frome Youth and Community Centre
25 th	1.5	Home office	Preparation for workshop
26 th	2	Edventure	Johannes/Edventure
26 th Feb	3	C&G	Meet the funders workshop
February	18		
Total	hours		

1 st March	1hr	C&G	Stina Harris – Frome Weavers – finding home for Weavers group
4 th March	2hrs		Nikki Rice, Scrap Project
6 th March	1.5 hrs	C&G	Johannes from Edventure; Niki Rice from Scrap Store, Lisa Nasta from instrument recycle and Anna Francis. Swap Shop collaboration and funding opportunities.
11 th March	0.5	Home office	Meki - Edventure re possible bid to SEDA/Santander plus evaluation conversation and e-mail materials etc
12 th March	1.5	Vallis YCC	Users meeting called by Mendip YMCA
12 th March	2.5	Home office	Work supporting Last Tree Dreaming Young Roots Heritage bid
16 th March	2	C&G	Stacey and Emma from Wandsdyke Play Assoc – extending services to Frome and finding funding to do this
18 th March	2	Vallis YCC	Visiting architect and interviews for Mendip YMCA development post
19 th March	1	Frome Rugby Club	Mike Bull and Tim Shane
23 rd March	2.	Vallis YCC	Mendip YMCA Steering Committee for YCC redevelopment
March Total	16 hours		

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