

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Butterflies Families Matter

Finance & Staffing Committee – 23 July 2018

1. Introduction

Ms Vicky Morrison will be attending the meeting to speak about the work of Butterflies Families Matter and this report is to consider future funding for the group.

2. Report Details

- 2.1** When the Parish Council took over the running of Broadgreen Community Centre a number of groups and organisations were using the centre without payment and Butterflies Families Matter was one of those groups. This was one of the reasons that the centre was running at a significant loss.
- 2.2** The Parish Council took the decision that there would be no free use of Broadgreen Community Centre and that groups that needed financial help would be able to apply for a grant. Butterflies Families Matter organised themselves into a constituted organisation and successfully applied for a grant to use the Activity Room on a Monday morning. The group has proved very successful and has expanded to include the use of the Youth Room on a Monday morning. A further grant application was made for this expense and was approved by the Parish Council.
- 2.3** A third grant application has now been received (copy attached) in order that Butterflies Families Matters can expand to Park South Community Centre. It is not going to be possible to keep funding this organisation through grant funding and an alternative needs to be found.
- 2.4** The grant each time was made as seed funding to get the group running, but due to the amount of income it is possible to raise from families attending, it is never going to afford to rent using rooms at Broadgreen Community Centre in the future without funding.
- 2.5** The group is carrying out vital work in the community and providing families with support that was previously offered by Sure-Start Centres. The Parish Council has set aside a budget of £20K for Youth Development/ Clubs and part of this could be made available for this group for this year. When looking at the budget for next year, the organisation would be required to provide a copy of their accounts and then a separate line could be added to support this group, which would give Butterflies Families matters stability and save them from continually completing Grant Application Forms.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That the funding requested of £1,082.50 in 2.3 be approved.
- 3.2** That Butterflies Families Matters be funded from the Youth Development Clubs budget for the 2018/19 financial year and that continued funding be separately identified in future budgets.