

Youth Engagement Final Report - March 2023

Portreath Parish Council (PPC) and Portreath Improvement Committee (PIC) set up a Youth Working Group, to take engagement with young people of Portreath forward. It had been recognised by both organisations, that there had been a lapse of organisation in providing any provision nor was there any recent understanding, of the needs of our young people.

We successfully held two rounds of Youth Consultations in partnership with Action for Children and with the support of local businesses Atlantic Café and Tideline Café. The young people were invited to give us their views on what they liked about Portreath, what they think is needed for young people and what additional activities they would like to have access to. We then asked the young people to prioritise these ideas, to come up with their top 6 on which they would like to see action by the PPC and PIC. We reached 39 different young people, aged between 9 – 18 years old.

The young people gave us these ideas for what could be in Portreath for the young people!



What CAN we do...

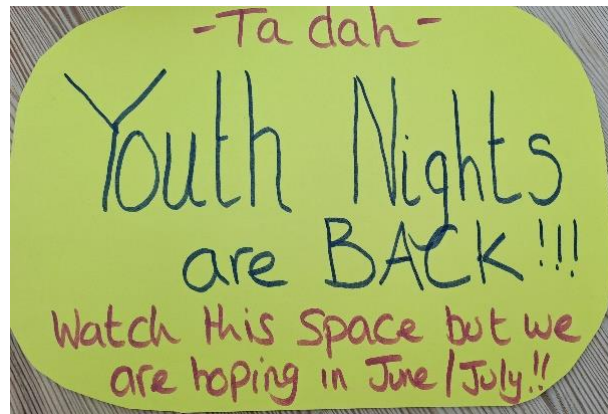
The Young People gave us 6 clear priorities:

1. They would like to have their own space
2. A Youth Notice Board for independent information
3. Book/Games Exchange
4. Sports equipment box, so they can use these as and when
5. Monthly Sports Activities
6. Youth Voice



Youth Notice Board has been AGREED. It is now outside the Millennium Hall. So please help us to get the message to all Young People!!

**All the other PRIORITIES will happen at
YOUTH NIGHT!**



Run by dedicated and trained Youth Workers from Action for Children!

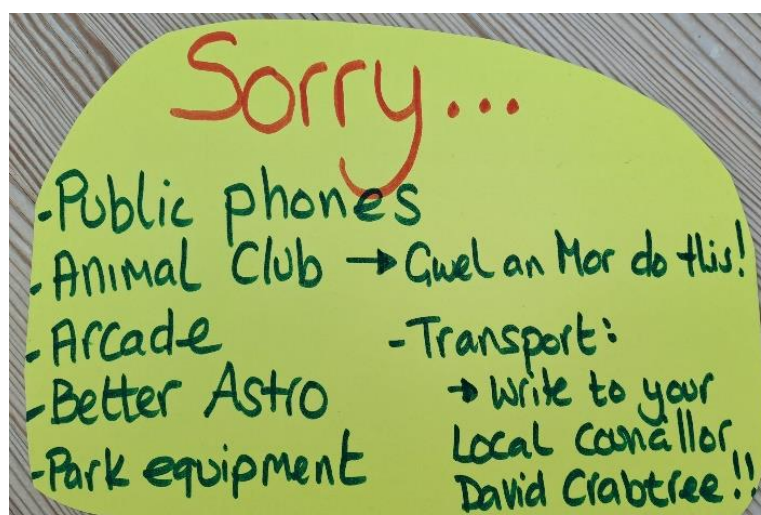
These Youth Nights are aimed at young people aged 11+

This, we hope, will be a space for young people, a safe environment, to use the space as they wish – to study; to hang out; eat some food and have drinks with friends; do some art; talk about what’s important for the young people; start projects – youth panel/youth council; educational; environmental projects – plastic free Portreath; recycling; litter picks; drama; invite guests; workshops around specific things like grow your own, sewing, upcycling, repair and DIY workshops; girls group; boys group! Endless possibilities!!

Monday Night = Youth Night @ The Millennium Hall

We are aiming for this to start on 19th June 2023!

There are lots that the PPC & PIC can do, but some we can't:



And some, will take much longer to research and will require dedication from people in our community to work together:



The Youth Working Group have researched 'Mobile Skate' parks. Mount Hawke are the only local organisation we could find, who own a mobile skate park. This is big, it is expensive, and it is aimed at one off 'events' rather than something that can be hired on a regular basis. It also needs to be on a hard standing, not grass.

They do hire out smaller pieces of equipment, which can be used on grass. Funding would need to be sourced. This is a possibility for Youth Nights, depending on the number of Young People interested.

We are working on...

Lockers on Beach – this was a brilliant idea! No adult has ever made this suggestion! The PIC and PPC were really impressed! However, there are some difficulties: material used as we live by the sea and the salt is very corrosive; vandalism; managing these when people lose their key. More research required – YOUNG PEOPLE please research this – what other seaside towns have them? What do they use? Please let us know!

Basketball and Netball Court - The PIC researched basketball equipment, with new goals and it came to a whopping £14,000! We are in discussions with the school, to see if we can have access to the school netball court and if this could be used for basketball too. This takes more time as we must investigate insurance. Please be patient!

Sea Swimming – Portreath SLSC have been in touch. They have explained that there are EXTREMELY STRONG CURRENTS when swimming out to the rocks and the RNLI lifeguards would stop any young person attempting this. SLSC do take their Youth members out to the rock, when it is safe to do so, accompanied by the club lifeguards. They do this with boards, so if anyone struggles, they can get help. If young people not members would like to swim, they could approach the club volunteers to see if they could accompany them, however, they would need to be strong swimmers and the conditions would have to be right.



Lifeguards – Portreath SLSC have advised that they do offer extra patrols at holiday time when the beach isn't covered by the RNLI. In May, once beach sessions start, there are always club lifeguards on the beach watching the sessions, as part of their Risk Assessment.

More Bins on the beach – Biffa who hold the contract for bins with Cornwall Council, are being reviewed in the summer. Once this review has taken place, the PPC will investigate what the gaps are and how we can overcome this issue. Watch this space!

Upcycling/Sewing Workshops – We have spoken to Upcycle Kernow, and they would be keen to work with the youth group to arrange something!

Time to CELEBRATE our YOUNG PEOPLE!

To say THANK YOU to all the young people that came to our events, gave us their views and their TOP PRIORITIES, we ran a special thank you event, at BASE CAMP, sponsored by Gwel an Mor! 36 Young People came to our celebration event, and they had a fantastic time! The young people had FREE access to CLIP 'n' CLIMB and the SOFT PLAY area! They had Pizza and drinks too!

We had so many words of appreciation from parents at the end of the evening and written feedback too: "Thank you so much for a fabulous evening! There has been a real buzz at school about it today – they all loved it"

It was suggested by one parent that we contacted Community Roots in Porthtowan: [HOME | Community Roots](#) – so we did! They run, FREE Volunteer Days: Every Tuesdays 10am – 4pm OR 1st Sunday of each month – Same Time, (drop in) @ Eco Park, Porthtowan (2nd Gate not main entrance). Very relaxed. Open to all. Any ages. Contact: info@communityroots.uk or find them on Facebook. There may be possibilities of working together, we will investigate this once the Youth Nights begin.

Any feedback would be appreciated! Please email Cllr Vicki Webb:
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Finally, THANK YOU to all the PARENTS for your
support of these events!