

Response via email on Wed 19/06/2019 17:14

Dear Sarah

Thank you for your recent communications and apologies for the late response.

The committee of Trustees met last night to bring everyone up to date on the current financial status. It has become apparent that we have made a significant loss in the past 12 months and, as a relatively newly established committee we need to look into the reasons for this and how to mitigate it to keep the charity afloat.

Whilst we continue looking into our financial circumstances, we regret to say that we cannot commit to making a donation at this time. We wish you well with your endeavours for the scheme.

Yours sincerely

Carrie Green

(On behalf of the Trustees at Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust)

Letter to PCWT copied below:

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cc. Carol Quinn, Edward Anderson, Anthony Ford

31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Dear Trustees of Charity

You may or may not be aware that in 2018 Prudhoe Town Council pledged to support families and young people throughout the summer holiday period by funding a series of 'free to attend' activities, trips and opportunities with the provision of a meal – the aim was to support the services available to young people but also to combat 'holiday hunger'.

The initiative was a great success and the Council facilitated and funded the provision of activities for young people throughout the summer holidays, in association with 15 youth organisations providing a variety of sport, arts and leisure pursuits. Over 1,500 young people benefitted with many trying something for the first time. The Council was delighted with the feedback from those who took part in the sessions and are enthusiastic about enabling another jam-packed 42 days of summer in 2019.

With this in mind, the Council agreed at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May to seek match-funding from Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust. We looked at your published aims and feel that they exactly match the outcomes of the 42 days of summer funding opportunity.

*“Supporting a wide range of activities and services for young people in the Prudhoe Area. These include the opportunity to gain qualifications, participate in healthy lifestyles and give young people the platform to express their aspirations through creative activities.”*

## **Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust**

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We are aware that your previous years accounts are not available yet but looking at year ending June 2017 you donated 29% less than the previous year, thus increasing the surplus; Prudhoe Town Council would like to help you ensure that this is not the case moving forward.

The people of Prudhoe donate goods to Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust in the knowledge that the funds raised will be used to benefit the young people of the town. As a charity that has gone through a number of big changes recently, we appreciate that the administrative side of things may have been a challenge and we hope that you will see the opportunity to work with the Town Council as advantageous, allowing you to donate funds as per your constitutional aims.

42 Days of Summer brings together many youth groups in the Town; we have applications from 16 groups, with a range of activities from drama and dance to STEM days and trips. The activities we have received funding applications for look set to benefit huge numbers of young people, potentially reaching 2,000 or more.

The proposals are very exciting but the Town Council's budget of £13,000 will not fund everything, and even if we secure match-funding from PCWT, some difficult decisions will have to be made. However, we are sure with match-funding and with your help, we can help realise another great summer of activities for the young people of Prudhoe and create a great buzz about the town and about those organisations that are doing their very best for 'youth' and for families.

We have included the application form and guidelines for your perusal and you are more than welcome to look at the applications received; all are fully inclusive and have agreed to the principle of reaching out to those young people who may not otherwise be able to access the activities.

We have a meeting with a small group of councillors on 11<sup>th</sup> June, following which a proposal will be brought the June meeting of the Council, allowing groups to publish their offers prior to the school holidays.

Our request is for a match-funding donation of £13,000, and should the funding total come in at less than £26,000, once the applications have been looked at in greater detail, we would reduce the request accordingly.

I hope this letter and accompanying documents are sufficient information; I am not aware of a formal application procedure for funding requests to PCWT, however should you require anything further, please contact me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Eden  
**Town Clerk**