

Hi Sarah

I've been meaning to call you for a while about Tanga and mainly to explain why I didn't submit a bid for funding in the most recent round to the Town Council. Unfortunately, time has just ran away from me, so I do apologise for this.

The funding round came up during a time when I had been informed (but was unable to publicise) that we had been successful in securing a large amount of funding from the National Lottery. This will cover the bulk of our core costs plus some extra project costs for a period of 3 years, and covered everything we had planned up to that point in time. I just didn't feel that it was ethically correct of me to think of something else that could have been funded at the time; and being aware of the position that many small charities find themselves in at the moment, I felt it would be better for Tanga Club not to submit any request and thereby avoid a situation where another group may need the funds but get none, or less than they needed.

I hope all this makes sense, and please be assured that we have been extremely grateful for the support given by Prudhoe Town Council and remain committed to supporting our members - some 25 - 30% - who reside in Prudhoe or the surrounding areas. It is likely that we will submit a further bid to Prudhoe Town Council in the future as our Lottery funding only stretches so far, and our membership is growing rapidly meaning that the costs to deliver will increase.

Prudhoe Town Council paid for our core costs from the grant we received, and this in turn gave us the foundation to be able to deliver the following services:

- Weekly Support group
- Weekly walking group
- Weekly Youth Group / Social Club
- Equipment / toy Hire library
- Reference library
- Activity bags during lockdown
- Mindfulness course for parents and carers
- Training courses for parents
- Organising the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for some of the County's most vulnerable children
- Arranging a trip to Center Parcs for our members at a reduced rate
- Helping families with benefits, education, healthcare advice
- Offering a helpline for families in need
- Outdoor Tanga (see our Facebook page for information)
- Forest School sessions for the whole family

All of this plus representing and advocating for the families we serve, and I'm sure I have missed some things off the list. We are truly thankful to the Council members for helping us to make this a reality.

Best regards

Katherine Miller
Chairperson
Tanga Club