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Dear Parish Councillors

### Youth Work Provision for 2026/27

The past twelve months have been both productive and exciting as we oversaw the successful conversion of our two youth buses, supported by grant funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, the Foyle Foundation, and Joanies Fund. After gradually introducing the buses and resolving initial challenges, we launched a full programme of youth clubs, mobile sessions, and courses in September.

We are now delivering services in 16 communities each week, with a further two locations due to come online once recruitment is completed. Each week, we engage with more than 300 young people. Our recent annual user survey continues to show excellent outcomes, demonstrating the value young people place on our provision and the positive impact of their participation.

Our Babysitting and Generation Game courses ([www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/courses](http://www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/courses)) have also become a popular addition to our open-access sessions. If the Parish Council is interested in offering these opportunities locally, we would be very happy to discuss this further.

The charity's trustees have now reviewed and agreed the fees that will take effect from 1 April 2026. Taking into account anticipated increases in the National Living Wage and rising operational costs, a 5% adjustment has been approved. This will bring the cost per youth bus/club session in Melbourn to £366.

We kindly ask that you continue to consider the needs of your young people and the importance of the support we provide. Please let me know by 16 January 2026 how you wish to proceed from April 2026.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss future plans, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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