

Draft Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2007 at 7.00pm in the Purton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillor Councillor C. Wannell – Chairman.

Councillors: A.M. Bucknell, T. Clements, P. Doyle, C.R. Greenaway, M.P. Hatton, J. Lay, P.S. Roberts, W. Roberts, S.J. Still and A.M. Wannell.

County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:

Councillor M. Bell	Purton Parish Council
Councillor B. Atfield	Cricklade Town Council
Councillor D. Averell	Cricklade Town Council
Councillor J. Stratton	Wootton Bassett Town Council
Councillor S. Bucknell	Wootton Bassett Town Council
Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson	Wiltshire County Council
Councillor V. Stubbings	Broad Town Parish Council
Councillor Pepperall	Lydiard Millicent Parish Council
Councillor N. Smith	Lydiard Millicent Parish Council
Councillor A. Roe	Lydiard Tregoz Parish Council
Councillor G. Fowler	Purton Parish Council
Councillor R. Tinson	Purton Parish Council
Councillor D. Kent	Purton Parish Council

Officers Present:

S. Parker (Community Partnerships Officer), D. Burbidge (Chief Executive), J. Cogswell (Community Partnerships Manager) and J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant)

CR26. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M.E.M. Groom.

CR27. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

CR28. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 17th October 2007(circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved

- 1) To change the venue to St Michaels Church Hall, Lyneham.



- 2) To amend Minute CR25 to state that Councillor G.R. Greenaway provided the update on the Cricklade Country Way.
- 3) That subject to the above amendments, the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th October 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CR29. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Councillor C. Wannell:

Update on Questions asked by Town/Parish Councils at the last meeting

We had three questions asked by Town/Parishes at the last meeting

Firstly we were asked whether there is available revenue funding to contribute to the maintenance of, or capital funding to improve, the CCTV system in Wootton Bassett.

There are no funds allocated for either the maintenance or improvement of CCTV in Wootton Bassett.

However, at an Executive meeting in February 2005, Members resolved to support where appropriate and where there is a community identified priority the capital investment of CCTV from the relevant Area Committee Capital Community Fund. At the same meeting, they also adopted the approach to not provide revenue funding towards the running of CCTV schemes.

Secondly we were asked to determine whether funding for tourist information will cease for Cricklade Town Council in 2008.

I am able to tell you that the Council will continue to fund the Information Point Service from April 2008. The Council has extended the Service Level Agreements to 31st October 2007 and are looking to establish how we can extend this further to cover the period to 31st March 2008.

Finally, we were asked to determine when the public conveniences in Wootton Bassett will be reopened.

The answer from the Assets, Design & Regeneration Service is as follows: The public conveniences at Borough-fields are open. The conveniences in Station Road have been de-commissioned and will be disposed of.

Community Area Funding Awards Funding Criteria 2008/2009

The Area Committee is asked to nominate 2 representatives of this Committee, to represent them on a Joint Community Area Funding Advisory Body (Task Group). The group will review the effectiveness of the 2007/2008 funding criteria and set common funding criteria for distribution of Community Area Awards (capital and revenue), by Area Committees in 2008/2009. The Task Group will meet on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 6.00pm at the Council Offices in Chippenham.

Funding Applications Deadline

I should like to remind everyone that all applications for the Area 2 Community Awards Budget should be with Shelley Parker by Friday 11th January for decision at our meeting on the Wednesday, 13th February. We have a balance of £6,942 in our capital funds and £7,128 remaining in the revenue budget.

Civic Carol Service

The carol service this year will be held at Saint Bartholomew's Church in Wootton Bassett on the 16th December at 6:30pm.

CR30. Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
T. Clements	Agenda Item 8 – Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements	Personal	Member of Cricklade Town Council	Spoke & Voted
M.P. Hatton	Agenda Item 8 – Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements	Personal	Member of Cricklade Town Council and the Royal British Legion	Spoke & Voted

CR31. Area Boards

Consideration was given to Report No. 6, circulated with the Agenda, which provided background information and context to inform a debate at the Area Committee meeting around how Area Boards could be trialled and implemented in North Wiltshire.

The new Wiltshire Council is expected to roll out 20 Area Boards across Wiltshire, which will be a key element of the democratic decision making process. North Wiltshire District Council have been offered the opportunity to set up pilot Boards. There is no finalized blue print as to how these Boards will work, so an opportunity exists for Councillors and the community to shape their creation and to ensure that they are suitable for communities in North Wiltshire.

Area Boards Could provide a single forum for community consultation, meaningful involvement of local stakeholders and a joined-up method for seeking local solutions.

Officers stated that they are seeking views, from those in attendance, as to how a pilot Board could work in this area.

A statement from the Northern Community Area Partnership was read out Dr R. Pagett (attached as Appendix 1) supporting the creation of a pilot Area Board in the Northern Community Area.

Resolved that the Area Committee supports the creation of an Area Board pilot in the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Community Area.

CR32. Consultation on Transitional Corporate Plan 2008/09

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 setting out a draft Corporate Plan for 2008/09. The Plan would be transitional in light of the Government's intention to create a new unitary Council for Wiltshire.

Issues discussed included:

- The three areas identified for improvement are Cleansing & Amenities, Revenues & Benefits and Customer Focus;
- Youth issues groups involvement with area boards and partnerships;
- That the Wootton Bassett parking scheme has been missed off; and
- The transition Board will pick up issues within the five Council's corporate plans.

Resolved that any comments or suggestions on the Transitional Corporate Plan 2008/09 can be sent to the Committee Administrator (contact details on the Agenda) who will pass them on to be considered by the Executive.

CR33. Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements: Cricklade War Memorial

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 informing the Committee of a potential allocation of part of the Area 2 2007/08 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks, to correspond with a minor change to the allocation of the Area 2 2005/06 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks in respect of Cricklade War memorial.

Representations were received from Councillor B. Atfield of Cricklade Town Council.

Issues discussed included:

- The history of the war memorial;
- The need for works to be carried out soon to avoid an increase in quotations; and
- Whether £1,000 is enough for the project.

Resolved

- 1) That £1,000 of the Area 2 2007/08 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated as further contribution towards enhancement works to Cricklade War memorial.
- 2) That a further £1,000 be allocated from a previous under-spend subject to this amount being available, that Cricklade Town Council underwrite any shortfall and that no further applications for funding are received for the project.

CR34. Community Planning Update

Dr R. Pagett gave a verbal update to the Committee on Community Planning issues:

Since the last Area 2 Committee meeting in October, the Steering Group has met once with another meeting scheduled for next week. For those needing some background information about NCAP, we have now produced a quick guide which can be downloaded from our weblog.

Area Boards

As you know from a previous item on the agenda, we have spent some time discussing the merits of Area Boards and fully support the proposal to trial this in Area 2. We look forward to working with this committee towards it.

Free Consultation Resource

Last year the Partnership was successful in its bid for an ESF grant. Part of this money was spent buying in resources for consultation in our communities. We have two sessions of the County Council's electronic voting system to offer to our two towns and our parishes. This is also open to voluntary and community groups in the area. Loosely comparable to Chris Tarrant's 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire', this is a very good way of gauging the views of local people. Many of you would have seen this demonstrated at our Partnership meeting at RAF Lyneham earlier in the year. We also have £2,000 of consultancy work from Community First. Please contact Shelley Parker at the District Council as soon as possible if you are interested in this.

Next Meeting

Finally, our next Full Partnership Meeting will be on 11th March 2008 at Cricklade.

CR35. Parish Council Update

Parish and Town Council representatives updated the Committee on issues in their locality.

Lydiard Millicent – Agreement has been reached on the project to create a footpath between the Village and West Swindon. The Area Committee contributed a grant for the production of plans. The project will rely on securing funding for outside agencies.

Wootton Bassett – Councillor S. Bucknell stated that Wootton Bassett look after play grounds and public open spaces along with the Jubilee Lake. Bearing this in mind and Section 106 agreements requiring a contribution to public open space, can the District Council ensure that monies are secured and vired to the Town Council to spend.

Resolved that an update be provided by the officer group looking at S106 agreements.

CR36. Outside Bodies

There were no updates.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.35pm

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There were 17 members of the public present.