

**Draft Minutes of the Calne Area (5) Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Calne**

**Present:**

Councillor A.J. Trotman (Chairman)

Councillors C.M.R. Boase, A.M. Bucknell, C. Crisp, R. Henning, H.R. Plenty, and C.V. Ramsey

**Others Present:**

J. Martin (Calne Community Area Partnership), D. Saville-Brown (Calne Town Council) and A. Walters (Stay and Play Café)

**County/Parish/Town Council Representatives:**

Councillor D. Wilton – Bremhill Parish Council  
Councillor M. Baggs – Calne Town Council  
Councillors R. Ayles and E. Jones – Calne Without Parish Council  
Councillor D. Evans – Cherhill Parish Council  
Councillor N. Bryant – Wiltshire County Council

**Officers Present:** L. Pullin (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant), J. Tavener (Head of Customer Relations) and J. Vaughan (Community Partnership Officer)

**CA62. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Bodman, A.K. Hill and A. Pier.

**CA63. Public Question/Receipt of Petitions**

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

**CA64. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007, circulated with the Agenda, were considered.

**Resolved** that Minutes of the meeting of Calne Area (5) Committee, held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007, be approved and signed as a correct record.

**CA65. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcements:



### **Area Boards Update**

Members will recall that at our last meeting we had a discussion about Area Boards which will form the basis for local decision making in the new Unitary Authority. All those present at our meeting put forward views on Area Boards and how they could be developed specific to our Community Area. There was clear support from the Members of the Area 5 Committee that we wished to be considered for a pilot area to shape the development of Area Boards.

At the meeting of the Council's Executive on 17<sup>th</sup> January, Members considered the views of each of the Area Committees and in line with those views resolved to support the development of pilot Area Boards in North Wiltshire.

Area Committees will continue and we will use the meetings to shape Area Boards during what will be a 'development phase'.

District Council Officers will now work with Officers from the County towards a plan for how this 'development phase' will be progressed.

More information will come to the Area 5 meeting in due course.

### **Change of Date of Next Meeting**

Members are asked to make a note in their diaries that the next meeting of the Area (5) Committee has changed from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

### **Apologies for Meetings**

Please would Members give apologies (where possible) in advance of the meeting as Officers can be prepared if the meetings may be inquorate.

### **CA66. Declarations of Interest**

The following Member declared an interest as set out below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Type of Interest</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Action</b>
Cllr A.J. Trotman	Item 6 – Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2007/08	Personal	Retailer in Calne	Remained in the meeting during the discussion of this item but did not vote.

### **CA67. Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2007/2008**

Consideration was given to Report No. 6, (circulated with the Agenda), which presented one funding application for the Community Area Awards scheme.

Ms D. Saville-Brown addressed the Committee on behalf of Calne Town Council.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- That Applicants cannot be awarded a higher amount than that requested; and

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- That the amounts available for 2008/09 Community Area Funding would be £40k capital and £12k revenue.

**Resolved** to agree funding distribution of the Area 5 Community Area Awards budget, based on the agreed criteria for 2007/08:

- 1) Calne Town Council – Award £790 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of piloting a radio communication project among the business community in the town centre, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

### **CA68. Project Feedback – Community Funding Awards**

The Chairman welcomed representatives from two groups who had agreed to attend the meeting to discuss how the grant money received from the Committee through the Community Area Funding Awards during 2006/07 had benefited their projects.

Ms D. Saville-Brown from Calne Town Council – Beversbrook Project

A summary of the update is detailed below:

- The sports pavilion side of the project is progressing well and on time and the playing field project is running behind schedule because of the recent bad weather causing delays.

Ms A. Walters Stay and Play Café Project

A summary of the update is detailed below:

- Photos of the sessions and customer feedback cards were circulated to the Committee;
- The Stay and Play Café has been running since April 2007 and is proving very popular and attracts new visitors each time with up to 70 people during some sessions;
- The money from the Area (5) Committee went towards the purchase of toys and crockery for refreshments; and
- Possible expansion options were being considered.

### **CA69. Unitary Status Update**

A verbal update on the Unitary Status was given by J. Tavener.

A summary of the update is detailed below:

- The Wiltshire County Council's Extranet website remains the first place people should look for updates generally on the Transition process.

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- The legislation that will formally set up the Implementation Executive for the new Wiltshire Authority is still awaited. However, they have already met informally and are beginning to direct the work necessary on an informal basis. Other County Council and District Council Councillors are welcome to attend the meetings of the Implementation Executive.
- A Joint Scrutiny and Overview Board has been established to analyse the decisions and advise accordingly.
- A new leadership Board has been established bringing together the Chief Executives of the Authorities and the Wiltshire County Council Corporate Directors to oversee the process.
- Future key work includes the prioritisation of service areas ready for seamless delivery on vesting day and to undertake urgent work on Boundary Reviews ready for new elections in 2009.
- Insofar as activity within North Wiltshire District Council, there are a number of current activities in progress too numerous to mention, but in particular we can highlight the fact that the Front Line Services Workstream under the leadership of Laurie Bell of NWDC is now established and working on its own priority areas.
- It is Wiltshire County Council's role to engage with Town and Parish Councils as they are leading the Unitary project and will host meet and greet sessions.
- The job specification for a Unitary Councillor is being drawn up at the moment.

**Resolved** that the Committee note the update.

### **CA70. Update from the Calne Leisure Action Group**

A verbal update on the Calne Leisure Centre was received by Councillor C.M.R. Boase.

A summary of the update is detailed below:

- The next meeting of the Calne Leisure Group would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008;
- The Centre was proving to be successful and so busy at times that customers are complaining that they are unable to park their cars;
- Councillor A.M. Bucknell informed the Committee that £70k of funding had been set aside in North Wiltshire District Council's budget and extra money would be given to the Centre for energy saving measures; and
- The Centre would be able to apply for additional capital funding if they wished during 2008/09.

**Resolved** that the Committee note the update.

### **CA71. Community Partnership Update**

The Chairman of the Calne Community Partnership, J. Martin gave a verbal update regarding the work of the partnership. A copy of the update was circulated at the meeting and is attached as **Appendix 1** to these minutes.

**Resolved** that the Committee note the update.

### **CA72. Ward/Parish/Town Council Update**

County Council Update – Councillor N. Bryant reported that the Calne Youth Centre was going from strength to strength and that Springfield School was doing very well and had received an excellent Ofsted report.

Calne Abberd Ward – Councillor R. Henning reported that the Calne Phase 3 project is progressing well and meetings had been held with the developer, residents and retailers. Improvement works at Abberd Brook were planned and had been discussed in a meeting with Westlea Housing Association and the Environment Agency. The proposed works were expected to cost in the region of £750k and the Committee may be approached for funding during 2008/09.

Calne Chilvester Ward – Councillor A.J. Trotman reported about boundary issues and that it was hoped that the 331 houses would be kept with the area boundaries.

Calne Lickhill Ward - Councillor C.V. Ramsey reported that she had been receiving a lot of complaints about noise pollution at Portemmarsh Industrial Estate and had had meetings with Environmental Health Officers at North Wilts and then the Environment Agency. A special noise monitoring programme would now take place and residents were encouraged to note and report problems. There were parking issues with the new Persimmon development and she had had a meeting with the Site Manager to discuss this. Councillor Ramsey had also attended an event at Sheldon School to view architectural models of what the children would like to see at Phelps Parade.

Calne Priestley Ward – Councillor C.M.R. Boase reported that there had been problems with rubbish collections at The Green and Kingsbury Street with collections due to place on a Friday not being completed to a Saturday or a Monday. The owner of the Cherry Tree in Woodroffe Square had been identified and this problem would now be solved as the tree was being felled in March.

Calne Quemerford Ward – Councillor H.R. Plenty reported that there were issues with dog fouling and off street parking and that these were progressing slowly.

Bremhill Parish Council - Councillor D. Wilton reported that there were a number of flooding issues.

Calne Town Council – Councillor M. Baggs reported that there were traffic issues in Curzon Street that were causing large tailbacks throughout the town. There were also flooding issues in Wyvern Avenue that were being investigated in order to resolve them.

Calne Without Parish Council – Councillor R. Ayles reported that the Parish Plan was almost ready and it was hoped that it would be published soon. Funding had been received from the Land Tax Credit Scheme for the pathway from the Church to the A4 to encourage more walking in the village. Works on the Stanley junction had commenced and the third round of traffic calming measures had been suggested.

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Cherhill Parish Council – Councillor D. Evans reported that the conversion of the Officers Mess at Yatesbury was progressing and work on Hangar 45 would commence in the Autumn. The results of the Parish Plan questionnaire were being analysed and the results would be shared at a public meeting in April/May 2008.

### **CA73. Outside Bodies**

The following updates from Outside Bodies were received:

Beverbrook Community Association – Councillor D. Evans (Treasurer) reported that the next meeting would be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and at that meeting it was hoped that the value of Persimmon's Section 106 agreement would be known.

Calne Community Care Planning Group – Councillor D. Evans reported that the next meeting would take place at 10.00am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at James House.

Calne Heritage Trust Centre – Councillor A.J. Trotman reported that the AGM was held in January 2008 when they announced that a lottery bid of £43k had been received. This money would be used for a virtual tour of "old" buildings in Calne via a touchpoint screen.

Calne Project – Had not met since the last meeting.

Sands Farm Liaison Committee – Had not met since the last meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

There were no members of the public present.