

Draft Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12 November 2008 at Purton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillor G Greenaway (Chairman)
Councillors T Clements, PJ Doyle, MEM Groom, M Hatton and J Lay.

County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:

Councillor B Atfield	Cricklade Town Council
Councillor V Stubbings	Broad Town Parish Council
Councillor P Gantlett	Clyffe Pypard Parish Council
Councillor A Evans	Latton Parish Council
Councillor A Hobbs	Latton Parish Council
Councillor J Webb	Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council
Councillor M Bell	Purton Parish Council
Councillor G Fowler	Purton Parish Council

Officers Present:

P Barnett (Head of ICT), J Cogswell (Community Partnership Manager) and J Densham (Democratic Services Assistant)

CR22. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Bucknell, P Roberts, S Still and C Wannell.

CR23. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

No public questions or petitions were received.

CR24. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2008 were considered.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area Committee held on 10 September 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CR25. Chairman's Announcements

Chairing Arrangements for this Meeting

Councillor Greenaway, Vice Chair of the Committee, made an announcement regarding the health of the Chair, Councillor C Wannell, and explained that he would be chairing the meeting while Councillor Wannell continued to return to good health. The Committee joined in wishing him well for a continued recovery.

Police Community Surgery

At the Pilot Area Board at Purton on 10 September, Inspector Steven Cox of the Wiltshire Police offered to set up local surgeries for people to discuss community policing issues with him. These will be in the days following future Area Committee or Area Board meetings and the first will be on Monday, 24 November at Wootton Bassett Police Station when Inspector Cox will be available to talk to local people between 10.00am and 6.00pm.

Improvements to Local Recycling Facilities

I am pleased to be able to tell you that from 10 November 2008 local people can recycle cardboard and plastic bottles in the Borough Fields Car Park, Wootton Bassett, near Sainsbury's.

Please flatten all cardboard. Plastic should be washed, flattened and then the lids put back on before putting in the skips please.

Tetrapacks can also now be recycled, but only at the Household Recycling Centres. Once again we would appreciate it if you would wash them out and flatten them please.

Energy Efficiency Grants Scheme

The 34 community buildings across North Wiltshire awarded money under the District Council's Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme are now working towards making the improvements recommended by the Severn Wye Energy Agency. Quotes are being submitted for approval, work has started and, in a few cases, already finished. Those involved in this will want to be aware that the deadline for submitting quotes to us for approval is Friday 19 December 2008 and that funding must be paid to or invoiced by the recipient prior to 31 March 2009.

The Chairman invited Jo Cogswell, Community Partnership Manager, to update the meeting on the current status of the Area Board:

Area Boards Pilot Project in Area 2

Some of you may be aware that the project to trial aspects of the new Area Boards that will come into place under the new Unitary Authority suffered a small setback last month after the resignation of the Project Manager for our Area.

A number of Councillors and members of the Community Area Partnership expressed concerns that the good work and achievements of the Area 2 pilot project to date should continue with support from the County Council's project team.

John Thomson the County Council's Lead Member for Area Boards is working to ensure that arrangements are put in place to recruit another project manager to fill the vacant position. The position was advertised internally at the beginning of October. Unfortunately this recruitment process has not resulted in an appointment; however interviews are to take place at the end of November in response to an external advertisement. We are all hopeful that this will resolve the immediate problem created by the vacancy.

Cllr Thomson is anxious that we avoid any further delay with the project and has made arrangements for Steve Milton, the Area Boards Development Team Manager to pick up the work started in Area 2 and to work with the task group to prepare an agenda for

the Pilot Area Board Task Group Meeting in December and to plan a way forward for the project.

Cllr Thomson hopes that this message will offer some reassurance for Members of the Area 2 Committee and the Pilot Area Board Task Group.

CR26. Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Cllr G Greenaway	Item 6 (1) – Community Awards Funding Distribution (Purton Parish Council)	Personal	Member of Purton Parish Council	Spoke and Voted
Cllr A Clements	Item 6 (3) – Community Awards Funding Distribution (Thames Hall)	Personal	Member of Cricklade Town Council	Spoke and Voted
Cllr A Clements	Item 6 (7) – Community Awards Funding Distribution (Cricklade Jenner Hall Charity)	Prejudicial	Trustee	Did Not Speak or Vote
Cllr M Hatton	Item 6 (7) – Community Awards Funding Distribution (Cricklade Jenner Hall Charity)	Personal	Daughter in Band	Spoke and Voted

CR27. Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/09

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 which set out eleven applications with recommendations for funding under the 2008/09 Community Area Award scheme.

Councillor Michael Bell addressed the Committee on behalf of Purton Parish Council.

Lisa Page addressed the Committee on behalf of Wootton Bassett Netball Club.

Bob Jones addressed the Committee on behalf of The Thames Hall.

Graham King addressed the Committee on behalf of Wootton Bassett Cricket Club.

Anita Barratt addressed the Committee on behalf of Cricklade Bloomers.

Ken Oliver addressed the Committee on behalf of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust.

Lindsay Hall addressed the Committee on behalf of the Purton Amateur Dramatic Club.

Ian Wood addressed the Committee on behalf of Ashton Keynes Playing Fields Committee.

Lucy Normington addressed the Committee on behalf of Purton Under 5s Community Playgroup.

Bob Jones addressed the Committee on behalf of Cricklade Business Association.

Resolved that funding distribution of the Area 2 Community Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/09 be agreed as follows:

- (1) Purton Parish Council – Award £1,167 from the Streetscene budget, purchase two flower planters to complete the project on the paved area at Pavenhill, Purton conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- (2) Wootton Bassett Netball Club – Award £1,896 from the Capital budget, purchase equipment to develop a ladies netball club conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- (3) Thames Hall – The Committee was unable to make a decision on this item because there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum once those members with a prejudicial interest in the item had withdrawn from the meeting;
- (4) Wootton Bassett Cricket Club – Award £2,278 from the Capital budget, purchase a new cricket square mower, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- (5) Cricklade Bloomer – Award £2,466 from the Project budget, purchase a poly tunnel and erect a weatherproof shelter, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- (6) Wilts & Berks Canal Trust – Award £2,222 from the Capital budget, completion of the waterway – restoration of canal bed from Bincknoll Lane to Chaddington Lock, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- (7) Cricklade Jenner Hall Charity – Award £2,469 from the Capital budget, replace flooring with a sustainable covering and venting, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- (8) Purton Amateur Dramatic Society – Award £2,453 from the Capital budget, replacement lighting equipment to keep up to date with the Health & Safety requirements, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;

- (9) Ashton Keynes Playing Fields Committee – Award £3,406 from the Streetscene budget, provision of a new entrance to the Bradstone Playing Fields an Millennium Green conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- (10) Purton Under 5s Community Playgroup – Award £1,942 from the Capital budget, redevelopment of outdoor play area, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009; and
- (11) Cricklade Business Association – Award £502 from the Revenue budget, purchase 4 software licenses and training, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009.

CR28. Community Planning Update

A verbal update was given by Councillor Mollie Groom, Chair of the Northern Community Area Partnership.

Items discussed included:

- The proposed 3000 dwellings be deleted from the Draft South West Regional Spatial policy;
- Clarity has been requested regarding the definition of a gypsy pitch and a gypsy site; and
- Representation was given to the waste enquiry where the results will be made public next spring.

CR29. Parish Council Update

Peter Gantlett, Chairman of Clyffe Pypard Parish Council, thanked the Committee for previously awarding £7500 to the improvement of the Village Hall. This has resulted in a significant increase in rental income but they have been dismayed to learn that planning permission had lapsed on a Westlea owned plot which that would have encourage a much desired increase in the village population. This matter is to be looked into by the officers at the meeting.

Allison Evans and Alan Hobbs from Latton Parish Council detailed the on-going issues of bypass noise, Lorries and the state of their public footpaths. In particular, there is an unresolved problem regarding a large pot-hole that the parish council are having difficulty in getting repaired. This matter was also to be furthered by officers at the meeting.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.05pm.

There were 30 members of the public present.