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**Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.00pm in St Michaels Church Hall, Lyneham**

**Present:**

Chairman      Councillor C. Wannell

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

**County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:**

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| Councillor M. Bell      | Purton Parish Council        |
| Councillor B. Atfield   | Cricklade Town Council       |
| Councillor V. Stubbings | Broad Town Parish Council    |
| Councillor R. Thomas    | Ashton Keynes Parish Council |
| Councillor M. Knight    | Tockenham Parish Council     |
| Councillor S. Doyle     | Wootton Bassett Town Council |
| Councillor H Dixon      | Wiltshire County Council     |

**Officers Present:**

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

**CR37.      Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors S. Bucknell, G.R. Greenaway and P.S. Roberts.



**CR38. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions**

A Public Question was received from Councillor B. Atfield of Cricklade Town Council. Councillor Atfield gave a brief history of the Community Garden Project and the recent safety audit which requires the removal of a step, flood mitigation and barriers on the footpath. He asked how many more hoops does the project have to go through?

The Chairman stated that Councillor Atfield would receive a written answer.

**CR39. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**CR40. Chairman's Announcements**

**Section 106 Update**

The Section 106 Group met and is currently clarifying how Section 106 monies are controlled within North Wiltshire District Council. This will make it easier for members and external partners to access information and assistance.

There is a protocol in existence for external developers which explains the basis and principles of S106 Funds.

We are undertaking a wider review of how Section 106 funds are currently utilised and what agreements currently exist. Officer capacity has been slightly reduced at this time due to Budget setting, but it will be released after NWDC sets its Budget/Rates at the end of February.

In relation to the payment of money secured through Section 106 Agreements for public open space, the Committee can be assured that such money will be transferred to the Wootton Bassett Town Council, where appropriate, following discussions with the Senior Regeneration Officer.

**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 2 Committee that they wished to be considered for a pilot area to shape the development of Area Boards.

At the meeting of the Council's Executive last week 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 2 meeting in due course.

**Committee Administrator**

The Chairman, stated that this would be the last Area 2 Committee to be administered by the Committee Administrator, James Whittleton. He wished Mr Whittleton well in his future employment with North Dorset District Council.

**CR42. Declarations of Interest**

| <b>Name</b>           | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Type of Interest</b> | <b>Nature of Interest</b>   | <b>Action</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--|
| Councillor A. Wannell | Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2007/08 – Application 4 | Personal                | Bell ringer, Member of congregation and on the Church register of electors. | Did not Speak or Vote.   |
| Councillor C. Wannell | Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2007/08 – Application 4 | Personal                | Member of congregation and on the Church register of electors.              | Vacated the Chair for the consideration of this application. Did not Speak or Vote.                          |
| A.M. Bucknell         | Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2007/08 – Application 3 | Prejudicial             | N/a   | Made representations on behalf of local residents and subsequently left the chamber for the debate and vote. |

**CR43. Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements: Purton**

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 seeking the Committee's approval of details of proposed street-scene enhancements in Purton.

Issues discussed included:

- The provision of litter bins in the area.

**Resolved that**

- (1) The detailed design for the Pavenhill Shops streetscene enhancement scheme be approved, so that work may be commenced on site;
- (2) In the event that the Pavenhill shops enhancement work is delayed until after the end of 2007/08, the Committee recommends that the Area 2 2006/7 Capital Budget for Streetworks be rolled over into 2008/9; and

- (3) The Committee recommends that the remaining £8,000 of the 2007/8 Capital Budget for Streetworks be rolled over into 2008/9.

**CR44. Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2007/8**

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 which presented 8 applications for funding from the 2007/8 Community Award Scheme.

Representations were received from Mr C. Woodward on behalf of Marston Meysey Village Hall Association, from Mr D. Sheppard in support of the Ashton Keynes Village Hall, from Mr K. Oliver on behalf of the Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust, from Mrs M. Blackman, treasurer at St Bartholomew's Church, from Mr S. Lee of Purton Cricket Club, from Mr M. Jackson on behalf of the Ashton Keynes Parish Council Greener Village Working Group, from Mrs A. Barrett on behalf of the Cricklade Bloomers and from Mr S. Wright in support of the Lyneham Village Hall application.

Issues discussed included:

- The value of village halls to rural communities;
- The Ashton Keynes Cinema hopes to show films in between regular cinema showings and dvd releases;
- Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust: The views of the Health & Safety Executive, the impact on wildlife, the time taken on the project, rights of way, the views of local residents, whether the application should be considered by the Area 1 Committee, car parking, the Council's previous support for the project and whether spending small amounts on construction projects is the correct way to finance such projects;
- The importance of facilities such the Purton Cricket Club for young people; and
- The Ashton Keynes Parish Council Greener Village Working Group's thermal imaging camera will be available for use by other local green groups.

Note – Councillor A.M. Bucknell left the chamber during consideration of application 3 (Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust) following the making representations on behalf of local residents.

Note – Councillor C. Wannell left the Chamber and vacated the Chair for the consideration of application 4 (St Bartholomew's Church). Councillor M.P. Hatton was elected Chairman for the duration of the application.

**Resolved** that the Committee agree funding distribution of the Area 2 Community Area Awards budget, based on the agreed criteria for 2007/08.

- (1) Marston Meysey Village Hall Association – Award £1,545 from the capital budget towards the renewal of a window and a new storage cupboard for the Village Hall, conditional on the balance of funding being in place;

- (2) Ashton Keynes Village Hall – Award £1,947 from the capital budget towards equipment for the provision of a rural cinema for Ashton Keynes, conditional on the balance of funding being in place;
- (3) Wilts and Berks Canal Trust – To refer the application to the Malmesbury Area 1 Committee for the reason that the site in question is in the Brinkworth Ward;
- (4) St Bartholomew's Wootton Bassett – Award £870 from the revenue budget towards the purchase of new lawnmowers for the churchyard and vicarage garden, conditional on the balance of funding being in place;
- (5) Purton Cricket Club – Award £500 from the revenue budget towards cricket coaching courses and equipment;
- (6) Ashton Keynes Parish Council/Greener Village Working Group – Award £810 from the revenue budget towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera to promote and encourage energy efficiency in the village, conditional on the balance of funding being in place;
- (7) Cricklade Bloomers – Award £1,203 from the revenue budget towards the purchase of tools, equipment and trees for improving the appearance of land and gardens in the town, conditional on the balance of funding being in place;
- (8) Lyneham Village Hall – Award £640 from the revenue budget towards replacement stage curtain, conditional on the balance of funding being in place; and
- (9) Recommended to the Executive: That the Area 2 2007/8 capital under-spend of £3,449 be allocated to the Flood Working Group for flood alleviation activities in Area 2.

#### **CR45. Community Planning Update**

The Chairman of the Northern Community Area Partnership gave an update:

Since the last Area 2 Committee, the Steering Group has met once and will be meeting again next week where agenda items include issues around Studley Grange, the Regional Spatial Strategy, the Local Area Agreement and Area Boards.

#### **Closure of Rural Post Offices**

NCAP has responded to the consultation around the closure of rural post offices in our area. (These are those at Bradenstoke and Lydiard Millicent). A copy of its letter can be found on our weblog – [www.ncap-northwilts.org](http://www.ncap-northwilts.org)

#### **WCC Community Area Survey**

After considerable discussion NCAP felt that yet another community needs survey was not only a waste of (taxpayers) money but also, with its limited circulation, of limited value. NCAP considered that letters to the District/County Councillors and

relevant Parish Councils would have been sufficient to identify community issues not already captured by the community area plans.

**Next Meeting**

Finally, our next Full Partnership Meeting will be on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 at Cricklade Town Council Offices. We have invited representatives from the Primary Care Trust and the Police to give updates as well as officers from the District and County Councils who have been asked to give us the latest on the progress towards Unitary and Area Boards.

**CR46. Parish Council Update**

There were no updates.

**CR47. Outside Bodies**

Cotswold Water Park – Councillor M.P. Hatton stated that the draft Master Plan for the Park would be published shortly. Funding from the Unitary Authority may be an issue in the future.

Great Western Community Forest – The Committee met in December to produce a new constitution.

Community & RAF Liaison Group – Tickets for the Air Show this year will be date specific in order to prevent traffic problems. An exercise is likely to take place in the autumn. The base and its surrounds have suffered from the recent flooding due partly to collapsed drains and ditches not being dug recently.

**Resolved** to ascertain when a replacement for the Lime Kiln Leisure Centre advisory Committee will be constituted.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.13pm

There were 20 members of the public present.

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