

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING ON 13th MARCH 2007

Draft Minutes of the Corsham Area (4) Committee held on Tuesday 16th January 2007 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Corsham

Present:

ChairmanCouncillor A.S.R. Jackson.
Councillors P.R. Davis, H.T. Jones, C. Reid, M. Rousell and R.L. Tonge.

County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:

Councillor J. Hartless Box Parish Council
Councillor H. Wright Colerne Parish Council

Officers present:

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

CO33. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S.B. Meadowcroft.

CO34. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

CO35. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th November 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th November 2006 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CO36. Chairman's Announcements

None.

CO37. Declarations of Interest



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Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
M. Rousell	Agenda Item 7 - Area 4 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/07 (2.2)	Personal	Family connection – late Husband	Spoke & Voted
H.T. Jones	Agenda Item 7 - Area 4 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/07 (2.2)	Prejudicial	N/a	Left the chamber for the duration of the application.
A.S.R. Jackson	Agenda Item 7 - Area 4 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/07 (2.1)	Personal	Member of Corsham Town Council	Spoke & Voted

CO38. Project Feedback – Community Funding Awards

The Committee received two brief updates on projects, which were awarded Community Area Funding in 2005/6.

Mr C. Hudd from Corsham Town Football Club gave an update on the project to improve facilities at the football ground. He stated;

- That the Club was now fully compliant with the requirements of the Western League;
- That seating had been provided for 100 spectators;
- That the club were top of the Western Premier League and through to the semi finals of the Wiltshire Senior Cup; and
- Thanked the Committee for their support of the project.

Mr S. Marsh from the Green Room in Box gave an update on the project. He stated:

- That there are 57 members and about 30-40 attend each week;
- That coaching was taking place for football, hockey and basketball;
- That money from the Area Committee had been used to pay for extension cables and flood lights,
- That a pool table, television, DVD, table football and arts & crafts materials had been bought; and
- Mr Marsh thanked the Committee for their support.

CO39. Area Committee Review Feedback

Consideration was given to Report No.7 (circulated with the Agenda) which asked members to consider 5 applications seeking 2006/7 Community Area award Funding.

Representations were received from Mr D. Martin, Clerk to Corsham Town Council, from Mr P. Simons on behalf of Corsham Rugby Football Club, from Mr Hall on behalf of the Corsham Amateur Swimming Club and from Ms C. Durrant and Ms J. Brunning of Secca.

Issues discussed included:

Corsham Rugby Football Club

- Liaison with schools;
- Maintenance programme for the pitches and the need for a third pitch; and
- That the club provides facilities and exercise for many age groups in the community.

Corsham Amateur Swimming Club

- That the funding will help the Springfield Leisure Centre;
- The possibility of commemorating Mrs Tanner by naming the Gala after her; and
- That the award of funding represents a vote of confidence in the Leisure Centre.

Secca

- The possibility of partnership working with the Pound Arts Centre;
- That the focus of work will be in Lacock;
- Whether the application meets the funding criteria.

Resolved that

- (1) the committee agree funding distribution of Area 4 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2006/2007;
- (2) Corsham Town Council - Award £17,445 from the capital budget for the creation of a perimeter path to improve accessibility and use of Springfield Recreation Ground, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place;
- (3) Selwyn Hall – Award £1,800 from the capital budget to purchase chairs with arms, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place;
- (4) Corsham Rugby Football Club – Award £10,000 from the capital budget to renovate 2 full size rugby pitches, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place;
- (5) Corsham Amateur Swimming Club - Award £875 from the revenue budget to run a swimming gala, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place; and
- (6) Secca Partnership - Award £500 from the revenue budget to run the Threshold Arts project.

CO40. Community Planning Update

A verbal update was received from Julia Stacey, of Wiltshire County Council on Community Planning in the Corsham Area.

Issues raised included:

- The youth shelter in Corsham is now in place;
- The Partnership is looking at the possibility of an alternative sports festival;
- Ecolerne's recent Christmas tree recycling event;
- The Development Trust is now managing the Tourist Information Centre; and
- Learning and development undertaken by the Partnership Steering Group.

CO41. Parish Council Update

An update was received from Councillor J. Hartless of Box Parish Council on issues in Box.

CO42. Outside Bodies

Leafy Lane Playing Fields Project: Councillor M. Rousell stated that the project was going well, that the facilities were well used and that the construction of an all weather pitch would shortly commence.

Potley and Pockeridge Community Association: Councillor P.R. Davis stated that a new Community Development Officer had been appointed.

Rudloe Community Association: Councillors M. Rousell and H.T. Jones provided an update on the situation and the recent feasibility survey. They stressed the need for improved communication.

Springfield Leisure Centre Advisory Committee: It was noted that the Advisory Committee had not met for a considerable time and that no communication had been received. Will meetings of the Advisory Committees be part of business plans?

The meeting started at 7:00pm and finished at 8.10pm

There were 16 members of the public present.