

Draft Minutes of the Calne Area (5) Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd July 2008 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Calne

Present:

Councillor S. Bodman (Chairman)

Councillors C.M.R. Boase, A.M. Bucknell, C. Crisp, R. Henning, A.K. Hill, A. Pier, H.R. Plenty, C.V. Ramsey and A.J. Trotman

Others Present:

M. Baggs (Rep from Calne Youth Drop in Centre), T. Browne (Rep from Marden House Concerts), M. Butler (Rep from Calne Cricket Club), P. Dolman (Calne Leisure Centre), J. Edwards (Wiltshire Primary Care Trust), B. Fowler (Rep from Bremhill Village Hall), J. Martin (Calne Community Area Partnership), J.R. Dawson (Rep from Calne Players)

County/Parish/Town Council Representatives:

Councillor H. Marshall – Calne Town Council
Councillors R. Aylen and E. Jones – Calne Without Parish Council
Councillor D. Evans – Cherhill Parish Council
Councillor G. Dickerson – Heddington Parish Council
Councillor N. Holman – Heddington Parish Council
Councillor N. Bryant – Wiltshire County Council

Officers Present:

M. Gilmour (Project Manager, Malmesbury - Area Boards Development Phase, WCC)
L. Pullin (Policy & Democratic Services Officer), L. Robertson (Head of Policy & Performance) and J. Vaughan (Project Manager, Calne – Area Boards Development Phase)

CA8. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor D. Wilton of Bremhill Parish Council and from Councillor J. Henly of Hilmarton Parish Council.

CA9. Public Question/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

CA10. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 20th May and 16th June 2008, (circulated with the Agenda), were considered.

Resolved that Minutes of the meetings of Calne Area (5) Committee, held on 20th May and 16th June 2008, be approved and signed as a correct record.

CA11. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:

Month of Action - The Big Tidy Up – 30 days hath September

Following the success of last summer's Week of Action that took place in Calne, the Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership are asking local people and organisations to get involved in this year's campaign which will run throughout September across the whole of Wiltshire.

The Community Safety Partnership want to hear from you if you are planning or want to plan an event during September such as a 'community clear up'. They will help you run this event such as providing support from our Cleansing and Amenities Service and other local partners.

If you are interested please get in touch with Ian Whiteway, Community Safety Officer –Anti Social Behaviour at NWDC on 01249 706465.

Boundary Commission Update

The Boundary Committee of the Electoral Commission have published their draft recommendations for the proposed Wiltshire Council, to take effect next year. The review began in February 2008, and comments on their draft recommendations must be with the Boundary Committee (at Trevelyan House, 30 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW) by no later than 25 August 2008.

In the last few weeks the report has been published and can be found on the website at: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/boundary-reviews/about-electoral-reviews>

In summary, the draft recommendations generally follow the scheme submitted by the County Council, i.e. .98 councillors in single member wards.

A map is available tonight to allow you to look at the current proposals.

Community Area Award Scheme

This announcement is being made with reference to the Community Area Award Scheme.

If all applications that are being considered at the meeting this evening are awarded funding in line with officer recommendations, the Area 5 Community Award Scheme budget will be seriously depleted.

There are still 3 funding rounds remaining and officers have notified the chair that they are still receiving applications and expressions of interest from across the Community Area.

CA12. Declarations of Interest

The following Members declared interests as set out below:

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Cllr C.M.R. Boase	Item 8 – Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2008/09 – Application from Calne Leisure Centre	Personal	Director of Calne Leisure Centre	Remained in the meeting during the consideration of this item but did not speak or vote.
Cllr S. Bodman	Item 8 – Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2008/09 – Application from Heddington Parish Council	Personal	Calne Without District Councillor	Remained in the meeting during the consideration of this item.
Cllr H.R. Plenty	Item 8 – Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2008/09 – Application from Calne Youth Drop in Centre	Prejudicial	N/A	Left the meeting during the consideration of this item.
Cllr A.J. Trotman	Item 8 – Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2008/09 – Application from Calne Leisure Centre	Personal	Council representative for Calne Leisure Centre	Remained in the meeting during the consideration of this item but did not vote.

CA13. Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation

The written update as detailed below was circulated at the meeting:

On 3rd July 2008, at an extraordinary meeting of the Executive they decided not to allocate public land from those considered for use as a Gypsy and Traveller site. The formal decision was as follows:

That the Executive

- Noted the summary of the six week consultation period and thanked the people of North Wiltshire for their active participation in this process;
- Agreed that none of the six publicly-owned sites were suitable;
- Being mindful of the imminent Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) Regulations 2008, which transfer responsibility for the Local Development Framework to the Implementation Executive of the preparing authority (Wiltshire County Council) and also mindful of the limited time span of North Wiltshire District Council, requested that early discussions take place with Wiltshire County Council to agree a countywide approach to meeting the accommodation needs of the gypsy and traveller community – such discussions to include the consideration of any potential private sites;

- Requested that Officers sought clarification from the Government and requested objective evidence as to why the number of pitches to be provided in North Wiltshire had been doubled from 24 to 48 disregarding the findings of the report commissioned by the Wiltshire Councils; and
- Reported back the concerns of the Council and the people of North Wiltshire to the appropriate Government Minister and to the MPs for the District about their recommended method and criteria of satisfying the accommodation needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

The Spatial Plans team anticipated undertaking further work to implement the decision.

L. Robertson (Head of Policy & Performance at NWDC) added that the Council are awaiting the publication of the modifications to the Regional Spatial Strategy which will contain the details of the number of pitches required for the area. Responses to this will then be prepared on behalf of the Council.

It was not likely that the identified private sites would be consulted on this summer and that it would be unlikely that there would be any significant decisions being made in the life of this Council.

CA14. Update from Calne Leisure Centre

A verbal update on the Calne Leisure Centre was given by P. Dolman.

A summary of the update is detailed below:

- The Centre was not currently Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant and steps were being taken to try and rectify this. This included an application for funding to install a lift so that disabled users could access the first floor of the Leisure Centre and fund raising efforts to improve the disabled access into the swimming pool;
- As with everyone else, the Centre is suffering from the increase in energy costs and are trying to find ways in which to achieve savings in this area;
- A new climbing wall was to be installed shortly in one of the squash courts and a lot of interest had been shown by schools and other users, it was hoped that this would be better utilised than the current squash court facility;
- The gym is very popular and very well used; and
- The main sports hall is also well used, except for Saturday afternoons which is often free.

CA15. Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2008/2009

The Chairman referred to the announcement she had made earlier in the meeting in relation to the Community Area Awards Scheme and suggested that the Committee make a request to the Executive for further capital funding to satisfy the demand for funding that is anticipated during the remainder of the year.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

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- That the Executive had said that they may consider providing further monies for funding later in the year if it was available;
- That an extra £10,000 had been allocated to be spent on Streetworks; and
- That Officers would be contacting those who have already received funding and not yet spent their awards to ascertain if they would be doing so before the deadlines and if not then this money would be reclaimed and be available for re-distribution.

Resolved that the Committee make a request to the Executive for further capital funding to satisfy the demand for funding that is anticipated during the remainder of the year.

Consideration was then given to Report No. 8, (circulated with the Agenda), which considered 7 applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding; all of which were related directly to issues and priorities identified in the Calne Community Area Plan.

Mr T. Brown addressed the Committee on behalf of Marden Town Concerts.

Mr M. Butler addressed the Committee on behalf of Calne Cricket Club.

Mr J.R. Dawson addressed the Committee on behalf of Calne Players.

Councillor G. Dickerson addressed the Committee on behalf of Heddington Parish Council.

Mrs B. Fowler addressed the Committee on behalf of Bremhill Village Hall.

Mr P. Dolman addressed the Committee on behalf of Calne Leisure Centre.

Mrs M. Baggs addressed the Committee on behalf of the Calne Youth Drop in Centre.

Resolved that the Committee:

- (1) Agree the following funding distribution of the Area 5 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:
 1. **Marden House Concerts** – Award £2,500 from the revenue budget towards running a series of classical recitals, a master class and a service of the grand piano, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009;
 2. **Calne Cricket Club** – Award £2,000 from the capital budget towards the provision of 2 sight screens, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009;

3. **Calne Players** – Award £1,091 from the capital budget towards the purchase of exhibition and publicity equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009;
4. **Heddington Parish Council** – Award £19,000 from the capital budget towards the development of amenity land, amenity building and recreational area, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009;
5. **Bremhill Village Hall** - Award £9,000 from the capital budget towards the renovation of toilets and provision of disabled access and baby facilities, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009;
6. **Calne Leisure Centre** - Award £9,000 from the capital budget towards the provision of a lift (disabled access), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.
7. **Calne Youth Drop In Centre** - Award £1,895 from the capital budget towards the refurbishment of the Drop In Centre and the provision of equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

CA16. Community Boards – Development Phase

Consideration was given to Report No. 9, (circulated with the Agenda), which informed Members of the progress of the Community Boards Development Phase and requested that the Committee nominate 2 Members to represent the Area (5) Committee on a Task Group that would help to shape new Community Boards during the transition period leading up to the formal Vesting Day for the new Wiltshire Council.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- That the Task Group would consider its Terms of Reference at its first meeting which had been scheduled for Thursday 7th August 2008 at 6.30pm at the Lansdowne Hotel;
- That this Committee already worked well with its involvement of County, Town, Parish and partnership representatives but there was more work that could be done; and

- Different ideas and ways of working would be tested as part of the pilot Community Boards and this would be reported back to the Area Committees.

Resolved that the Committee:

- 1) Note the progress on the Development Phase of the Community Boards project;
- 2) Nominate Councillors S. Bodman and A.K. Hill to sit on a Task Group that will help to develop the new Community Boards by using scheduled Area (5) Committee meetings.

CA17. Unitary Status Update

The Unitary status update was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

CA18. Urgent Matters Sub-Committee

Consideration was given to Report No. 11, (circulated with the Agenda), which asked the Committee to note the Minutes of the Meeting of the Urgent Matters Sub-Committee that was held on 20th May 2008. The Committee were also asked to appoint one member to sit along with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as the Urgent Matters Sub-Committee and appoint three named substitutes.

Resolved that the Committee:

- (1) Note the Minutes of the Meeting of the Urgent Matters Sub Committee held on 20th May 2008.
- (2) Appoint the following Members to an Urgent Matters Sub Committee:

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee and Councillor R.J. Henning.

The named substitute Members to be –
Councillors A.M. Bucknell, C. Crisp and A.J. Trotman.

CA19. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to Report No. 12, (circulated with the Agenda), which asked the Committee to consider appointments to Outside Bodies and to enable those Members appointed to Outside Bodies to update the Committee on any topical issues.

Resolved that the following representatives be appointed to the outside bodies listed below:

- a) Beversbrook Community Association – Cllr A. Pier

- b) Calne Area CAYPIG – Cllr S. Bodman (Cllr C.V. Ramsey Deputy)
- c) Calne Area Transport Group – Cllr A.J. Trotman
- d) Calne Community Care Planning Group – Cllr C. Crisp
- e) Calne Heritage Trust Centre – Cllr A.J. Trotman
- f) Sands Farm Liaison Committee – Cllr S. Bodman.

CA20. Community Boards Development Discussion

Apologies were received from R. Williams from the Youth Development Service, M. Franklin from the Wiltshire Fire Brigade and from G. Williams from Wiltshire Police in relation to this item.

J. Vaughan explained that the purpose of this discussion was to consider the elements of Area Boards that it is proposed will be tested in the 12 Pilot Board Areas during the Development Phase from now until the transition to the Unitary Authority in April 2009.

Those present broke into two groups to discuss the broad areas that will be tested across the County and the specific elements that officers propose for testing at the Calne Community Area Pilot Board:

Discussion included the form and purpose of a Task Group, the devolution of budgets, representation from other areas, the future of Planning services and the Local Development Framework

There was a broad consensus that a lot of elements will probably be addressed in the Calne Area and that it made sense to take proposed areas as those which might be fully evaluated.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Chairman thanked Jane, Jenny and Miranda for attending and leading this discussion.

CA21. Community Partnership Update

The Chairman of the Calne Community Partnership, J. Martin, suggested that the update regarding the work of the partnership be circulated with the Minutes and this is **attached as Appendix 1**.

CA22. Ward/Parish/Town Council Update

Calne Abberd Ward – Councillor R.J. Henning reported that the work on the new Woolworths store in Phelps Parade had recently commenced and that upgrade works to Abberd Brook had also started.

Calne Lickhill Ward – Councillor A. Pier reported that there was an issue with drains at the present time.

Calne Priestley Ward – Councillor C.M.R. Boase reported that CCTV would soon be installed in the area.

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Calne Town Council – Councillor H. Marshall reported that flying of the flag issue had been resolved. The offer to taken on the former ambulance and fire station from North Wiltshire District Council would be declined and discussions were taking place on the future of the Market Square.

Calne Without Parish Council - Councillor E. Jones that the works at the A4 Derry Hill crossroads were complete and that any views on if this was a good or a bad scheme should be passed onto the Parish Council.

Cherhill Parish Council - Councillor D. Evans reported that the second edition of the Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Newsletter was being published and the Parish Plan is in the process of being analysed. A Petition had been received from the youth of Cherhill to request that an area be established for them and this was being considered.

Heddington Parish Council – Councillor G. Dickerson thanked the Committee for the grant for the Village Hall that had been received earlier in the evening and queried if the proposed streetworks budget that had been recently allocated would cover a cycle path scheme.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

There were 10 members of the public present.