

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING ON 24th JANUARY 2007

Draft Minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29th November at Crudwell Village Hall, Crudwell at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors A.L. Davies, I.J. Henderson and T.R. Sturgis and J.P.S.S. Thomson.

Councillors D.J.E Evans & R.J. Henning (Executive Members)

County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:

Cllr O. Gibbs	Brinkworth Parish Council
Cllr A. Read	Minety Parish Council
Cllr C. Soden	Wiltshire County Council
Cllr V. Vines	Dauntsey Parish Council
Cllr E. Blacker	Dauntsey Parish Council
Cllr P.J. Gilchrist	Crudwell Parish Council
Cllr R. Budgen	Little Somerford Parish Council

Officers Present:

L. Bell (Strategic Manager - Community & Environment), S. Pangbourne (Strategic Manager – Corporate Services), V. Welsh (Community Partnership Officer), M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnership Officer) and J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant).

M35. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Hullavington Parish Council, Luckington Parish Council, from F. Knowles, L. Baldry, P. Baldry, M. Rea, T. Tremlett and J. Martin of the Community Partnership and from Councillor P.J. Goldstone.

M36. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

Councillor T. Pooley of Little Somerford Parish Council asked a public question:

North Wiltshire Leisure Limited have an agreement with North Wiltshire District Council to close three leisure centres across the District. There are three other leisure centres in the District, including one in Malmesbury. What action is being taken to ensure that the same problems do not happen again.

L. Bell (Strategic Manager - Community & Environment) responded by stating that the Council have asked North Wiltshire Leisure Limited to submit a business plan by December to state how the recovery and enhancement of the existing centres will be taken forward. In addition, a short term business plan should be produced within two weeks to cover the period until the end of March to ensure that there is no chance that North Wiltshire Leisure Limited are unable to trade. The Activity Zone in Malmesbury has received substantial lottery funding and this funding will have to be repaid on closure. There is therefore, a strong incentive to keep the centre open.



Councillor O. Gibbs of Brinkworth Parish Council asked about refuse collection. He stated that refuse collection was somewhat inconsistent, was not collected on time and refuse put out on Tuesday was not collected until Friday.

L. Bell (Strategic Manager - Community & Environment) stated that she would look into the collection in Brinkworth.

M37. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th September 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Area 1 Committee held on the 27th September 2006 be signed as a correct record.

M38. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson

Malmesbury Community Hospital

On the 24th November, contracts were signed for the construction of new facilities to include a new surgery, an 80 bed care home and a number of other facilities. The total cost is projected to be £12 million. The Malmesbury Area was fortunate to be working with the PCT at an early stage.

Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 Briefing Session:

There will be a briefing for Town and Parish Councils on the implications of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 on the 24th January 2007 at 6pm, here in Crudwell Village Hall.

The briefing will comprise of a 15-minute presentation by North Wiltshire District Council Officers followed by a question and answer session. The briefing will focus on offences regarding litter, refuse, graffiti and fly posting.

The views of Town & Parish Councils will be fed into an Officer Group looking at implementation of the Act with a view to making recommendations to the District Council.

North Wiltshire Local Plan 2011

The North Wiltshire Local Plan 2011 is now available for viewing on the Council website. The Plan can be accessed from the Council 'Home Page' under the 'Useful Links' section.

The Plan gives the general public, developers and other interested organisations an idea about what will and what will not be acceptable kinds of development in particular locations and is used to make decisions on planning applications and appeals.

Young Foundation Meeting

A Young Foundation meeting is due to take place on 13th December in the Hullavington Village Hall at 7.00pm to which County, District, Parish Councillors are invited, as well as members of the Malmesbury 7 Villages Community Area Partnership. He hoped people would attend this important meeting, the purpose of

which will be to outline the new opportunities available to councillors, communities and partnerships following the recent publication of the local government white paper; and to consider the types of tools and support that would enable councillors and the community to work better together.

M39. Declarations of Interest

None.

M40. Community Area Funding Awards Funding Criteria 2007/2008

Consideration was given to Agenda Item 6 which asked the Committee to nominate and give delegated authority to 2 representatives, to represent the Committee on a Joint Community Area Funding Advisory Body (Task Group).

Resolved that Councillor I.J. Henderson and Councillor A.L. Davis be appointed representatives of the Committee on the Advisory Group.

M41. Area Committee Review Feedback

Consideration was given to Report No.7 (circulated with the Agenda) which sought to provide a summary of results from the review of Area Committees, confirm the Councils resolutions and timetable for implementation, and to ask Members to consider methods for implementing the Short Term Recommendations.

Suggestions from those in attendance included:

Publicity

- § Posters a good idea;
- § Provide option for hard copy or e-mail version of posters – check with Parish Clerks which they would prefer;
- § Publicity will only work if people believe in the committee;
- § Make it relevant – highlight key topics for discussion; and
- § Use Parish magazines.

Area Bulletin

- § Make it interesting; and
- § Must be attractive.

Room Layout/Seating arrangements/Venue

- § Café style to be tried next time.

Agenda setting

- § Ensure that relevant people are available to attend for key items.

Voice & Influence

- § Ensure that officers timetable topics mindful of agendas at other meetings e.g. NWDC;
- § The vision is for the Area Committee to be the single point of consultation for people; and

§ Must be able to make decisions.

Partner Involvement

- § Agreed regular updates from the Community Partnership and Parishes were to be encouraged;
- § Need to consider the most effective methods to engage with hard to reach groups.

Resolved that

- (1) Members note the findings of the Malmesbury Area (1) survey and workshop and use this evidence to inform debate under Option 3.
- (2) Note the resolutions from Council, together with the timetable for implementation.
- (3) The Committee work co-operatively with partners and the wider community to make specific and appropriate suggestions to develop the Short Term Recommendations for Area 1 Committee, for the mutual benefit of the community; and thereafter participate in their effective implementation.

M42. Budget Consultation

An interactive exercise was undertaken to gather views from Partner Organisations, the public and Councillors to help inform the budget setting process for 2007/08.

M43. Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Planning Update

Councillor C. Soden circulated an update on the Community Area Partnership.

M44. Parish Council Update

No updates were received.

M45. Outside Bodies

Issues discussed included:

- Provision for Schools at the Activity Zone in Malmesbury; and
- Need for qualified swimming instructors at the Activity Zone.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and ended at 9.07pm

There were 11 members of the public present.