

# MINUTES

Agenda Item No.3

**Meeting:** DEVIZES AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Corn Exchange, Market Place, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1HS  
**Date:** Monday 28 September 2009  
**Start Time:** 7.00pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.00pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Phillip Brown, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Richard Gamble, Lionel Grundy OBE, Laura Mayes (Chairman), Jeff Ody (Vice Chairman)

### **Cabinet Representative**

Toby Sturgis

### **Service Director**

Mandy Bradley (Director of Public Protection)

### **Officers**

Jonathan Gale (Community Area Manager), Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

### **Parish and Town Councillors**

Jan Barber (Rowde Parish Council), Jackie Bawden (Rowde Parish Council), Rosie Berry (Rowde Parish Council), Chris Callow (Roundway Parish Council), Eric Clark (Bishops Cannings Parish Council), Ted East (Devizes Town Council), Peter Evans (Devizes Town Council), Sue Evans (Devizes Town Council), Simon Fisher (Devizes Town Council), A Gagen (Devizes Town Council), Stan Jonik (Erlestoke Parish Council), Jo Partt (Bromham Parish Council), Chris Saunders (Easterton Parish Council), Peter Smith (Devizes Town Council), Pat Strand (Potterne Parish Council), Jeannette Von Berg (Roundway Parish Council), Lynda Wearn (Cheverell Magna Parish Council), Anita Whittle (Erlestoke Parish Council), Charles Winchcombe

(Devizes Town Council), M Woods (Etchilhampton Parish Council), Albert Wooldridge (Roundway Parish Council),

**Partners**

Wiltshire Police –Inspector Andrew Noble, Chris Humphries (Police Authority)

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Dean Corbin, Watch Manager Richard Humphrey

Devizes Community Area Partnership – Roger Chadwick, Douglas Rosenman, Tony Sedgwick

Devizes Development Partnership - Dane Buxton, John Gacca, Noel Woolrych

NHS Wiltshire - Bryony Brown

**Members of Public in Attendance: 71**

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>										
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Devizes Area Board meeting and invited the Wiltshire Councillors, Officers, Town and Parish Councillors and Partners to introduce themselves.</p>											
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Kate Freeman (Association of Kennet Passengers), Amanda Meanwell (Head of Sarsen Housing), Tony Molland (Potterne Parish Council), Margaret West (Voluntary Action Kennet), Fred West (Wadworth Brewery) and Paula Winchcombe (Devizes Community Area Partnership)</p>											
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>DECISION:</b>  <b>The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.</b></p>											
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="328 1261 1190 1485"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="328 1261 501 1335">Name</th> <th data-bbox="501 1261 675 1335">Item</th> <th data-bbox="675 1261 847 1335">Type of Interest</th> <th data-bbox="847 1261 1019 1335">Nature of Interest</th> <th data-bbox="1019 1261 1190 1335">Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="328 1335 501 1485">Cllr Ody</td> <td data-bbox="501 1335 675 1485">The Brittox</td> <td data-bbox="675 1335 847 1485">Personal</td> <td data-bbox="847 1335 1019 1485">Chairman of the Trust for Devizes</td> <td data-bbox="1019 1335 1190 1485">Stayed in meeting</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: Councillors Carter and Gamble have requested that their personal interest in the item discussed at minute 6 as the Area Board's nominated representatives on Devizes Development Partnership be added to the record.</p>	Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action	Cllr Ody	The Brittox	Personal	Chairman of the Trust for Devizes	Stayed in meeting	
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5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone who had worked hard on the many carnivals, fetes and fairs held across the Community Area since the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Cllr Sturgis (Cabinet Member for Waste, Property and Environment, Wiltshire Council). Cllr Sturgis gave an update on The Shambles.</p>											

	<p>Wiltshire Council inherited the indoor market venue on 1 April 2009. Major work on the roof was needed alongside other improvements. A priority bid for the roof had been submitted in September 2009 and a decision would be made in February 2010 as to whether the bid was successful.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Cllr Sturgis (Cabinet Member for Waste, Property and Environment, Wiltshire Council). Cllr Sturgis gave an update on The Shambles.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council inherited the indoor market venue on 1 April 2009. Major work on the roof was needed alongside other improvements. A priority bid for the roof had been submitted in September 2009 and a decision would be made in February 2010 as to whether the bid was successful.</p> <p>Councillor Sturgis explained that although money had been set aside by the former District Council, because the project had not started prior to Unitary status, the monies could not be ringfenced. Further, he explained that the building was part of a large property portfolio and its maintenance needs would have to be prioritised as part of a wider budget.</p>	
6.	<p><u>The Brittox</u></p> <p>Mitch Roberts, Devizes Town Centre Manager, gave a comprehensive presentation on planning future improvements for The Brittox and Little Brittox. The presentation covered the subjects below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation - started in 2008;</li> <li>• Key drivers for the project;</li> <li>• The Brittox and The Little Brittox of the past;</li> <li>• Recent enhancements to the town;</li> <li>• Examples of wanted and unwanted additions to the street scape;</li> <li>• A mandate to Wiltshire Council; and</li> <li>• Plans for the town - refurbishing surfaces, on street licensing, reducing street clutter, retaining historical features, establishing new partnerships, improving lighting, an attractive, high quality and sustainable environment.</li> </ul> <p>Round table discussion followed the presentation. Groups were asked to discuss the proposals in the presentation to improve the public and retail environment. General consensus from the room was that the regeneration plans were positive.</p>	

	<p>The meeting raised the points beneath:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to and from the town;</li> <li>• Chewing gum on pavements;</li> <li>• Drain issues;</li> <li>• Parking - 1 hour free, more central spaces and park and ride;</li> <li>• Vandal proof street furniture;</li> <li>• Connection with adjacent streets;</li> <li>• Concern over Thursday waste collection day;</li> <li>• Concern over corporate shop frontages;</li> <li>• WOW factor in Devizes;</li> <li>• Attention to the upper levels of the town;</li> <li>• Proactive engagement with utility companies while work took place; and</li> <li>• Desired shops - an ICT specialist, alternative medicine, quality clothing, a Woolworths-style shop, furniture and homeware, sports, traditional English food and a cafe appealing to young people.</li> </ul> <p>Feedback forms completed at the meeting were collected by Mr Roberts.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Update on Community Issues</u></p> <p>Forty five issues had been received by the Area Board. Jonathan Gale summarised the issues process and how issues sent in through this process would be addressed. He covered issues received to date and emphasised that issues could now be submitted and tracked online through the Wiltshire Council website: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk">www.wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>Dropped kerbs, weed clearance and road surfacing projects were highlighted by the Chairman as successes for the Area Board.</p> <p>The 25 January 2010 Area Board meeting would address youth issues.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b>  <b>To bring a report to the 25 January 2010 Area Board meeting regarding youth provision in the Devizes Community Area.</b></p>	Jonathan Gale to facilitate
8.	<p><u>Planning for the Future of the Devizes Community Area</u></p> <p>The presentation on planning for the future of Devizes Community Area was not given owing to the need for Wiltshire Council to consider a response to a delay to the</p>	

	wider Regional Spatial Strategy. Please see the attached appendices for Wiltshire Council's response to the delay and information regarding a presentation and workshop to be held on 7 December at Devizes Town Hall.	
9.	<p><u>Update from the Devizes Community Area Partnership</u></p> <p>Roger Chadwick, Chairman of the Devizes Community Area Partnership, explained the Partnership were hoping to report on their strategic action plan at an Area Board meeting in the near future.</p> <p>He introduced Tony Sedgwick from the Devizes Community Area Partnership transport group. Tony Sedgwick updated that the next Area Board meeting would focus on transport issues. A basic paper on transport issues in the Devizes Community Area had been prepared. This included information on the Devizes highway network, traffic reduction plans and public transport.</p> <p>Tony Sedgwick invited input from the public via email: <a href="mailto:tonysedg@aol.com">tonysedg@aol.com</a>. Please contact Jonathan Gale if you wish to feed comment back in another format.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service Update</u></p> <p>The consultation process for the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2010-2015 was introduced. A draft Plan had been released on Monday 21 September for consultation until Friday 11 December. Interested individuals could register to take part by post (Corporate Planning Department, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, Manor House, Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 5PP), by telephone (01380 732982) or on the website: <a href="http://www.wiltsfire.gov.uk">www.wiltsfire.gov.uk</a>.</p>	
11.	<p><u>NHS Wiltshire Update</u></p> <p>Bryony Brown announced the Treatment Centre in Devizes for day surgery would open on 2 November 2009.</p> <p>The Primary Care Centre had been delayed and was expected to be submitted for planning approval in Spring 2010. Bryony Brown invited the public to an Open Day regarding current and future NHS provision in Devizes Town Hall on Thursday 1 October.</p>	
12	<p><u>Wiltshire Police Update</u></p> <p>Inspector Andrew Noble spoke about the Neighbourhood</p>	

	<p>Policing Team restructure and a review of performance since last year. A summary of priorities and ongoing activity in Devizes Town Centre was provided. Progress had been made on nuisance behaviour as one individual had been given Prolific Offender Status.</p> <p>The Inspector encouraged the meeting to take note of their Neighbourhood Policing Team contact and use 999 for urgent issues or 0845 4087000 for non-urgent issues.</p> <p>PC Gemma Rutter was commended by an individual for her work interfacing with the community.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Funding Opportunities</u></p> <p>Jonathan Gale drew attention to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme. £5.4 million was earned by Wiltshire from the Government for performance against targets agreed in a Local Public Service Agreement that ended in March 2008.</p> <p>£2.8 million was available over the next 2-3 years for Area Boards to bid for in order to do good work. The first tranche of £250,000 was available from October 2009 and thereafter a tranche of funding would be released every quarter.</p> <p>Community bids should meet local needs, address priorities in the Local Area Agreement and help with difficulties related to the recession.</p> <p>Expressions of interest in the scheme could be registered by contacting Jonathan Gale or online at the Wiltshire Council website: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk">www.wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>A second source of possible funding was the Landfill Communities Fund, a scheme for funding community and environmental projects within 10 miles of landfill sites. To request more information about Viridor Credits, please email: <a href="mailto:battwood@viridor-credits.co.uk">battwood@viridor-credits.co.uk</a> or contact at: Aintree House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2PX. Telephone: 01823 624656.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to the election of Cllr Carter to serve on the Viridor Credits Panel/Steering Group - Wiltshire.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Community Grants</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme. Six applications had been received, with four applications awarded funding and two applications awaiting further information.</p>	

	<p><b>DECISION:</b>  <u>West Lavington Youth Club</u> - Award £745 for Healthy Eating Project.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b>  <u>Spye Park Cricket Club</u> - Award £995 for equipment to improve playing facilities.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b>  <u>Arts Together</u> - Award £930 for recruitment and training of volunteers.</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b>  <u>Devizes Development Partnership</u> - Award £3,000 for workshops for Christmas Festival.</p> <p>The Devizes Hospital and Community Radio application for purchase of a portakabin and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust application for the hire cost of a marquee for a Greener Living Stand at the Christmas Lights evening were deferred.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The next Area Board meeting would take place on 23 November 2009 in the Main Hall at Devizes School at 7.00pm, with refreshments available from 6.30pm.</p>	