

MINUTES

Meeting: CALNE AREA BOARD
Place: Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill, Petty Lane, Calne SN11 9QY
Date: 10 April 2012
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.16 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Christine Crisp (Chairman), Cllr Chuck Berry and Cllr Anthony Trotman (Vice Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Mandy Bradley (Service Director), Will Kay (Youth Development Coordinator), Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer) and Jane Vaughan (Community Area Manager)

Town and Parish Councillors

Calne Town Council – Roy Golding, Caroline Ramsey and Phil Redmond
Calne Without Parish Council – Richard Aylen and Ed Jones
Cherhill Parish Council – David Evans

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Sector Inspector Martin Schorah
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Mike Franklin and Scott Taylor
NHS Wiltshire – Alison Bell

Friends of Abberd Brook – Francis Bosworth

Total in attendance: 27

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to Calne Area Board and the Lansdowne Hall. She introduced the Councillors and officers present. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Lionel Grundy OBE, Cabinet member for Children's Services.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Marshall, Geoff Procter (Hilmarton and Goatacre Group Improving Safety) and Sam Shuker. The Chairman wished Councillor Marshall a prompt and full recovery.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the written announcements included in the agenda pack.</p> <p>This included information about a review of mini recycling sites and household recycling summer opening hours. In light of the new improved waste and recycling collection services in Wiltshire, it was proposed to review mini recycling sites and for household recycling centres to go back to normal summer opening, until 5 pm, 7 days per week. If you would like to comment on these proposals, please complete an online questionnaire at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/consultations or call 0300 4560102 for a paper copy. Please reply by 28 May 2012.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council was seeking views on existing polling districts and polling stations (regular review was a requirement by law). Please see the Wiltshire Council website for more details and select the Review of Polling Districts – Briefing Note. Submissions must be made in writing by 25 May 2012. Forms could be completed online or downloaded from the website.</p> <p>The Chairman provided an update about the help to live at home scheme. Following consultation, the new care and support service was in place throughout the county provided by Leonard Cheshire, Aster Living, Enara Complete Care and Somerset Care.</p>

	<p>Wiltshire Council was seeking to increase the number of volunteers in its youth centres. Details of opportunities were now available from the volunteer centre and local youth centres. The volunteer centre could be contacted on 0845 0345250 or enquiries@growwiltshire.org.uk.</p> <p>Councillor Crisp explained there were only four weeks to go until communities from across Wiltshire came together for the Diamond Jubilee celebration event on 1 May 2012. The event would take place at Salisbury's Cathedral Close on 1 May 2012. The medieval-themed event would take place in Salisbury because of its links to the Magna Carta. All Wiltshire's community areas would be represented with a tent to show what made each community unique. Friends of Abberd Brook, Calne Voices and the Heritage Centre would be represented.</p> <p>The Olympic Torch would be passing through Calne on 23 May 2012. The Chairman urged local people to come into the town on foot and welcome the torch.</p>
6.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>a. Sector Inspector Martin Schorah highlighted key points from the written update from Wiltshire Police provided in the agenda pack. Up to date information about Neighbourhood Policing Teams and local priorities was available to view on the website: www.wiltshire.police.uk. The Sector Inspector explained that while there were no recent changes to staffing levels, costs</p> <p>Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team were currently working with partners, including anti social behavioural officers, housing officers, Wiltshire and the Town Council to tackle the rise in anti social behaviour caused by large groups gathering in The Pippin. This work involved sending police warning letters to the parents/guardians of those concerned.</p> <p>An arrest and charge had been made in relation to the rise in shed and garage burglaries over the last few months in Calne.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Policing Team had been working hard to secure statements and evidence to support an Anti Social Behavioural Order application regarding a local male who had caused the town distress through his behaviour and continued shop lifting. The male had been arrested and charged and an ASBO application hearing would soon take place.</p> <p>A successful patrol had taken place with nine uniformed officers and a passive drug dog going into the local licensed premises and other late night establishments.</p>

- b. The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted. Scott Taylor then provided information about the Integrated Risk Management Plan. The risks that Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service faced were changing, from a reduction in the budget, through the increased housing within Wiltshire to the type of incidents that were responded to. A service review was underway and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service welcomed public opinion.

For this, you could register as a stakeholder and receive a survey to complete, please call: 01380 731114, you could view the consultation document and comment using the following email address: consultation@wiltsfire.gov.uk or surveys were available to complete at the meeting.

This was followed by a short question and answer session, which covered the main points below:

- In other areas home safety checks had been tied to assisted bin collections to target vulnerable people. Mike Franklin confirmed that while Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service were not working with refuse collectors, they were working with other partner organisations on this issue.
- There was the intention for the fire station in Calne to remain over the plan period 2010-2026.
- It was proposed that Calne would be in a community with Devizes and Melksham, with a team based in Devizes who would reach out to the other teams (this would not apply to emergency calls).
- Fire safety messages were given at the meeting regarding being careful in dry weather as small fires can easily spread and the need to put out disposable barbeques properly as they can melt wheeled bins.

- c. The written update from NHS Wiltshire was noted.
- d. It was noted that Calne Community Area Partnership would be discussed at a later stage in the meeting.
- e. Will Kay, Youth Development Co-Ordinator, spoke on behalf of young people from the Community Area Young People's Issues Group. A planning application regarding the skate board park had been submitted and was being processed. Meetings of the group were now being held in the Town Hall and fundraising for the project, including a skate competition, would be arranged over the summer months. Will presented Councillor Crisp with a card for Councillor Marshall, signed by the group, wishing him to get well soon. Will thanked Councillor Marshall for all his help over the last two years with the skate board project.
- f. Calne Town Council invited people to come into the town to see the Olympic Torch on 23 May and enjoy a good day. Calne Without Parish

	Council reported that white gates and lights were being installed.
7.	<p><u>Feedback/Future Work from the Community Planning Event</u></p> <p>Trevor Jenkins, Chairman of Calne Community Area Partnership, presented feedback from the recent community planning event held on 27 February 2012. Many ideas and much information had been gathered at the event and the Partnership was condensing this into an accessible form.</p> <p>From an initial review, priority issues to tackle in the local area would include cleaning up after dogs, increasing a pool of volunteers through a reward scheme and joining up small voluntary groups to work together.</p>
8.	<p><u>Air Quality Action Plan for Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Mandy Bradley, Service Director, gave a presentation about air quality in the local area.</p> <p>This covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council's legal obligations with respect to air quality – Wiltshire Council had a statutory duty to manage local air quality under part IV of the Environment Act 1995. • Action so far in Calne – monitoring of air quality had taken place over the last ten years. In 2010 elevated levels led to an extension of air quality monitoring at key sites around the town. This new period of monitoring was known as a 'Detailed Assessment' and conducted with a view to declaring an Air Quality Management Area with respect to New Road and Curzon Street. • The next steps for Calne – complete Detailed Assessment and report findings to the area board and d • DEFRA in summer 2012. The intention was to develop an Air Quality Action Plan by spring 2014. • What Wiltshire Council was doing in the meantime – implementing the new county-wide Air Quality Strategy, working on a county-wide action plan, working with colleagues to ensure that air quality was a material consideration in the Core Strategy, producing guidance for developers, working with local transport groups, developing practical measures (for example to encourage walking) and continuing monitoring and working with colleagues in Public Health. • There were actions that could be put in place now – there was no need to wait for the formal declaration of an Air Quality Management Area. <p>Mandy introduced Alison Bell, Public Health Consultant at NHS Wiltshire, and both answered questions from the floor on the subjects below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The link between air quality and breathing difficulties suffered by vulnerable people – the Department of Health had held a conference in 2011 and concluded that levels of air pollution in England could not cause

	<p>disease, however they could exacerbate symptoms in certain groups of people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The exclusion zone in London for polluting vehicles – Mandy was not aware of an exclusion zone that had been put in place in a rural authority or how enforceable this could be. Emission levels for Wiltshire Council vehicles and the vehicles of contractors were being looked into. • Travel plans for schools – Calne had the highest level of obese children in the county – encouraging children to walk to school was very important. • Concern was expressed regarding the two year time period of the plan – this was the length of time needed to complete the prescribed process, however measures could be taken in the meantime. • The influence of vegetation on air quality – there was evidence that vegetation could absorb some pollutants – this would vary throughout the year with deciduous plants. • The link between planning and the environment – the Government had recently published national guidance on this and the adoption of Supplementary Planning Guidance was being worked on at present. The Wiltshire Council scrutiny team was ensuring that a joined up approach to air quality was being taken. <p><u>Decision</u> Calne Area Board would set up a working group, led by Councillor Hill, to link with existing groups and work on air quality issues in the Calne Community Area.</p>
9.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Councillors provided an update on community issues and progress on Calne Area Board working groups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Three letters of concern had been received regarding the skate board park. Councillor Trotman would follow these up. Sector Inspector Martin Schorah noted that Wiltshire Police were supportive of a skate park in Calne as containing skating in a single area would make the activity easier to police. A better facility would attract more serious users, who in turn were likely to look after the space. The issue of litter bins was raised again. b. Councillor Crisp reported on the highways working group. The crossing at Hilmarton was in place. Posts were installed at Studley crossroads and lights would soon be added. The community in Derry Hill were trying to fundraise the remaining £300 for their white gates. Volunteers were sought for speed watch schemes in Lake View and Sandy Lane and there was the intention to place a request in the Gazette and Herald newspaper. c. Councillor Hill explained the Calne campus working group were translating a wish list from local people into a feasibility study. How the three agreed sites would work in practice was being looked into in detail and plans were

	<p>scheduled to go to Cabinet in September.</p> <p>d. A written report from Councillor Trotman regarding the Sandpits Lane (section 106) working group was circulated at the meeting. Please find attached to the minutes.</p>
<p><u>Report of the Sandpit Road Working Group</u></p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the one application made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Calne Extended Schools Partnership were awarded £3,000 towards ‘Calne Games’, a range of events that would involve and encourage wider participation in Olympic and Paralympic values and would be open to all children who go to primary school in the Calne Community Area.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria and the project would promote the Olympic and Paralympic legacy.</i></p> <p>Consideration was then given to one area board initiative.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> £800 was awarded to the Wiltshire Diamond Jubilee Event – providing a presence for the Calne Community Area at the Diamond Jubilee Event in Salisbury.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Representative</u></p> <p>Councillor Lionel Grundy OBE gave a short overview of his role as Cabinet member for Children’s Services.</p> <p>As part of the 11-19 commissioning strategy, Youth Advisory Groups would be set up to function under the umbrella of each area board. The groups were a novel concept to encourage young people into becoming involved in the democratic process. In this tight economic climate, Wiltshire Council had invested £4.9 million into the service.</p> <p>The provision of adult education facilities was an important issue at present. The closure and sale of Urchfont Manor was seen as an opportunity to find out more about what residents wanted in addition to the formal programme of education from Wiltshire College. Research had found the courses held at Urchfont Manor had attracted people from outside of Wiltshire and were thus running at a cost to local taxpayers.</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted there were adult education opportunities available at</p>

	<p>the community hub in Calne. The Partnership were also starting an initiative with Sure Start to help parents cook on a budget and provide healthy meals for their family. Although funding was no longer available from the Government, Wiltshire Council was continuing to fund this excellent scheme locally.</p> <p>Councillor Grundy confirmed that his team were working closely with schools through the school forum to address childhood obesity. The opportunity to link the issue with incentives to travel to school in an environmentally friendly way was highlighted by Councillor Berry.</p>
12.	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next Calne Area Board meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June at Beversbrook Sports Facility, with refreshments available from 6.30 pm.</p>

Report of the Sandpit Road Working Group.

To ensure that the Section 106 legal agreements relative to the Sandpit Road development takes into the account the views of the local community.

A site meeting took place at 10am on Tuesday 6th March 2012 at the junction of Oxford Road with Porte Marsh Road.

Those present; WC Cllr Tony Trotman, Anne Henshaw (C.A.T) and Ashley Ponting with WC Highways officers Steve Hinds, Steve Corbin and Martin Cook.

The main discussion took place at the above junction, where possible traffic measures could take place to restrict the speed and flow of traffic, travelling through the Town centre destined to access the A4 through the restricted roadway at Wood Street, and to encourage the use of the Northern Bypass.

Points considered.

1. Pinch points in the roadway in the form “ Build Outs” in two positions. One before and one after the Porte Marsh Road junction on the Oxford Road.
2. Incorporating a refuge at the first Build Out to form a safe pedestrian exit from the newly created footpath which runs along the northern property line of The Kilns and exiting onto Oxford Road.
3. Coloured surface areas throughout, to visually enhance and to encourage slow speeds.
4. Public transport in the form of the “55” buses need to be considered when designing any of the restrictions in points 1,2,3.
5. Consider the widening of the northern radius of the Porte Marsh Road to enable route for cycles on the footway across the Oxford Road adjacent to the footpath in point 2.

Concentrating on the pedestrian and safe cycle routes to schools and Town Centre..

1. The group continued towards the Town Centre and considered the potential use of Woodhill Rise and an informal crossing point of Oxford Road for pedestrians and cyclists passing from the new development. Investigation into legal usage of this bridleway to be confirmed.
2. Continuing those routes from Oxford Road through Honeymead bungalows towards Prince Charles Drive and Abberd Way, and to consider traffic calming measures at that crossing point where accidents have occurred with cyclists crossing, and vehicles travelling from the Town, with the suggestion of a raised paved ramp.
3. Returning back towards Oxford Rd to the Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to house number 71, adjoining the narrow footway accessing Bryans Close. The Pedestrian crossing needs urgent surfacing refreshing and better lighting to make safer.
4. Returning through Bryans Close and Hungerford Road towards William Street, the road and paving is considered adequate for safe passing of cyclists and pedestrians.
5. The route taken then returned to the junction at Porte Marsh and Oxford Road where measurements were taken on the width of paving to consider dual usage from that point towards the primary schools in William Street and the roadway to nearby Duncan Street.

6. The necessity of signage was discussed by the group, showing directions and usage for cyclists and pedestrians on acceptable footways, and the possibility of finger points towards the safe routes to schools.

The conclusions at the end of the meeting was for the Highways Engineers present at the site meeting, to consider the groups proposals, and then to produce drawings and costings covering those points within the budget held by the Sect 106 legal agreement for that purpose.

Cllr Tony Trotman
Chair of the Calne Sandpit Road Working Group.