

AGENDA

Meeting: PEWSEY AREA BOARD

Place: Burbage Village Hall, Eastcourt Rd, Burbage SN8 3AJ

Date: Monday 10 March 2014

Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Alton, Beechingstoke, Burbage, Buttermere, Charlton and Wilsford, Chirton and Connock, Easton, Grafton, Great Bedwyn, Ham, Little Bedwyn, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Shalbourne, Stanton St Bernard, Upavon, Wilcot, Huish and Oare, Woodborough, Wootton Rivers

The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6:30pm.

Please direct any enquiries on this Agenda to Sharon Smith (Democratic Services Officer), on 01225 718378 or email sharonL.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk Or Caroline Brailey (Pewsey Community Area Manager) 01225 718609 or email caroline.brailey@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Councillors

| Jerry Kunkler | Pewsey |
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| Paul Oatway | Pewsey Vale |
| Stuart Wheeler | Burbage + Bedwyns |

Map enclosed at page 1

| | Items to be considered | Time |
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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions | 7:00pm |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 3 | Minutes (Pages 3 - 14) | |
| | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014. | |
| 4 | Declarations of Interest | |
| | To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee. | |
| 5 | Chairman's Announcements (Pages 15 - 20) | |
| | a. Dementia Strategy Consultationb. Library Memory Groupsc. Rural Development Funding | |
| 6 | Cabinet representative | |
| | Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding, will give a presentation on his area of responsibility. | ve |
| 7 | Campus Update | 7:15pm |
| | To receive an update from the Campus Development Team. | |
| 8 | Youth Activity Review | |
| | Communities across Wiltshire are being consulted on what youth activities they would like in their local communities as part of a wide-ranging review. Cllr Richard Gamble, Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Youth at Wiltshire Council, will present details of the review being undertaken. | 1 |
| 9 | Partner Updates | 7:55pm |
| | To receive any updates from partner organisations: | |
| | 9a Wiltshire Police (Pages 21 - 22) | |
| | 9b Wiltshire Fire & Rescue | |
| | 9c Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) | |
| | 9d Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) | |
| | 9e Parish Councils (Pages 23 - 24) | |

- 9f **Pewsey Youth Advisory Group (YAG)** 9q **Good Neighbour Scheme** (Pages 25 - 26) 9h **Army Rebasing** To receive an update from Cllr Paul Oatway. What Matters to You Event (Pages 27 - 36) 8:15pm To receive details of the event held on 24 February 2014 and decide the Area Board priorities for the ensuing year. Wiltshire's New Housing Allocation Policy (Pages 37 - 40) 8:25pm Nicole Smith, Head of Strategic Housing, will provide a presentation on the new way in which Wiltshire Council will allocate social housing. **War Memorial Film** 8:40pm To view a short film on the work done following a successful grant request. **Community Area Grants** (Pages 41 - 48) 8:45pm To consider the following grant applications: • Great Bedwyn Parish Council - £500 towards tree planting at The Wharf. • North Newnton Parish Council - £500 towards the purchase of an AED Defibrillator system. Great Bedwyn Village Hall and Great Bedwyn Playgroup - £500 towards the purchase of new tables.
- Woodborough Parish Council £500 towards the purchase of
- an AED Defibrillator system.
- Shalbourne Village Hall £450 towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall.
- Burbage Pre School £2,000 towards astro turf in the outdoor play area.
- Pewsey Extended Services/Pewsey Primary School £1,500 towards transport for young peple to access activities in neighbouring towns.
- Milton Lilbourne Parish Council £500 towards the purchase of a digital projector.

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Community Issues (Pages 49 - 50) 14

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Councillor Stuart Wheeler will give an update on the progress made regarding issues which have been raised with the Area Board.

15 **Urgent Business**

Time permitting, the Chairman will invite questions and comments on issues not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

16 Future Meeting Dates and Close

9:00pm

The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board is scheduled for Monday 12 May 2014, 7pm at Coronation Hall, Grafton, Pewsey SN8 3DB.

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, 12 May 2014 7.00 pm Coronation Hall, East Grafton, SN8 3DB

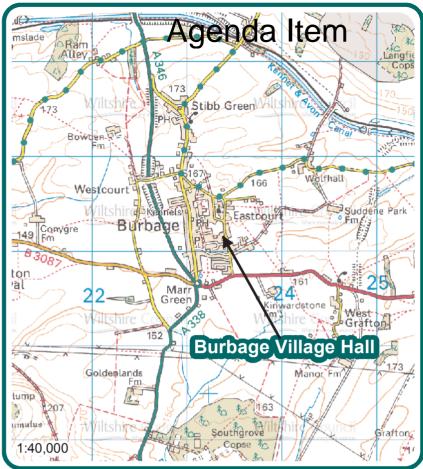
Monday 7 July 2014 7:00 pm Bouverie Hall, North St, Pewsey SN9 5EQ

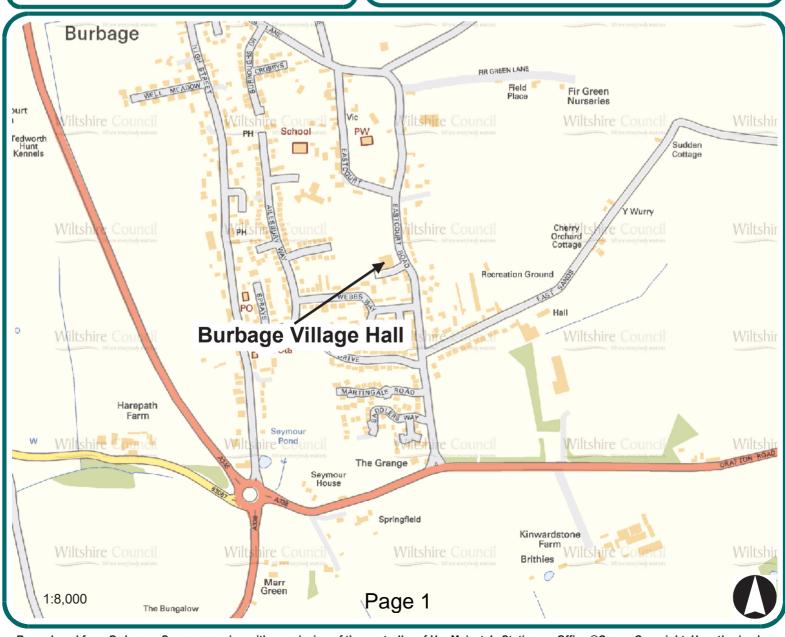
Monday, 15 September 2014 7:00 pm Pewsey Vale School, Wilcot Rd, Pewsey SN9 5EW



Burbage Village Hall Eastcourt Road Burbage Marlborough SN8 3AJ









MINUTES

Meeting: PEWSEY AREA BOARD

Place: Woodborough Social Club, Smithy Lane, Woodborough, Wiltshire SN15 5PL

Date: 13 January 2014

Start Time: 7.00 pm **Finish Time:** 9.10 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jerry Kunkler (Chairman), Cllr Paul Oatway and Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Vice Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Laurie Bell, Associate Director
Ian Gibbons, Associate Director
Caroline Brailey, Community Area Manager
Donna Mountford, Marketing Officer
Sharon Smith, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Steve Matthews, Community Coordinator
Ian White, Head of Service Passenger Transport

Parish Councils

Charlton and Wilsford Parish Council – Trevor Trigg
Chirton and Conock Parish Council – Paul Mills
Easton Parish Council – Hew Helps
Grafton Parish Council – Susie Brew
Pewsey Parish Council – Peter Deck, Terry Eyles
Rushall Parish Council – Colin Gale, John Rogers, Richard Tilbury
Shalbourne Parish Council – Mike Lockhart
Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Joyce Hale

Upavon Parish Council – Jon Mulroy, Russ Appleton Wilcot and Huish Parish Council – Dawn Wilson Woodborough Parish Council – Tim Burgess, John Brewin Wootton Rivers Parish Council – Michael Farr

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Matt Armstrong
PCC Office – Angus Macpherson
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Paul Egan, Jason Underwood
Pewsey Campus Team – Curly Haskell, John Rogers
Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) – Patrick Wilson

Total in attendance: 51

| Agenda Item No. | Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision | | |
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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions | | |
| | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members, the officers and the guest speakers in attendance which included, Laurie Bell, Associate Director Communities and Communication and Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner. | | |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence | | |
| | Apologies for absence were received from: | | |
| | Bob King, Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) Carolyn Whistler, North Newton Parish Council Mike Franklin, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue | | |
| 3 | Minutes of Previous Meeting | | |
| | Decision The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. | | |
| 4 | Declarations of Interest | | |
| | There were no declarations of interest received. | | |
| 5 | Chairman's Announcements | | |
| | The following announcements were noted: | | |
| | Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Wiltshire Council was in the process of preparing a Charging Schedule which would include proposed rates. | | |
| | A consultation on the Schedule would commence on 13 January and end on 24 February 2014. Further details were included in the announcement, a copy of which can be found attached to these minutes. | | |
| | Integrated Performance Management Report – An announcement was provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) relating to the release of the Report. A link to the Report could be found in the announcement. | | |
| | Core Strategy – The Independent Planning Inspector has reported its findings to the Council on the Core Strategy which included a requirement to increase new housing in Wiltshire from 37,000 to 42,000. Further information on the Inspectors findings and the Council's response to it could be found on the Council's website. | | |

6 Legacy for Wiltshire

The Chairman welcomed Laurie Bell, Associate Director Communities and Communications to the meeting. Laurie Bell would be providing a presentation on events and activities following the success of 2012 and information on a series of major events taking place across the County.

The presentation included the following:

Economy

Since 2012 several events had taken place to support the economy, this included hosting Salisbury EXPO, 'Wealth of Wiltshire' fayres and business breakfasts across the county.

There would be more Wealth of Wiltshire fayres taking place in 2014 and the authority were planning a business and sporting dinner, to be held at County Hall Trowbridge, to help support future Olympians and Paralympians. This would take place in March and all businesses were encouraged to take part. A further EXPO event in Chippenham was planned for June.

Keeping Healthy and Active

Several successful health fairs had been held across the county. To build on the success of the younger generation becoming more active, Going for Goals (a children's football competition) had also taken place as well as schools participating in local Olympic Games in Chippenham.

The authority wished to build on this further and would be providing more health fairs across the county with the next taking place in February at County Hall. Further support would also be provided to schools to encourage a wider roll out of the Olympic Games. All were encouraged to participate in Cycle Wiltshire, a major national British cycling event that would be taking place in Salisbury on the weekend of 3 and 4 May.

Bringing Communities Closer Together

One of the positive results of 2012 was the impact on local communities who, as a result of the Olympics and Jubilee celebrations were proven to be strong and happier as a result of community activities. The authority was keen to build on this further and highlighted the 'Big Pledge' which encouraged communities to think about ways in which pledges could be made to benefit the community as a whole.

WW1 commemorations

2014 was the centenary of the start of the first world war which was being recognised nationally.

Due in part to its connection with the military, Wiltshire Council was planning an event to mark the event which was likely to be held on Salisbury Plain. Discussions were underway with the military to develop this further. Communities were encouraged to think of ways in which they could commemorate the event with Wiltshire Council happy to help where possible in taking this forward.

<u>Legacy for Pewsey</u>

The legacy already demonstrated within the Pewsey community area included funding towards the 'Have a Go' carnival, the war memorial at East Grafton and for EPIC (Employment Prospects Improvements Club), which helped young people into work.

In concluding the presentation, Laurie Bell highlighted the positive impact that could be achieved, including stronger communities, improved wellbeing and a future generation that would be healthy, active and resilient. All were encouraged to consider how they might participate in the legacy.

The Chairman thanked Laurie Bell for the presentation and confirmed that a copy of the presentation would be attached to the minutes.

7 Partner Updates

(a) Pewsey Area Campus Team

Curly Haskell confirmed that since the previous update the team had received details of the pool survey which had raised some maintenance issues. The team expected to receive further options shortly.

The team also continued to work towards developing multi use space, shared with the school. Planning permission was being sought and it was hoped that the area would be ready for use later in the Spring.

(b) Wiltshire Police

Matt Armstrong referred the meeting to the written update in the agenda which gave a flavour of what the team were trying to achieve in the Pewsey community area.

The performance figures highlighted in the report demonstrated that reported crimes were heading in the right direction other than for vehicle crime with the public reminded to remove valuables from their vehicles.

A recent meeting had taken place to discuss East Grafton byways. It was now likely that a further temporary closure would be put in place before a request for permanent closure was sent to the Secretary of State.

(c) <u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</u>

Jason Underwood, of Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, referred the meeting to the written update and clarified as follows:

The Public Safety Plan had been issued and highlighted that the Pewsey vale area had been classified as above risk in terms of call out. Further details were provided in the Plan which could be found via the following link:

http://www.wiltsfire.gov.uk/

Paul Egan, of Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, was also in attendance to provide an update following concerns raised regarding recruitment. Paul confirmed that the Service was required to recruit within set guidelines, including minimum academic standards.

The Service was currently working on a recruitment plan and would welcome input from the Board. The Service was looking at ways in which they could help interested parties in reaching the academic requirement to enable them to apply at a later date.

Paul also highlighted that retained fire fighters were required to either live or work within 5 miles of the fire station.

Paul Egan was invited back to the Board in six months time to give an update on the latest recruitment position relating to the Pewsey area.

(d) NHS Wiltshire

No update was provided.

(e) <u>Pewsey Community Area Partnership</u>

Patrick Wilson of the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) gave an update on the work of PCAP. This included:

Emma Barron (PCAP Coordinator) had recently resigned to take up a full time position. Susie Brew had now been appointed to the position and had already commenced work.

PCAP would be co-hosting the JSA event in February and would use the outcome of this to help identify future projects.

The core activity of PCAP would be to provide engagement with parish councils on a continuing basis with a quarterly survey to help identify issues of importance to them.

Following questions received, Patrick confirmed that details of the precise role of PCAP would be circulated within the new few weeks.

(f) Parish Councils

Woodborough Parish Council – A representative had attended the last meeting of the CATG where discussion on 20mph restrictions took place. It was understood that CATG were collating requests and would be putting forward to the Board a proposal in due course.

(g) Pewsey Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)

Karen Brown provided an update to the Board, which included that the next meeting would be taking place on 22 January. The meeting would be looking at future fundraising activities that could take place.

The Group were also starting to plan for the next 'Have a Go' Carnival and would be contacting those who were involved last year shortly.

The Group were also aware that a report on youth services was expected to be considered by Wiltshire Council on 21 January and were therefore hoping to be able to discuss the outcome at their next meeting.

(h) Good Neighbours Scheme

The updated provided in the agenda pack was noted.

(i) Army Rebasing

The update provided in the pack was noted. This included details of a stakeholder event held on 27 November for the most affected community groups. It was noted that an invitation to this event had not been extended to those within the Pewsey or Rushall areas.

Cllr Paul Oatway confirmed that he would request that future events would be extended accordingly, although it was noted that the impact would be higher for the Tidworth and Bulford communities.

8 Police and Crime Plan and Budget

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner, attended the meeting to provide details on the consultation taking place on the proposed police precept for 2014/15 and the rationale behind the proposed increase. This included:

In 2010 the central government grant had been approximately £74m but was expected to be around £51m for 2014/15. In 6 years to 2017 it was predicted that the grant to Wiltshire would be reduced by 23% (approximately £17m).

Taking into consideration general inflation it was likely that by the end of 2016 there would be a funding gap of approximately £25m.

The precept element of the council tax for police and crime had been frozen for the last 3 years, made possible by the 'freeze grants' offered by central government. There was no guarantee that this grant would remain in the future and the PCC office were therefore planning for the future accordingly.

The Wiltshire Police Authority precept was the lowest regionally and one of the lowest nationally and an external assessment had shown it to be one of the most efficient forces in the country.

The proposed 2% increase (which equated to approximately £3.15 for a Band D property in 2014/15) would still keep Wiltshire police authority below that paid elsewhere in the South West and would help to protect front line services, noting that since 2010/11 headcount had reduced as follows:

Police Officers – 13% Police Community Support Officers – 1% Support Staff – 19%

Partnership working was also taking place to reduce costs further with a strategic partnership in place with Wiltshire Council sharing buildings and back office staff.

The proposed increase over the next 3 years would reduce the funding gap by £2.3m, resulting in required savings of £12.5m rather than £14.8.

To maintain front line services recruitment campaigns for officers had taken place. Recruitment of PCSOs were also required.

Investment was also required in IT services to bring the Authority up to date with technology requirements.

All were requested to complete the consultation forms available on each table and were signposted to the PCC website as follows where further details could be found:

www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

Following questions received the following information was provided.

Following the departure of the ambulance service and fire brigade from the call centre at the headquarter the police had been left to manage the building and were using the opportunity to refresh it with plans to take both 111 and 999 calls to maximise usage.

The proposed precept increase was as a result of trying to bridge the increasing funding gap and to protect services where possible.

The cost of the office of the police authority was estimated to be below budget for 2013/14 and at a cost significantly lower than the previous structure.

The Chairman thanked Angus Macpherson for the presentation.

9 Review of Local Bus Services

lan White, Head of Service Passenger Transport gave a presentation on the current position on the review of local bus services. This included:

The Council recognised the importance of public transport and the benefits for those without their own transport. However funding pressures had resulted in a need for all services to make savings, including within Passenger Transport.

Savings had already been achieved but more were required to ensure that future services were on a financially stable footing in the future.

The scope of the review included all services financially supported by the Council with a focus on those which were poorly used or expensive to produce.

The team were currently reviewing the Pewsey Vale Connect2 services but all supported services would be reviewed in time. The review would include core 'circular' routes, infrequent direct routes, Taxibuzz and Nightbus service.

The overall cost to the Council equated to approximately £4 per passenger carried which was high and above set guidelines. The Taxibuzz and Nightbus service costs per passenger were higher still. Usage in the East of the area was also lower.

Options currently being considered were:

- Withdraw Nightbus and Taxibuzz services.
- Reduce services east of Pewsey to reflect demand.
- Can services run to fixed (or largely fixed) routes to remove need for a call centre?
- Retain current circulate routes or replace with linear routes between Pewsey and Devizes

A decision was needed on the options to be consulted as part of the review process following which consultation invitations and information sheets would be sent for Area Board consideration.

The information from the consultation would be used to refine/amend proposals following which invitations for tenders to operate would be issued. It was hoped that any changes would be implemented by October 2014.

A request was made that any changes to the service take into consideration any

future campus' around the county and the need for transfer to be available for their use. The use of the Nightbus on a Friday night to bring young people into the Shak (youth centre) from the villages was also mentioned as a service that should not be lost.

The Chairman thanked Ian White for the presentation and asked that all respond to the consultation once underway.

10 Wiltshire Community Land Trust

Rose Seagrief gave a presentation on the Wiltshire Community Land Trust which included the following information.

The Community Land (CLT) Trust was set up 3 years ago to help communities take control of their own assets.

Land Trusts were set up to develop and manage land and buildings on behalf of the community and held that property in trust. Ownership by the Trust could include affordable homes, work units and energy schemes for example.

Wilton CLT was highlighted as an example of what Trusts could do. The Trust had expanded to incorporate advice centres to help people save on energy.

It was beneficial for groups seeking to establish themselves as a Trust to research other successful Trusts beforehand.

The role of the Wiltshire CLT was to provide advice and hands on support for those wishing to set up a CLT themselves.

Leaflets were provided on the tables and contact details highlighted as follows:

E-mail: rose@wiltshireclt.org.uk

Website: www.wiltshirecommunitylandtrust.org.uk

The Chairman thanked Rose for the presentation and encouraged interested parties to visit the website for further details.

11 Community Area Grants

The Area Board considered a number of applications for Community Area Grant funding. The Chairman invited the local Councillor to introduce each application, following which a representative of the applicant was given an opportunity to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.

Decision

Stanton Village Hall was awarded £1,213 towards the resurfacing of the village hall car park.

<u>Reason</u> The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2013/14.

Decision

Wilton Windmill Society was awarded £2,212 towards the purchase and installation of a new storage facility.

<u>Reason</u> The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2013/14.

Decision

Stonehendge and Pewsey Canoe Club was awarded £3,300 towards the purchase of a changing room and storage facility.

<u>Reason</u> The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2013/14.

Decision

Upavon Parish Council was awarded £500 towards the purchase of an AED Defibrillator system.

<u>Reason</u> The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2013/14.

Decision

Alton Barnes Coronation Hall was awarded £900 towards the replacement of 16 tables.

<u>Reason</u> The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2013/14.

12 Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

The Chairman drew the Board's attention to the CATG report arising from its last meeting held on 4 December.

Before asking the Board to consider the recommendations, they were asked to note that the recommendation for £15,000 to be contributed from next year's budget towards the Great Bedwyn Bridges scheme had now been withdrawn as the funding was now to be provided via the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. The issue would remain on the system however, until works concluded.

Decision

The Area Board agreed to a detailed design being done for pedestrian access to Pewsey Station.

13 Community Issues

Councillor Stuart Wheeler updated the meeting on the Community Issues which had been received by the Area Board. Particular reference was made to the following issues where additional information was provided:

Issue 2981 – A camera had now been installed.

Issue 2874 – a preliminary study had been carried out.

Issue 2469 – Work was being scheduled but had not yet started.

| <u>Urgent Business</u> |
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| There were no urgent items considered. |
| Future Meeting Dates and Close |
| The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board was scheduled for Monday 10 March 2014, 7pm at Burbage Village Hall. |
| The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. |
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Chairman's Announcements

| Subject: | Dementia Strategy Consultation |
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| Officer Contact Details: | Rhian Bennett 01225 712554 dementiaconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk |
| Weblink: | www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm |
| Further details available: | Please contact Rhian Bennett |

Summary of announcement:

A draft dementia strategy for Wiltshire has been developed and a consultation process will be launching in mid February (anticipated to be 19th February) for three months.

The draft strategy was agreed by Wiltshire Council Cabinet and the Governing Body of NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group in January and these organisations will be inviting people with an interest in dementia, whether through personal or professional experience, to contribute their comments and viewpoints.

The strategy outlines plans for how organisations in Wiltshire will work together to support people with dementia and their carers and families to live well in Wiltshire. With the number of people with dementia predicted to rise by 28% in 2020 to 8,350 people, the key message of the strategy is that dementia is everyone's business and we all need to play our part in making Wiltshire a good place to live with dementia.

To make this happen, one of the priorities within the strategy is to develop dementia friendly communities in Wiltshire. These will involve bringing together partners within local communities, including people with dementia, to deliver small improvements that make a difference to the quality of life for people living with dementia. Examples might include giving bus drivers dementia awareness training or local areas deciding that they want to set up dementia friendly activities. Community area boards will be central to this and Royal Wootton Bassett will be acting as the pilot area to test a new dementia friendly community toolkit, which will then be made available to all areas across Wiltshire. Work will be commencing in February and area boards will be kept informed of progress.

The strategy also looks at the care and support services that are available for people from the point at which they start to have concerns about their memory through to the end of lives.

The consultation documents will be placed upon the consultation pages of Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group websites on the launch date, allowing all interested parties to respond accordingly.

Chairman's Announcements

| Subject: | Library memory groups |
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| Officer Contact Details: | Rebecca Bolton Email: rebecca.bolton@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 01225 713706 |
| Weblink: | |
| Further details available: | Please contact Rebecca Bolton |

Summary of announcement:

Library memory groups launched

Four new library memory groups started in January for people with memory loss and dementia and their carers in Pewsey, Purton, Warminster & Mere.

Funded by Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, they are run by The Reader Organisation and designed to provide an enjoyable environment where people with dementia can meet with each other to enjoy literature and reading.

Sessions are free of charge and run on a weekly basis in libraries. One or two pieces of literature are used as the focus of each session and people are encouraged to contribute as much or as little as they wish to. No one has to be able to read and no one has to read aloud – although many people do, as their confidence improves.

They will be taking place as follows:

Wednesdays

- Warminster Library, Three Horseshoes Walk, BA12 9BT 11.30am 1.00pm
- Mere Library, Barton Lane, BA12 6JA 2.30pm 4.00pm

Thursdays

- Purton Library, High Street, SN5 4AA 11.30am 1.00pm
- Pewsey Library, Aston Close, SN9 5EQ 2.30pm 4.00pm

As well as promoting this opportunity to people with memory loss and dementia and their carers, Wiltshire Libraries are keen to speak to anyone who may be interested in volunteering at these groups.

Chairman's Announcements

| | Rural Development Funding |
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| Subject: | The North Wessex Downs and Plain Action LEADER Programmes - 2014-2020 |
| Officer Contact Details: | Dawn Hamblin Dawn.Hamblin@wiltshire.gov.uk 01488 680458 Alan Truscott atruscott@communityfirst.org.uk 01380 732814 |
| Weblink: | http://northwessexleader.org.uk http://plainaction.org.uk |
| Further details available: | Direct from Dawn and Alan and at the meeting. |

Summary of announcement:

Representatives of the North Wessex Downs and Plain Action Local Action Groups (LAGs) will be at the Pewsey Area Board meeting on Monday 10th March.

They will be at the meeting to explain to attendees before and after the meeting their plans to bid for Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding to enable them to continue their LEADER programmes during 2015-2020. If the funding is secured the Local Action Groups will be able to continue to award grants to eligible community projects, rural businesses and for farming and forestry.

The LAGs are keen to:

- Understand from area and community representatives what they consider to be the key funding priorities for the next 7-8 years.
- Work with area and community representatives to ensure wide business and community input during the bidding stage.
- Once funding is secured, work with area and community representatives to communicate as widely as possible the benefits of the Programmes.

Agenda Item 9a

Pewsey Community Area Board

March 2014



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Pewsey West TeamBeat Manager – PC Richard Barratt
PCSO – Joe Sadd

Pewsey East Team
Beat Manager – PC Teresa Herbert
PCSO - Melissa Camilleri

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

) Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Current Policing Priorities:

West: Drug use / dealing in Wilcot

Concern has been raised by some local residents about possible drug use / dealing in the Wilcot area. Consequently, this has been made an area priority.

We have already carried out several high visibility patrols in the area and through close liaison with the community we are building the intelligence on particular areas, vehicles, and people involved. Specific operations to target this are planned in the coming weeks by Pewsey NPT.

Other drug related work has been carried out recently, including acting on information provided by members of the community which led to the search of premises in Upavon where a quantity of cannabis was found.

East: Community safety and traffic matters

In response to a range of concerns reported by members of the community and a number of road traffic collisions in the east villages we are focusing upon a priority to help keep our communities safe on our roads during this winter period. Traffic operations involving speed enforcement, dealing with seatbelt and mobile phone offences will remain our priority over the coming weeks.

There has been a reduction in burglaries in Pewsey West recently: In the last 6 weeks, there have only been 3 burglaries, 2 of them to commercial premises where low value items have been taken. All three burglaries have been in Pewsey village itself. We have been working hard to reduce the number of burglaries in the area and this has included high visibility patrols and regular contact and security advice given to the most vulnerable properties.

There have been some thefts from motor vehicles from beauty spot locations in Pewsey West villages (Stanton St Bernard, Oare, & Alton Barnes), which is unusual for this time of the year. Work to tackle this has included setting up consultations in some of the car parks to offer security advice to motorists, and other ongoing work around detection of offences.

There has only been one shoplifting offence in Pewsey West in the last 6 weeks, which is great news as we had started to see a specific increase. I believe the increase is linked to two individuals, both of whom are known to local officers. Pewsey NPT has recently detected a theft from a shop involving one of these offenders and the other has recently been arrested and remanded following a number of shoplifting offences elsewhere in the county.

We are continuing to patrol the CO-OP in Pewsey regarding the nuisance behaviour of boy racers. An arrangement has been made to fit a camera to the side of the building closest to where the boy racers congregate.

In the last few weeks we have had two reports from members of the community regarding 'boy racers', both related to poor driving standards of motorists. These reports are in the process of being followed up and it is likely that one will be interviewed for careless driving and the other will be given words of advice.

Crime statistics;

Since mid November 2013 there has been a significant reduction in crimes throughout in the area. Policing operations, targeted patrols and target hardening measures in partnership with our farming community in particular has assisted in reducing the volume of criminal damage reports to farmland, gates and fencing.

The tabled figures represent the 12 month rolling comparison and although there are small fluctuations in the figures the overall trend is positive.

Crime Statistics

| | | Crime | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| EC Pewsey NPT | 12 Months to January 2013 | 12 Months to January 2014 | Volume Change | % Change |
| Victim Based Crime | 432 | 432 | +0 | +0.0% |
| Domestic Burglary | 19 | 17 | -2 | -10.5% |
| Non Domestic Burglary | 80 | 94 | +14 | +17.5% |
| Vehicle Crime | 75 | 87 | +12 | +16.0% |
| Criminal Damage & Arson | 96 | 67 | -29 | -30.2% |
| Violence Against The Person | 52 | 62 | +10 | +19.2% |
| ASB Incidents (YTD) | 183 | 164 | -19 | -10.4% |

| Detections* | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 12 Months to January 2013 | 12 Months to January 2014 | |
| 18% | 13% | |
| 42% | 18% | |
| 1% | 1% | |
| 5% | 1% | |
| 22% | 6% | |
| 44% | 58% | |
| | | |

Matthew Armstrong

Sector Inspector, Pewsey

^{*} Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

Agenda Item 9e

Update for Pewsey Area Board

| Update from | North Newnton Parish Council |
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| Date of Area Board Meeting | 10 March 2014 |

Headlines/Key Issues

- Speeding through the villages of Hilcott, Bottlesford & North Newnton is still posing a problem – awaiting CATG/Highways Department response to our petition and reports on C38 speed limits
- Community Defibrillator grant applied for fundraising has started
- Drains badly needing cleared after the heavy rain and flooding any sign of Parish Steward?

Agenda Item 9g

Update for Pewsey Area Board

| Update from | Mary Soellner – Wiltshire Good Neighbours |
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| Date of Area Board Meeting | 10 March 2014 |

Headlines/Key Issues

- Increase in referrals across whole area.
- Bottleneck around befriending referrals.
- Seeing as many as 10 new clients per month, making referrals and following up through phone calls and visits. Supporting 4 community groups per month at present. Busier than I have been in last 3 years.
- Community Lunches. Two new regular lunches in Pewsey Community area are growing.
- New cancer support group in the process of being set up.
- Flood support. Practical support at time of floods, ongoing signposting and flood group support.
- We have had to work within reduced hours Jan- April 2014. Very many thanks to the Parish Councils that have been able to respond financially.



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL PEWSEY AREA BOARD

10 March 2014

What matters to you in the Pewsey community area? Conference report – local priorities for action

1. Purpose of the Report

To update members on the outcome of the 'What matters to you?' conference held at the Bouverie Hall in Pewsey and to recommend that the Area Board uses the outcomes from the event to stimulate local action and to inform its priorities for the next two years.

2. Background

The 'What matters to you?' conference was held on Monday 24 February and over 80 members of the public and partner agencies took part. The event focused on the data set out in the Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment 2014-16, and used themed roundtable discussion to identify local priorities underpinned by JSA evidence. All participants had an opportunity to vote on the priorities and the results are set out in this report. Following identification and agreement on the priorities the themed roundtables then looked at practical community-led actions that could be taken to address the issues.

The purpose of the event was to:

- Gain a consensus around priorities for the area
- Provide the basis for community-led action and projects over the next two years
- Inform (or become) the community plan for the area
- Provide the Council and partners with a clear focus for actions

The Area Board is now invited to review the priorities and agree how it wishes to initiate and coordinate action working with partners, community groups and the public.

3. Priorities identified

The priorities identified at the event are set out at Appendix 1 followed by some ideas for action put forward to help address those priorities. The top priority from each theme will be available to view on screen at the meeting.

4. Moving forward with community-led action

To address the priorities, the Area Board will need to use its strategic influence and delegated powers to shape the delivery of local services and actions. It will also need to use its delegated resources to initiate and support community-led projects. Some of the actions will be easier to address than others and it is important to target areas where

tangible outcomes and progress can be delivered. This will help to capitalise on the enthusiasm and momentum generated by the event.

To enable the Area Board to select such areas of focus, it is proposed that participants rank the top 10 priorities in terms of importance and by the ability of the community to make most impact. This may be facilitated by the use of hand held voting equipment at the meeting. This will provide the Area Board with a clear idea of those areas it can target most effectively. It will be up to the Area Board whether it wishes to champion a particular issue or theme over the next year and target its resources to support community-led initiatives around these themes and issues.

5. Recommendations

- That the Area Board adopts the priorities identified by the 'What matters to you' community event and works to facilitate local action to tackle those priorities.
- That the Board uses a participatory process to select a priority theme (s) and issues (s) to be targeted by the Board over the next 18 months.
- That the Board considers earmarking funding to promote, initiate and support community-led action around the selected priorities.
- That the Board considers appointing a lead member to champion any priority (priorities) adopted.
- That reports are submitted to the Board on progress made to address the priorities to ensure that positive outcomes are delivered.

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Children and young people

- To maintain a safe Youth Service provision in Pewsey with a professionally trained staffed centre
- 2. To continue to provide Parent Support Advice/support to our vulnerable families when current funding ceases
- 3. To improve affordable transport links for young people of the CA 28% to facilitate post-16 education and training
- 4. To improve affordable transport links to the campus for families 31% and young people to access services day and evening



Community safety

- Identification of people who need fire safety advice and equipment process/criteria for risk assessment not widely
- 23% 35%
- 2. More measures needed to reduce rural crime
- 3. Issues with canal users ASB, drugs, criminal damage, threatening behaviour, waste.







Culture

- 1. Attracting cultural tourism through the creation of a visitor guide 48% to Pewsey that could include heritage and arts trails.
- 2. Development of a cultural network group to support 13% communication, partnerships and collaborations
- 3. Funding of cultural activities to encourage participation of all 39%



Economy

- 1. Improve visitor footfall in the area
- 20% 24%
- 2. Communal marketing of Pewsey Vale to National audience
- 3. Identify employment specialisms to reinforce and attract inward



Environment

- 1. Tackling climate change by raising awareness and 43% understanding and tackling poor energy efficiency of existing buildings and minimal local energy generation. 23%
- 2. Tackle flooding
- 3. Working with the farming community to reverse the decline in species and habitats



Health and wellbeing

- 1. In co-operation with GPs improve the availability of NHS health 34% checks and target the take up particularly by men 11%
- 2. Reduce the delays in Social Services responding to referrals.
- 3. Improve access to acute and ongoing mental health services. 29% 26%
- 4. Need for more local provision of cancer services such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy





Housing

- Ensure a variety of sizes of Social Housing to allow for UP and DOWNSIZING to suitable accommodation.
- 2. Ratify the proposal for 40% affordable housing as outlined in the Core Strategy & NDP ASAP & offer to local people first.
- Highlight & maintain key retail & business sites to avoid conversion to inappropriate residential accommodation.



Leisure

51%

13%

- Address the issue of rural transport in order to enable people to 45% use leisure and sports facilities
- 2. Increase use of leisure centre by increasing activities available 24% and hours open
- Increase joined up working between sports clubs and facilities 31% to form a sports community



Transport

- Retention and improvement of the train service stopping at Pewsey.
- Maintenance of the road services and the quality of the work performed by the contractor, improvement to road drainage.
- Retain and improve the level of Bus Services providing essential 42% connections to the rural community areas to essential facilities, shops, surgeries, hospitals etc.



Our community

- Supporting local information and communication using existing medium to local households (e.g. church / parish newsletters).
- Promoting and improving affordable, reliable public and community transport to enable access to health, services and jobs.
 The promoting and improving affordable, reliable public and a services and jobs.
- Encouraging more community participation, neighbourliness and 36% volunteering within the local area.



What Matters to You in the Pewsey Community Area? Final Priority Project Ideas

| PRIORITY | IDEAS |
|---|---|
| Discussion Them | e: Children and Young People |
| Priority 1 - To improve affordable transport links to the campus for families and young people to access services day and evening | Hire out School Mini-buses at competitive rate Youth Service MPV Consult Bus Companies – route planning? Why do buses not go around 1 way system to Campus Why can't public use School buses along with the children?? (secondary children) Voluntary car share scheme Leisure Credits – (From cards) – funding issue Young Advisors be involved decision planning (from cards) Wheels to work scheme (16+) – Community First Options – funding issues Buses from outlying rural villages/areas Service similar to 'link' (voluntary payment) to take Young People as well as adults Representation to link committee to explain issues. Driver to volunteer and be credited with offering service. Facilitate workshop and provide childcare. Coordination of provision of services with transport times Eg Adult Literacy course starts in Devizes at 9.15am and transport arrives at 10.00 am |
| Discussion The | eme: Community Safety |
| Priority 1 - Issues with canal users - ASB, drugs, criminal damage, threatening behaviour, waste 42% | Community rangers for the canal run by parishes that are situated along the canal Felt that the 'bad neighbours' on the canal are attracted there because it is low cost living. Councils or the CRT should be able to apply an equivalent council tax as services are used. CRT should enforce the powers they currently have but don't seem to (e.g. licences). Look into what other canal trusts and canal |

Priority 2 - More measures needed to reduce rural crime – 35% Priority 3 - Under identification of people who need fire safety advice and equipment - process/criteria for risk assessment not widely known – 23%

- parishes do about this issue elsewhere in the country.
- Make it easier to reduce vehicular access to appropriate byways – they are often used as escape routes or by hare coursers/other rural vandals.
- Fire service to improve dissemination of fire service information to the parishes for local communications/newsletters/websites

Discussion Theme: Culture and The Arts

Priority 1 - Attracting cultural tourism through the creation of a visitor guide to Pewsey that could include heritage and arts trails. 48%

Priority 2 - Funding of cultural activities to encourage participation of all ages.39%

Priority 3 - Development of a cultural network group to support communication, partnerships and collaborations.13%

- Organise a cultural meeting (invite Visit Wiltshire, Cultural partners etc)
- Identify existing trails and opportunities for trails and linked events
- Identify content and images
- Where will they be held? Website? Should they be printed?

Discussion Theme: Economy

Priority 1 – Identify employment specialisms to reinforce and attract inward investments

Priority 2 – Communal marketing of Pewsey Vale to National audience **Priority 3** – Improve visitor footfall in the area

- To advertise Pewsey as a journey Start Point in locations such as Paddington, Reading, Exeter, Penzance,
- Become a Tourist destination for Walking, Cycling, Canal, Equestrian & Sport Activities,
- Out of Working Hours Local produce supply,
- Empty shops Start-Ups with Rent & Rate free periods.
- Tweet Week (covering all of the above).

Discussion Theme: Environment

Priority 1 - Tackling climate change by raising awareness and understanding and tackling poor energy efficiency of existing buildings and minimal local energy generation (43%)

- Kennet Community Energy are looking for groups to work with and will provide money.
- Could consider also industrial estates
- BIG Pledge Individuals to reduce their own carbon footprint
- Can a climate strategy be produced to overcome the big barriers

| Priority 2 - Working with the farming community to reverse the decline in species and habitats (34%) Priority 3 - Tackle Flooding (23%) | Can Pewsey become a transition village? Can WC commit to renewable local energy for all new homes? Good Communication More local say over new builds. Even safe space for bikes for example Adopt a verge and not cut grass as much Need to tackle immediate problem but it is everyone's responsibility to play their part in helping tackle this issue. Linked to climate change for example. |
|---|--|
| Discussion Ther | ne: Health and Wellbeing |
| Priority 1 - In co-operation with GPs improve the availability of NHS healthchecks and target the take up particularly by men | All GP practices need the requisite facilities and staff Advertise through parish councils, pubs, sports clubs, sports centre, schools, The Messenger Out of hours surgeries to be available outside normal working hours CCG and Health Watch to put pressure on GPs to improve services Ad hoc health checks through mobile facilities at fetes, fairs, livestock farmers markets Health Fair at Bouverie Hall Flu jab promotion Leaflets, noticeboards, advert in Gazette and Herald Improve access to acute mental health services. Staffing is too low Facilities are poor Neighbourhood nursing team to include mental health specialists Stress related illnesses impact disproportionately GPs do not recognise mental health issues sufficiently well Befriending schemes help combat rural isolation, use churches |

Discussion Theme: Housing

Priority 1 - Ratify the proposal for 40% affordable housing as outlined in the Core Strategy & NDP as soon as possible and offer to local people first

- Lobby local MP to influence Government policy.
- Despite examiner's view, support Wiltshire
 Council policy for 40% affordable housing for
 5 houses or more.
- Allow "localism" to work and listen to local opinion

Priority 2 - Ensure a variety of Social Housing to allow for UP and DOWN sizing to suitable accommodation

 Offer new, 2 bedroom houses recently approved to local people who wish to downsize, thus freeing up larger houses for those who need them.

Priority 3 - Highlight and maintain key retail and business sites to avoid conversion to inappropriate residential accommodation.

 Reduce business rates to new and existing businesses for a period

Discussion Theme: Leisure

Priority 1 - Address the issue of rural transport in order to enable people to use leisure and sports facilities

- Share available community transport
- Do a survey across the Pewsey CA to find out how many minibuses/community transport available – and their usage – and make better use of them.
- Approach schools to share community transport with schools (Pewsey Vale)

Priority 2 - Increase joined up working between sports clubs and facilities available and hours open

- Share shed creating a shared sports equipment storage – sharing equipment like mowers – need to get sports clubs linking up to work together and apply for funding
- Carry out survey of sports and leisure clubs and facilities to feed into Active Wiltshire online directory

Priority 3 - Increase use of leisure centre by increasing activities available and hours open

- Expanding Pewsey Xtreme (alternative sports club) so something for everyone – eg free running
- Make more of canal as outdoor leisure facility – maps of walks and facilities and places of interest
- Have a go sports taster/refresher sessions

Discussion Theme: Transport

Priority 1 - Retain and improve the level of Bus Services providing essential connections to the rural community area to essential facilities, shops, surgeries, hospitals etc

Rebasing and additional families to the area to bridge the WC planned funding reduction. Currently the planned funding cuts would impact the bookable element of the service and the late night bus. The late night bus is essential to youths to use the current facilities and future campus facility. A timed service replacing the bookable capability would be an impact if the service did not maintain its timing as a lot of the pick up points are not at staged bus stops.

Discussion Theme: Stronger Communities

- Priority 1 -Promoting and improving affordable, reliable public and community transport to enable access to health, services and jobs (39%)
- Priority 2 Encouraging more community participation, neighbourliness and volunteering within the local area (36%)
- Priority 3 Supporting local information and communication using existing medium to local households (eg Church/Parish newsletters) (25%)

- Bringing people together, information and socialising
- Volunteering and linking this to opportunities
- Community mapping: walks; big lunch idea; and walks around parish
- Neighbourliness: community volunteers & doing things for others (e.g. shopping, etc)
- Blogging and writing for the community sharing ideas and stories (can be shared with parish newsletters)
- Bike project to get old bikes used and enable access to services, local facilities and cycling to bus stops!
- School gate café / community hub providing coffee shop / facilities for the community in the community and staffed by volunteers Action groups – local churches or community leaders bring together members to sponsor, initiate, fund or support local community projects

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Wiltshire Council's New Allocation Policy (To be implemented during Summer 2014)

Area Board Briefing

The Housing Act 1996 Part VI (as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002 and Localism Act 2012) requires the Council to have a scheme which determines how allocations and nominations will be made. In Wiltshire we operate a Choice Based Lettings policy called Homes4Wiltshire which was adopted shortly before unitary.

The purpose of the Council's Choice Based Lettings Policy is to set out clear guidelines to ensure that affordable housing is allocated fairly and according to applicants' need for housing while at the same time taking into account effective management of the affordable housing stock across Wiltshire.

There is a high demand for affordable homes in Wiltshire, and across the UK in general. At the current time, over 19,000 households are registered for re-housing with the numbers growing daily. Demand will always outweigh supply so the Council needs to ensure that those with the greatest need are prioritised for re-housing.

The Council receives around 2,000 nominations a year. The majority of applicants on the Housing Register therefore will not be nominated or referred for a vacancy. It is important therefore that our policy is able to clearly identify those in the greatest housing need and minimises the level of time taken to assess applicants that are not going to receive active consideration for vacancies. This will free up time for the Council to offer a more comprehensive housing advice and options service to help applicants find housing.

Housing is allocated according to the Council's Allocations Policy which represents the fairest and most transparent way for the Authority to decide who should be prioritised. The Localism Act in 2011 introduced new freedoms for local authorities to decide to whom and how properties should be allocated and Wiltshire Council has used this opportunity to review its policy and make important changes that residents have advised us that they want to see. The review was far reaching and took into account the views of elected members, residents, area boards and the landlords and partners that we work with. Our new policy, which will be implemented during Autumn 2014, is substantially different from the current way we allocate our homes.

What came out from our review was primarily that:

- People wanted to see local homes go to local people.
- People wanted honesty in being able to manage the expectations of what people can expect in terms of their housing options.
- We should make the best use of the housing stock available due to the high demands
- It should reward those who have demonstrated that they will make good tenants.

This will be done by:

- Giving priority to those with a local connection Local homes for local people
- Changes to the banding system

- Adopting the national bedroom standard
- Introducing qualifying persons criteria

Giving priority to those with a local connection – Local homes for local people

If an applicant does not meet the connection criteria to live in the Wiltshire Council area they will not qualify to register. An applicant's individual circumstances will be considered when deciding if they meet the connection requirement to live in Wiltshire, and will comply with any appropriate statutory guidance by using a local connection exclusion group. This group will include amongst other things the statutory guidance regarding members of the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces, statutory homeless and those fleeing from violence.

The majority of vacant homes will now be matched to applicants with a strong local connection within an adopted neighbourhood plan area or the town or parish, based on the following criteria:-

- A person who is resident in that area. The residency will need to be permanent and have lived in the area 6 months out of the last 12 or 3 years out of the last 5, or
- A person who is in permanent paid employment or has a fixed term contract for a minimum of one year or permanent offer of paid employment in the area, or is self employed and works predominately in the area or
- A person with close family (grand-parents, parents, legal guardian, adult children or brothers and sisters) who have lived in the parish or town for 5 years or longer.

Once local connection has been confirmed we will allocate to the applicant in the highest band with the longest effective date, which is the date of application.

Changes to the Banding System

The banding system has changed and we have simplified the structure to ensure social housing is accessible to those most in need. Applicants will, however, still have their housing need assessed in the same way and be banded according to their assessed need to move.

| Band 1 | Statutory requirement |
|-------------------|--|
| (urgent need) | Move on |
| (3 | Urgent medical or welfare need |
| Band 2 | Under occupying and suffering financial hardship |
| (high need) | Social care |
| Band 3 | No fixed abode |
| (medium need) | Temporary accommodation |
| | Supported accommodation |
| | Seriously overcrowded |
| | Medical and welfare need |
| | Under occupying in social housing |
| | Other statutory requirements |
| Band 4 | Lacking or sharing facilities |
| (low need) | Overcrowded |
| | Armed forces & reserve forces |
| | Intentionally homeless |
| | Sheltered or extra care |
| Eligible to bid o | n selected properties ONLY |
| Open Market | Low Cost Home Ownership |
| Register | Home Buy |
| | Shared Ownership |

| Market rented properties Older people accommodation |
|--|
| Specialist accommodation for those with specific needs |

Adopting the national bedroom standard

When deciding the size of property for which applicants are eligible the Government's bedroom standard will now be used. This means that houses will be allocated strictly according to household size to ensure every allocation is made to best effect and to counter the imposition of the "bedroom tax". It will bring the policy in line with housing benefit rules and housing in the private sector.

Introducing "qualifying persons" criteria

The Localism Act in 2011 gave local authorities the freedom to determine who should and shouldn't qualify for social housing. The Council, through its review, has chosen to exclude the following:

- ☑ Unacceptable behaviour those who have caused unacceptable behaviour enough to make them unsuitable as a prospective tenant, including those with rent arrears and those who have caused anti social behaviour
- Local connection those who do not meet the connection criteria to live in the Wiltshire council area
- Financial resource limit those who have assets or income above the financial resource limit and could resolve their own housing needs themselves
- No identified housing need those who are already adequately housed
- Housed within the last 12 months those who have moved into social housing within the last 12 months
- ☑ Those who have deliberately worsened their circumstances those whose own actions have made their housing worse.

The new criteria means that there will be a greater onus on people taking responsibility for their actions.

Everyone currently registered for housing with Homes 4 Wiltshire will be contacted and moved onto the new scheme in a transition process over the Spring/Summer 2014 period and need to do nothing at the current time.

For further information please contact Nicole Smith, Head of Strategic Housing.

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| Report to | Pewsey Area Board |
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| Date of Meeting | 10 March 2014 |
| Title of Report | Area Board Funding |

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider eight applications seeking 2013/14 Community Area Grant funding.

- 1. Great Bedwyn Parish Council is requesting £500 towards tree planting at The Wharf. Officer recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that permission is given from the landowner (Canals and Rivers Trust) before funding is given or works carried out.
- 2. North Newnton Parish Council is requesting £500 towards the purchase of an AED Defibrillator system. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that all match funding is in place before funds are released.
- 3. Great Bedwyn Village Hall & Great Bedwyn Playgroup are requesting £500 towards the purchase of new tables. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
- 4. Woodborough Parish Council is requesting £500 towards the purchase of an AED Defibrillator system. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that all match funding is in place before funds are released.
- 5. Shalbourne Village Hall is requesting £450 towards the refurbishment (redecoration) of the Village Hall. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
- 6. Burbage Pre School is requesting £2000 towards replacing the grass in the outdoor play area with astro turf. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that all match funding is in place before funds are released.
- 7. Pewsey Extended Services/Pewsey Primary School is requesting £1,500 towards transport including drivers to enable young people aged 10-16 to access activities in neighbouring towns. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that the funding from Extended Services budget is confirmed before funds are released.
- 8. Milton Lilbourne Parish Council is requesting £500 towards the purchase of a digital projector for the Village Hall to enable people to make better use of IT and internet access in the hall. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.

It should be noted that numerous organisations approach the community area manager for advice; those that don't meet the criteria are not recommended to submit a full application. Only those that do meet the criteria are put forward for decision. It is for members to decide whether to approve or not, based on the information provided in this report.

<u>Further information about each application and the Officer's comments can be found</u>
later in this report

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the <u>Area Board Grants Guidance</u> 2013/2014.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £49,132 for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Pewsey area board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found here.

- 1.10. Area boards will not consider CAG applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.11. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire councillors on the area board.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board blogsite (pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

| | Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance |
|----------------------------|---|
| Background documents | 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision |
| used in the preparation of | |
| this report | Pewsey Community Area Plan |
| | http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/adopted-pewsey- |
| | ca-plan-2011-new-intro.pdf |
| | |
| | Outcome of 2012 Pewsey JSA event |
| | http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/notes-from- |
| | discussion-groups-pewsey-forward.pdf |

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £49,132 that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and core funding for the CAP.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.4. There are no funding rounds remaining in 2013/14.

2.5. On 9 May 2011 it was agreed that in respect of urgent matters and exceptional circumstances that may arise from time to time between meetings that the Pewsey Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Councillors of the Pewsey Area Board, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure not exceeding £500 from the Pewsey Area Board budget. A report explaining any such decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Pewsey Area Board.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

3.1. Area Board Grants contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Pewsey Area Board.
- 4.2. If all grants are awarded Pewsey area board will have a revenue overspend of -110, and a capital under spend of £428. The budget is made up of Capital, Revenue and Digital Literacy funding.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

8. Officer Recommendations

| Ref | Applicant | Project proposal | Funding requested |
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| 8.1. | Great Bedwyn | To replace trees that | £500 |

| P | had to be felled by the Canals and Rivers Trust | (capital) |
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- 8.1.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 towards the project be considered for approval on condition that the Canals and Rivers Trust, as landowner, give permission for this works. Community Area Manager to be sent this before funds are released.
- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2013/14. The applicant is the Great Bedwyn Parish Council. Parish Councils are not normally funded unless for projects that are outside of their normal remit, which Officers believe this to be
- 8.1.3. The total project costs are £500 for the purchase of trees. Planting will be done by volunteers.

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| 8.2. | North Newnton Parish Council | The installation of one defibrillator (AED) at Hilcott Village Halll | £500 (capital) |

- 8.2.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 towards this project be considered for approval. Match funding needs to be in place before funds are released. £800 is confirmed but £350 still unconfirmed (at the time of writing)
- 8.2.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.2.3. The total project costs are £1,650.
- 8.2.4. The Pewsey Area Board has agreed to fund up to £500 for village defibrillators (one per parish) subject to available funds.

| Ref | Applicant | Project proposal | Funding requested |
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| 8.3. | Great Bedwyn Village Hall and Playgroup | To replace 5 old heavy tables with lighter modern and easy to put up ones | £500 (capital) |

- 8.3.1 It is the Officer's recommendation that an award of £500 towards this project be considered for approval. No match funding is required.
- 8.3.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.

- 8.3.3 The total project costs are £500.
- 8.3.4 The replacement table project will benefit all users of Great Bedwyn Village hall. This includes villagers who hire the building for social uses weddings, parties, jumble sales etc but mainly the many villagers who participate in the various clubs and activities that happen daily at the hall.
- 8.3.5 Great Bedwyn Village hall is now the only venue with large hall space in the village (pop. 1200) due to the closure of the British Legion building in May.

| Ref | Applicant | Project Proposal | Funding |
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| 8.4 | Woodborough | The installation of one | £500 |
| | Parish Council | defibrillator (AED) at the | |
| | | Woodborough Social Club | |

- 8.4.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 for this project be considered for approval.
- 8.4.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.4.3 The total project costs are £1,650
- 8.4.4 The Pewsey Area Board has agreed to fund up to £500 for village defibrillators (one per parish) subject to available funds.

| Ref | Applicant | Project Proposal | Funding Requested |
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| 8.5 | Shalbourne Village Hall | Decorating, replacement of door, replacement of rear gate | £450 |

- 8.5.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £450 for this project be considered for approval, with a condition that the match funding is in place before funding is released.
- 8.5.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.5.3 The total project costs are £950
- 8.5.4 The building was refurbished some five years ago. It has been in constant use ever since and is displaying signs of wear and tear. The very old ornate front door was not restored with the original refurbishment but now requires urgent attention as does the external paintwork. The rear entrance gate is inadequate giving concern about security for the oil tank located just inside it.
- 8.5.5 Shalbourne residents will benefit as this building used by all village organisations including the Parish Council. It is the only non-licenced

meeting place in the village.

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| 8.6 | Burbage Pre School | To replace the grass in the outdoor play area with astro turf to enable the children to make the most of the outdoors whatever the weather all year round | £2,000 |

- 8.6.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £2,000 for this project be considered for approval, with a condition that the match funding is in place before funding is released (match funding is being sought through local fundraising).
- 8.6.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.6.3 The total project costs are £4,616
- 8.6.4 The children that attend Burbage Pre School will greatly benefit from this project. This is not just limited to Burbage children there are children from many local areas including as far as Marlborough and Pewsey.
- 8.6.5 The project will enable the children to have unlimited access to the whole of the outside area all year round. Currently they are limited to the non grass area in the winter months when the grass is far too muddy and slippery to use. Astro Turfing this area would mean the children would have less limits on their explorations of the outside world and would enable them to access the Willow tunnel and Pirate ship which are located on the grass. Due to the additional freedom and choice they would have, children would spend more time outside getting exercise and fresh air.

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| 8.7 | Extended Services/Pewsey Primary School | Transport including drivers to enable young people aged 10-16 to access activities in | £1,500 |
| | , | neighbouring towns | |

- 8.7.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,500 for this project be considered for approval, with a condition that funding from the extended schools budget is confirmed before funding is released.
- 8.7.2 The young people of Pewsey aged 10 16 will benefit from having equal access to opportunities that their peers who live in towns have access to. They will be able access the wider community and enjoy sporting activities and socialise with their peers in safe environments. The young

- people will be engaged in purposeful activities, raising their self esteem, meeting new friends and enjoying themselves learning new skills and trying out new sports.
- 8.7.3 The applicant would work very closely with the SHAK and also all the local schools in the community area to ensure that all young people of the relevant age had equal access to the transport.
- 8.7.4 The project will be monitored through evaluation ongoing termly (6xyear) by looking at the attendance figures and involving the young people and ensuring the activities and timings meet the demand/needs of the users.
- 8.7.5 The project costs are £3,000 match funding will come from charges for use (£1 return) and money which is left in the Extended Schools Budget

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| 8.8 | Milton Lilbourne Parish Council | To provide IT interface to the community (village Hall) to establish ability to make presentations to audience via projector & screen | £500 |

- 8.8.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 for this project be considered for approval.
- 8.8.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.8.3 The total project costs are £1,500.84
- 8.8.4 The Parish Council are installing internet access to the hall and the projector will enable the hall to be used by groups wishing to use IT in the hall for their meetings, and also for training people to use IT and access the internet.

| Appendices | Appendix 1 Grant Application – | |
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| | Grant applications | |

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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| | | | Highways Engineer to have a look at the location in order to feedback |
| 72 | B&B | Request for 30mph Limit through Marten (C195) | to next CATG meeting in April |
| | | To complete footpath between The Old Barnyard | Received and will be shared with highways engineer and discussed at |
| 91 | Vale | and Church Lane, Rushall | a future CATG with regards to potential funding. |
| | | Request for 30mph repeater signs on B3087 | |
| 535 | B&B | through Easton Royal | Highways Engineer investigating |
| | | | Metro count request showed that the road is eligible for Community |
| 1594 | Vale | Speeding into Pewsey from Wilcot Crossroads | Speed Watch. Parish Council informed |
| | | Speeding along Swan Road, between Church | Metro count equipment was faulty and in wrong location, will be |
| 1723 | Pewsey | bend and Manor Court. | reinstalled |
| | | Funding request towards two bus shelters in | |
| 1884 | Pewsey | Pewsey | This will be discussed at the next CATG in April |
| | | Traffic from Devizes regularly overshoots the | |
| 1964 | Vale | Rushall junction | Parish Council to discuss the possibility of rumble strips |
| | | | Speed Survey showed that the levels of speeding are below threshold |
| 2469 | B&B | Speeding in Shalbourne | for community speed watch. Parish considering 20mph limit policy |
| | | | Being discussed by Parish Council in first instance - to be discussed at |
| 2593 | B&B | Need for a bus shelter in Great Bedwyn | CATG in the future |
| 2700 | Pewsey | Anti-social behaviour in the Co-op Car Park | The camera has now been installed |
| | | | Further to site meeting with Easton Royal Parish council on November 8 Wiltshire Council will:- Provide new village nameplate in advance of |
| 2721 | Pewsey | Speeding through Easton Royal | the terminal signs for the village speed limit.Replace the 30 mph speed |
| | | epodamig imoagii Ladidii i toyai | limit signs for new signs on yellow backing boards. The work will be |
| | | | carried out at the earliest opportunity and before the end of the financial |
| | | | year. Parish Council to set up Community Speed Watch scheme. Road |
| | | | is on SID rota. |
| | | | A report has been produced, this confirmed that a pedestrian phase at |
| 2742 | Pewsey | Speeding on Wilcot Road nr Schools | the lights would be unsafe as you can't see the traffic at the other end. |
| | | Special State of the state of t | The school warning side will be moved nearer to the school (currently |
| | | | near Rawlins Road) |
| | | Safety of pedestrians on rail and canal bridges | Funding is now in place for these works and a detailed design is being |
| 2783 | B&B | Great Bedwyn | drawn up |
| 2874 | B&B | New fencing required at Seymour Pond, Burbage | The highways engineer is waiting to hear from the Parish Council |
| 2017 | סטט | 11011 Ionollig required at ocymbal i ona, burbage | The fightways origineer is waiting to field from the Farish Council |
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| 2885 | B&B | Speeding through East Grafton | The red patching has been put into next year's programme. A formal request for financial support for white gates has not yet been made - parish council are looking at types/costs. CATG policy is to add areas that do Community Speed Watch (CSW) to SID rota, so once CSW is operating this location will be added |
| | | Request for 20mph zone in Broad Street, Smith | |
| 2945 | Vale | Lane, The Sands and West End Woodborough | Sent to highways for initial checking prior to CATG prioritisation in April. |
| 2981 | Pewsey | Lack of street lights near Pewsey station on A345 | A new street light will be installed |
| 3156 | Vale | Traffic volume and driver awareness Smithy Lane Woodborough | At the area board meeting on 8 July, the unitary member for Pewsey Vale asked for this issue to be kept open whilst he made further enquiries |
| 3162 | Vale | Dangerous junction at Cross Hayes, Wilcot | This location is due to be looked at imminently and rumble strips will be considered. It was expected that the construction pack would be issues to the contractor mid September for completion end November but this has slipped. |
| | | | CATG has agreed to contribute to this scheme and this was approved |
| 3169 | Vale | Footpath at Grey Flags, Upavon | by the Pewsey Area Board 14 March 2013 |
| 3187 | Pewsey | Footpath needed from Sunnyhill Lane towards Prospect | This is on the CATG list (currently an inactive priority) |
| 3209 | Pewsey | Footpath between Prospect and the French Horn | CATG has agreed for some drawings and costings to be done on this potential scheme, when time resources allow. CATG will monitor progress and keep issue updated |
| 3219 | Vale | Speeding through Alton Priors | Parish Council undertaking Community Speed Watch. Area is on the list for twice yearly SID. |
| | | Problems with commuters parking in residential | Advisory access protection and disabled bay road markings have been in place for over 6 months and are being reviewed for their effectiveness. Additional advisory access protection markings have |
| 3220 | B&B | area The Knapp Great Bedwyn | been provided and the effectiveness of all measures will be reviewed |
| | | Increasing volumes of traffic using C52 | A survey will be carried out by Manningford Parish Council. CATG |
| 3228 | Vale | (Manningford) as a rat run | agreed additional signage which is now installed |
| 3238 | Vale | Traffic Calming/pavement in Rushall | Works underway |
| 3251 | Pewsey | Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station | CATG detailed designs being done. |