



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

REPORT FOR AREA BOARD

There was a full meeting of DCAP on Monday 6th December, attended by 21 people. Following a presentation by Chris Williams, a discussion highlighted the following priorities in the relationship between the Area Board and DCAP:

- 1 More councillors are to be encouraged to partake in thematic groups.
- 2 DCAP would be invited to be parting of the planning process for Area Board meetings.
- 3 The Area Board and Wiltshire Council need to make direct contact with CAPs when they initiate consultations.

The DCAP minutes have been sent out, and are posted on the DCAP website (www.dcap.org.uk). A copy has been sent to the chair of the Area Board. If anyone has not received minutes or needs a copy by post they should contact the DCAP administrator Beth Hutton (admin@dcap.org.uk / 01225 751275)

Following the consultation undertaken at the last Area Board meeting the Community Area Partnership Steering Group continues to move forward with the public consultation of the Draft Community Area Plan. A questionnaire will be provided to invite feedback from the public, the feedback will be accepted both in hard copy and via the DCAP website. Details of the plan will be available online, at public consultation events, and in strategic community points in both town and villages. This phase of consultation is anticipated to be completed by the end of April 2011.

A meeting of the Devizes Community Area Safety Committee and the neighbourhood police teams took place on 15th December 2010. The meeting was open to the public, New priorities were shared and an overview given of the expected reshaping of Wiltshire Police as a result of funding cuts.

A meeting of the Culture and Leisure thematic group took place on January 10th 2010. Key discussions included reflections on the Draft Community Area Plan, and the need to communicate the range of local cultural and leisure activities to young people through a variety of media.

Members of the Community Area Partnership will be attending a Wharf stakeholder meeting on 13th January 2011.

Conversations were ongoing with those involved in seeking future funding for the Visitor Centre / Tourist Information Centre, with particular interest in the opportunities for developing a community hub for various agencies. A consultation was carried out on behalf of the Community Area Partnership by Community First into 2007 as to the viability of a one stop shop for community services. Following on from work carried out in Calne and Melksham both of

which have premises run by community area partnerships DCAP is looking at the viability of incorporating the Tourist Information Centre into a community hub which could include a credit union and community based organisations

The next DCAP meeting takes place on Monday 7th March at the Wiltshire council offices at Browfort in Devizes.

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