



CCAN End of Year Report to the Area Board,

March 2011.

CCAN provided a mid-term report to the Area Board in November 2010 which I am pleased to update at the end of a busy year and at a very interesting time for the Corsham Community Area. The Corsham Area is one of the pilot areas chosen by Wiltshire Council to develop a Community Campus and this has become a priority issue for CCAN specifically in terms of representing the views of residents and groups. We hosted 2 public consultation events during the consultation period, having also agreed the survey form with Wiltshire Council, and then prepared and submitted a full report having analysed the huge amount of comments made. As planning, and indeed the building, proceed we will continue to both support the programme and to be the primary communication channel to the wider community area and ultimate users of the Campus.

The impact of the Community Campus consultation has been to distract us slightly from some of our 'core' activity and in particular from launching a CCAN website and holding another community consultation event but clearly it is important that we are able to react to changing priorities on the part of either the Area Board or the community itself. In itself this reflects the growing maturity of the Network as we establish ourselves as a part of the community planning structure and as we are entrusted with new pieces of work. The Part Night Street Light project was also taken on as a new piece of work and, in partnership with volunteers from Transcoco and the Parishes who checked every street light in the community area, a report with recommendations were submitted to safely switch off over 400 street lights in the early hours of the morning.

Our priority for 2010/11 was to continue to develop the Network by means of establishing direct links with groups and societies across the community area. We believe that links into the natural groupings where people live and work is the basic building block of a working Network and this will continue to be our focus. We do have stronger relationships established with the Parish Councils where we now have Box, Colerne and Lacock are all represented on the Steering Group and are increasingly involved in projects with the Action Groups. Clearly these are essential

links and we will continue to build on this work. The contact list and distribution network is also increasing through attendance at events and personal contacts of Network members.

We had hoped to have a new website up and running by the end of this working year but unfortunately we have just missed our own target date. However work is almost complete and a website at the centre of our communication strategy will assist in the promotion of the Network and our work. It will make us much more visible and will help to provide a focus for our consultation work.

CCAN has hosted a number of public events during the year, including our AGM, which have been increasingly well supported as our publicity and distribution becomes more effective. It is important that we do hold these events in order to hear directly about specific areas of concern or actions that could be taken to improve the health and well-being of the community area. We maintain a register and watching brief on community issues and these will be the basis of a further update to the Community Plan that we will develop this year.

We continue to support the Action Groups run in partnership with Transcoco and although new members would always be welcome they continue to provide an effective focus for specific themed issues and undertake good work on behalf of the community and the Area Board. The evidence is that Wiltshire Council is making greater use of these local Groups and Forums to obtain views and consensus on community issues as Council budgets come under increasing pressure. The groups will be involved in representing issues and opportunities in respect of the community campus.

The Transport Group are involved in ongoing work regarding Public Transport which was and remains one of the priorities for the community area. They have regular meetings with Service Providers and partners building on practical audit work particularly in respect of Buses and the Cycle Network. The Group demonstrates good partnership working between School, Town Council, Transcoco, MoD, Wilts Council and Parish level representatives.

The Energy and Environment Group led the part night light project to identify and continue to be involved in conservation issues. The Group have strong views to represent in respect of the design features of the Campus building.

A Health Forum was held in the year with enough interest to create a network of people that could become part of a regular Group but they have yet to identify issues to take forward. Interest has also been shown in a possible Sports Forum to examine community wide co-operation.

The CCAN Steering Group was given a new mandate at the AGM in September and it meets bi-monthly to monitor the work of the Action Groups, to provide the

opportunity for updates from partners and to examine new issues. A summary list of major actions from the year is attached.

We support WFCAP with a Steering Group representative on the Forum and attendance at training events and have also been part of developing links with other Community Partnerships.

We reported in November that although the presence of CCAN as the Area Partnership is becoming better known there remains much to be done to develop a functioning network and to motivate higher levels of support and interest. This situation remains but the Campus consultation process has clearly served to raise the Network profile and to increase our contact list. There is though still a great deal of reliance on the collective effort of a reasonably small number of people at the core of the Network and leading the Action Groups. It is hoped to continue to raise awareness and interest particularly as it is expected that the emerging Localism agenda will only increase the expectation of community involvement. The continued support of the Community Area Manager and the Area Board Councillors to promote the work and role of the Network is necessary and most welcome.

Christine Reid

Chair

Corsham Community Area Network

CCAN Action List 2010/2011

- Hustings event for 2010 General Election
- Newsletter issued
- Letter to all Community Groups to establish links with community groups
- Partnership Agreement signed with the Area Board – funding application approved
- Link made with Corsham Film Initiative promoting local involvement in Film/TV
- Input and promotion of Car parking consultation
- Engagement with Leisure Review
- Input to the Household Recycling proposal
- Meeting with Councillors from Area Board, Town and Parish Councils
- CCAN E-Bulletin issued
- Corsham By Cycle Report prepared and presented to the Area Board
- Engagement with Colerne 2020 over Parish Plans
- Health Forum meeting
- AGM and Open Evening
- Quotation for new website approved – new Logo agreed
- Corsham Community Campus Working Group established
- 2nd Tranche application and midyear report accepted by Area Board
- Campus Consultation Survey Form developed
- Consultation Meetings hosted at Corsham Community Centre
- Review of all Bus Stops across the community area
- Street Light Project undertaken and report made to the Area Board
- Timetable leaflet produced for new Town 10 bus
- Promotion and input to Joint Strategic Assessment and LTP consultations
- Meeting with Transport Portfolio Holder regarding Public Transport Forum
- Report submitted to Area Board regarding Campus consultation findings.