

MINUTES

Meeting: CALNE AREA BOARD
Place: John Bentley School
Date: 18 October 2011
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.40 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Wiltshire Council Officers

Andy Conn (Head of Waste Management), Martin Cook (Area Highways Engineer), Adrian Hampton (Head of Local Highways and Streetscene), Will Kay (Youth Development Coordinator), Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer) and Jane Vaughan (Community Area Manager)

Town and Parish Councillors

Calne Town Council – Mercy Baggs, Roy Golding* and Colin Viner
Calne Without Parish Council – Richard Aylen and Ed Jones*
Hilmarton Parish Council – Jeff Files

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Hans Monahan

Calne Community Area Partnership – David Evans* and Amanda Venton

* Denotes nominated representative.

Total in attendance: 31

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to Calne Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers present. The Chairman thanked Nancy Gosling for the music playing before the meeting.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Shauna Bodman (Cherhill Parish Council), Geoff Dickerson (Heddington Parish Council) and Inspector Martin Schorah (Wiltshire Police).</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the written announcements included in the agenda pack.</p> <p>This included information about how Wiltshire Council was improving services to support older people and vulnerable people in their homes as a result of a major review.</p> <p>A new free home insulation scheme had also been launched. The new Wiltshire Warm and Well scheme was open to all home owners and private tenants and enabled residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes through installing loft and cavity wall insulation. To access the scheme, please freephone: 0800 512012 or go to http://www.warmandwell.co.uk.</p>
6.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>a. The written update from Wiltshire Police was noted. The Chairman thanked Hans Monahan for attending the meeting in the absence of Inspector Schorah.</p> <p>b. The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted.</p> <p>c. The written update from NHS Wiltshire was noted.</p>

	<p>d. Calne Community Area Partnership provided a comprehensive written update at the meeting. This was in the form of an annual report for October 2010 until September 2011. An update on the theme groups was provided; Culture, Crime and Community Safety, Economy, Education and Lifelong Learning, Environment, Health and Social Care, Transport and the Community Hub. David Evans thanked everyone who had been involved with the Partnership in the last year.</p> <p>e. Will Kay, the Voluntary Sector Youth Development Co-Ordinator, provided feedback on the summer programme for young people, which had received funding from the Area Board. Seventy four young people had taken part in a range of art, sport and residential activities. Kite boarding equipment had been used on residential trips and in Calne. A question was asked about the youth services budget; Wiltshire Council had made a commitment to continued youth service provision, however further changes were likely, with more information available from November 2011.</p> <p>f. In Calne Without, the Parish Council and a group of local people were looking into having white gates installed to slow traffic. Hilmarton Parish Council reported they had a successful street fair on 3 September and the HAGGIS DVD regarding road safety which had been shown at the Area Board was soon to go live. Cherhill Parish Council asked to be referred to as such, rather than Cherhill and Yatesbury, and this was agreed by the Chairman.</p>
7.	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the one application made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Castlefields Canal and River Park were awarded £2,821 towards the restoration of the lock.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application meets the 2011/12 grant criteria and it addresses issues in the Calne Community Area Plan by enabling people to live in an area where the landscape and natural features are actively protected and conserved. In addition it can be seen to encourage a sense of community cohesion, pride and wellbeing.</i></p>
8.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Councillors and representatives gave an update on community issues and progress on Calne Area Board working groups.</p> <p>a. The Chairman thanked Andrea Pellegram, Technical Services Manager from the Hills Group and Andy Conn, Head of Waste Management, for coming to the Area Board to present information about the Lower</p>

Compton application by Hills Group. Councillor Crisp explained that as she and Councillor Trotman sat on the Strategic Planning Committee, they were unable to comment on this issue.

Andrea set out that an application for the Lower Compton site had been submitted in August and representations on this should be made to Wiltshire Council planning services by 25 November 2011 in an extension to the consultation.

Andy Conn stated that Hills had been a Wiltshire Council contractor since 1996. The Lower Compton site would be used to manage changes to the waste collection services and the need to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill, which was taxed heavily under European legislation. There would be increased space for black box and blue lidded bin recycling and a more efficient waste transfer facility.

This was followed by a short question and answer session. Common questions raised and their answers were available to view on the Wiltshire Council planning portal. The main issues below were addressed:

- There would be a small increase in job numbers linked to the application and all jobs would be retained in a climate where jobs related to landfill would otherwise be lost.
- A traffic assessment had been undertaken and predicted that the increase in traffic linked to the application was small (a ten per cent increase from at present was approximated). The Hills Group were taking measures to reduce concerns about traffic, for example by introducing a good driver's scheme.
- An environmental and ecological assessment had found no grounds for refusal of the application.
- Composting provision at Lower Compton would change; while household composting would move to Purton, the composting of other material, such as park sweepings, would be retained at Lower Compton. This material was not suitable for sale and was used to cap landfill.
- The proportion of waste dealt with at the site from outside Wiltshire was raised. Andrea would look into and answer via the planning portal.

Decision

Andrea Pellegram would find out the proportion of waste dealt with at the Lower Compton site from outside Wiltshire.

- b. Skate board park working group. The young people involved in the skate board park working group had committed to raising £10,000 for the project themselves.
- c. The cycle network working group would no longer meet regularly as projects identified would be better dealt with as part of the highways

working group. The group had agreed to meet again in six months time in order to ensure that projects were being moved forward.

- d. Anne Henshaw presented a Calne Area Strategic Transport Plan on behalf of Calne Area Transport. The desired outcomes of the plan were to reduce the carbon footprint, improve air quality, provide safer travel facilities and quality travel information. An action plan was outlined that involved a transport hub, improved use of the web, transport information boards and comprehensive travel routes. Anne then suggested the set up of a working group. The Chairman invited Anne to the next Area Board Co-ordinating group meeting to be held on 15 November in order to discuss in more detail how this should be progressed.
- e. The Chairman reported about highways working group priorities for 2010/12. Priorities one to three for the Area Board had been completed. The project for a pedestrian refuge at Hilmarton would go forward for completion hopefully in this financial year. The lighting scheme for one refuge on the A4 had been agreed following a parish consultation and should be completed this financial year. A grant application for white gates was likely to come to the Area Board later in the year. The signage scheme to direct through traffic away from Curzon Street/Wood Street had been in place for some weeks. A survey of traffic movements found that a pleasing 62% of traffic was recorded turning onto the bypass compared with a previous 40%.

The remaining two priorities at Goatacre and Quemerford/Lake View would be reassessed in January when further funding might be available. A survey and feasibility study had been completed for the A3102 Goatacre project, however funding was not available. A feasibility study had been completed too regarding the A4 Quemerford/Lake View, but this had not produced an achievable project at present. Quemerford would be put forward for the community speed watch scheme in order to help to control traffic speeds.

A potential project to reduce traffic in Back Lane/Sandy Lane and halt the erosion of the sides of the road would be added to the list of issues to be discussed.

The Chairman thanked Ed Jones, Richard Broadhead and Charles Boase especially for their work.

A question was then raised from the floor regarding the traffic lights in Calne town centre outside the Town Hall not beeping. An officer explained that the beeping had been purposefully removed and tactile rotating cones underneath the push button had instead been installed for the visually impaired as part of a national programme. Concern was raised about the timing of the crossroads and people not having enough time to cross the road safely.

	<p><u>Decision</u> Martin Cook, Principal Highway Engineer, would investigate whether beeping could be reinstalled at the crossroads in Calne town centre.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Martin Cook would investigate timing on the crossroads in Calne town centre.</p> <p>f. Councillor Hill gave an update about the Calne campus working group. The first phase of consultation had been completed with eighty per cent of respondents in favour of a campus. The results of the initial phase of consultation were available to view on the Calne campus website: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/communitycampuses/calnecommunitycampus.htm. Councillor Hill sought approval from the Area Board to move to the second phase of consultation, related to how services should best be provided.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Calne Area Board were in support of the Calne campus working group moving into the second phase of their consultation.</p> <p>g. An initial meeting had been held for the Sandpits Lane (section 106) working group. This group was an exciting first for Wiltshire Council; enabling local people to have a say in how developer contributions would be spent in their community. Councillor Trotman was looking for interested people to join the working group and a meeting would take place on 9 November 2011 at 4.00 pm in the community hub.</p> <p>A question was asked about potential funding from central Government for a New Homes Bonus scheme.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Brad Fleet, Service Director, would investigate potential funding from a New Homes Bonus scheme.</p>
9.	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited any other business from the floor. The meeting was informed there was growing concern about the use of the former Deceuninck building in Calne and the impact of this on Lansdowne Park residents. A petition was available to sign at the meeting. While the Chairman was unable to comment on the issue, representations should be made directly to the Monkton Park office.</p> <p>Frustration was expressed about disabled access on the bus from Chippenham into Devizes.</p>

Decision

Disabled access on the bus service would be referred to the relevant Wiltshire Council department.

The next Area Board meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6 December 2011 at Hilmarton Community Centre, with refreshments available from 6.30 pm.