

AGM

At the AGM in June Tony Sedgwick was re-elected as Chairman, Paula Winchcombe as Vice-Chairman and Ray Parsons as Treasurer. The main speaker at the meeting was Alan Truscott of Community First, sharing the wide-ranging work and initiatives taking place in rural communities in Wiltshire. It is hoped that DCAP, the Parish Council Forum and Community First can become effective partners, complementing each other's work.

Thematic Groups

The Transport group is creating task groups to explore and implement various initiatives arising from its new strategy. The current focus is on promoting cycling. A high profile event is being planned for October, celebrating new safe cycle routes and promoting the health benefits of cycling.

The Housing Group continues to monitor potential developments (housing / care homes / business), looking particularly at issues of traffic congestion, pollution, affordability, infrastructure and health care provision, and employment opportunities). The group has recently (on behalf of DCAP, and in partnership with the Trust for Devizes and CPRE) submitted evidence to the Planning Inspector opposing the proposed retirement village at Quakers Walk on the grounds that it will reduce the scope for building affordable homes and will add an unacceptable burden on London Road traffic..

The Culture and Leisure group's next meeting has been deferred in order to be able to discuss Wiltshire Council's Cultural Strategy.

The Health & Wellbeing group is looking forward to meeting with representatives of the new Clinical Commissioning Group and representatives of Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership to discuss priorities raised in the Community Area Plan. The group is also keen to encourage parishes to consider providing outdoor gym equipment to boost exercise opportunities.

The Devizes Community Area Safety Committee met in June, reviewing Neighbourhood Policing Priorities, and discussing licensing and CCTV issues.

Communication with the public

The new DCAP website is being developed by a local company and will become live in September. As well as including agendas, minutes and information about ongoing projects, there will be a survey facility on the site, enabling consultation and dialogue about current issues. The site will be able to be viewed on mobile phones, iPads and other mobile devices as well as standard computers.

DCAP's recent newsletter is still available. It can be read on the DCAP website: www.dcap.org.uk. Hard copies are also available. If you would like some for your Parish or organisation please email admin@dcap.org.uk to place your request.

Cooperation with the Area Board

DCAP works closely with the Area Board and is planning a second joint meeting to discuss proposed projects for the coming year

The next DCAP meeting takes place on **Monday 3rd September 2012 at 5.30pm (venue to be advised)**. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and contribute to the debate.