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# MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD

Place: Bishopstone Village Hall, Bishopstone SP5 4AD

**Date:** 13 June 2012

Start Time: 7.08 pm

Finish Time: 9.25 pm

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#### In Attendance:

#### Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Bridget Wayman (Chairman), Cllr Jose Green (Vice Chairman), Cllr Richard Beattie, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr George Jeans

#### Wiltshire Council Officers

Stephen Harris, Community Area Manager Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer Simon Burke, Head Admin and Finance Division Sandie Lewis, Head of Communities & Voluntary Sector Support Jaki Farrell, Team Leader - Youth Services Coordinator,

#### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Bishopstone Parish Council – M Ash, N Baiter & J Thompson (Chairman) Burcombe without Parish Council – N Lefroy Dinton Parish Council – C Smith Donhead St. Mary Parish Council – J Barnes Fovant Parish Council - C Churchill (also for Burcombe, Dinton & Quidhampton) Hindon Parish Council – D Robertson Mere Parish Council – D Robertson Mere Parish Council – M White South Newton Parish Council – J Green & M Pout Swallowcliffe Parish Council – G Ewer West Tisbury Parish Council – I Lacey Wilton Town Council – P Matthews & C Purves

#### Partners

Wiltshire Police - Inspector Andy Noble Wiltshire Police Authority – Joy Hillyer Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin SCOB (Tisbury) – I Scott-Clarke TAPCAP – N Knowles (also for Fovant PC) Wilton CAP – Rachel Ashton-Brown Volunteer Centre Wiltshire – Vanessa Wells

#### Total in attendance: 32

<u>Agenda</u> <u>Item No.</u>	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision			
1	Appointment of a Chairman			
	Councillor Wayman opened the meeting and apologised for the late start to the meeting, Board member Councillor Jeans had been delayed and it was hoped that he would arrive in time for the first item, however as he had not yet arrived the meeting started at 7.08pm.			
	Nominations for Chairman were sought.			
	<u>Decision</u> Councillor Bridget Wayman was elected Chairman of the South West Wiltshire Area Board for the municipal year 2012/13.			
2	Appointment of Vice Chairman			
	The Chairman, Councillor Wayman asked for nominations for Vice-chairman.			
	<u>Decision</u> Councillor Richard Beattie was elected Vice-Chairman of the South West Wiltshire Area Board for the municipal year 2012/13.			
3	Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups			
	The Board considered the report attached to the agenda.			
	Decision			
	The South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed:			
	<ol> <li>The representation of Board members to outside bodies would continue as detailed in the table attached to the Report, for the municipal year 2012/13.</li> <li>To reconstitute the Working Group(s), and to agree to re-appoint to Working Group(s) as set out in appendix B of the report.</li> </ol>			
	<ol> <li>To note the Terms of Reference for the Working Group(s), as set out in appendix C of the report.</li> </ol>			
4	Apologies for Absence			
	Apologies for absence were received from:			
	<ul> <li>Councillor Thomson – Cabinet member</li> <li>Mark Stone – Service Director assigned to the Board</li> </ul>			

5	Declarations of Interest
	There were none.
6	<u>Minutes</u>
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11 April 2012, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
7	Matters Arising
	There were none.
8	Chairman's Announcements
	<u>New £350 smaller grants scheme</u> For the first time small grants of up to £350 were available to any group for projects that were aimed at building a stronger community. The application process had been simplified, and the applicant does not have to be a formal group with a constitution.
	For more info contact the Community Area manager or click on the link: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantssche me.htm
	Queens Diamond Jubilee event 1 May 2012 A slideshow of pictures taken at the Jubilee event on 1 May 2012, had been on show on the screen prior to the meeting. The Chairman gave thanks to everyone who had contributed to the tent adding that it had been a great success.
	Thanks were then given to Stephen Harris, Community Area manager for his efforts in the coordination of the tent exhibits prior to the event and on the day.
	Bishopstone Village Hall Major J Thompson of Bishopstone Parish Council gave thanks to the Board for their contributions towards their project to rebuild one side of the hall. A DVD was on display in the foyer, showing the stages of the work from start to finish.
	Opening of Wilton Pavilion Councillor Beattie had attended the recent opening of the Wilton Pavilion. The surrounding landscaping was still to be completed and shutters would soon be in place to keep the building secure.
	<u>Tisbury Market Consultation</u> The Wiltshire Council Markets Team and are looking to expand their service into towns. They are conducting surveys of local residents to establish if demand exists for new markets. They are sending out surveys with a return date of 30 June 2012, these will dictate if plans for a new market are progressed.

	Olympic Torch Events The Olympic Torch is due to come through South West Wiltshire (Wilton, Barford St Martin, Fovant & Ludwell) on Thursday 12 July 2012. On 11 July the torch will be entering Salisbury, and there will be a free celebration event held at Hudsons Field. Various celebrations are planned along the route, for more information contact Stephen Harris Community Area Manager <u>Stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> or by phone 01722 434211. <u>Wilton Cycling Event</u> Wilton Town Councillor Phil Matthews had attended a meeting that day with the British Cycle Association. It was hoped that the Wiltshire Cycle Race would be held in Wilton again this waar on 12 August 2012
9	held in Wilton again this year on 12 August 2012. Youth Project Funding
	At the Extraordinary Board meeting held on 22 March 2012, the Board considered Youth Funding bids for 2011/12. The Wilton Explorer Scouts (WES) had submitted a bid, but were unable to attend to present it to the Board at that meeting.
	The Board invited the WES to attend this meeting to present their project to the Board. Their bid was for £1,000 towards the purchase of camping equipment.
	The Chairman thanked the group for their presentation and explained that as the group only currently had nine members, the Board felt that an award of £500 to purchase the camping equipment would be more suitable. The Chairman suggested that once the group had increase in size, they could come back in the future to apply for funding towards other projects.
	<u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £500 to the Wilton Explorer Scouts from the Youth Funding Budget for 2011/12, for their project to purchase new camping equipment.
	As there was a balance of £473.44 remaining in the Youth Initiatives budget for 2011/12, the additional £26.56 was allocated from the South West Wiltshire Area Board Funding budget for 2012/13.
9.1.	Councillor Led Initiative Funding - Councillor Tony Deane
	The Chairman had agreed to accept as Urgent Late Business the late item submitted by Councillor Deane, due to the time restraints imposed.
	Copies of the proposal were circulated at the meeting and are attached to the back of these minutes.
	Bid for funding for costs associated with the planning application related to preliminary work on the Tisbury Campus site in connection with the road access from the Hindon Lane development site.

	<ul> <li>The land at the top of Weaveland Road is owned by Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Council's Southern Area Planning Officers have been consulted and advise that a Planning Application is required for this change.</li> <li>Tisbury Parish Council have been involved in discussions and unanimously agreed at their last PC meeting that they would instruct the Consulting Engineers WSP to complete drawings and submit the application in the name of the Parish Council, providing funding is available from the Area Board.</li> <li>The recommendation is that the Area Board provides funding for the Planning Application. The breakdown of the estimated fees are:</li> <li>Producing the Plan for the application - £450.00</li> <li>Completing the Application Forms and certificates for the submission -</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Completing the Application Forms and certificates for the submission = £500.00</li> <li>Transport Statement (if required by Wiltshire Council Highways Department) - £850.00</li> <li>Contingency (based on 1 days additional Engineers work) - £750.00</li> </ul>
	Total $\pounds$ 2,550.00 + vat = $\pounds$ 3,060.00 (VAT is levied on these fees but can be claimed back by the Parish Council).
	The Board considered the proposal made by Cllr Deane and expressed the wish that the cost of the application should be reimbursed from the Campus Budget when funding had been authorised by Cabinet in the near future.
	<u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £3,060 from the Funding Budget for 2012/13, with the following conditions:
	<ol> <li>Copies of the quotes for work are provided to the Community Area Manager prior to fund being released.</li> <li>Any unspent funds are returned to the Area Board.</li> <li>If the Parish Council is able to claim back the VAT, this element of the award would be returned to the Area Board.</li> </ol>
	It was noted that Councillor Green abstained from voting on this item.
10	Partner and Community Area Updates
	Police - Inspector Andy Noble There had been a change to the way that crime was reported on the updates, the category 'victim based crime' was a total of all crimes reported to the police by the public.
	There had been an increase in criminal damage across the whole of Wiltshire, mainly in the built up areas, but also in rural areas. In the South West Wiltshire

community areas there had been an increase in reported car damage and outbuilding burglaries, where quad bikes, fuel and farm machinery had been stolen. An operation was underway to tackle theft from cars at local beauty spots, Inspector Noble stated that it was very important to target this type of lower level crime, which was often carried out by several members of one family. He hoped to be able to report back on the progress of this at the next meeting. Inspector Noble asked people to be vigilant and to report any crimes by using the 101 telephone number. The Police were very stretched at present on a regional scale due to the forthcoming Olympics. Questions and Comments were then received, these included: There had been an increase to the recorded numbers of reported substance misuse in Wilton, was this being looked at by the police? **Answer:** Drug misuse is something that if the police don't go out looking for it then it does not get reported. It is all about positive activity. The spike in figures for Wilton was due to the Beat Officer for that area carrying out proactive work following the recent death of a young person. It had been suggested that there could have been links to cannabis misuse among other young people in the area, so the officer sought out information and obtained search warrants. Cannabis was found at several addresses which resulted in arrests and consequently a spike in the figures for substance misuse for the area. Wilton Town Councillor, Phil Matthews noted that they were grateful for the work of PC Rachel Jennings and asked if her post would be covered whilst she was on maternity leave? **Answer:** Rachel's post will not be replaced whilst she is on leave, but instead there will be cover from other teams from Salisbury and Southern Wiltshire. Rachel will be continuing to work in the back office until she goes off on maternity leave, covering more of the paperwork side of the role for the team, so that fellow officers can cover her beat duties. Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA) – Joy Hillyer The WPA was currently managing the transition from a Police Authority to having a Police Crime Commissioner. Residents will have the chance to vote for the first Police and Crime Commissioner for the Wiltshire Police area on Thursday 15 November 2012.

This figure will be responsible for overseeing the work of Wiltshire Police on behalf of residents in the Force area. The Police and Crime Commissioner will directly replace Wiltshire Police Authority, the group of 17 councillors and independent members who currently oversee Wiltshire Police.

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS) - Mike Franklin

The WFRS has strategic aims to try and keep communities safe from fires and accidents on the roads. The report attached to the agenda shows the figures for the amount of home safety checks carried out across the three community areas each month.

Mike added that in an area the size of the South West Wilts, it was surprising that so few safety checks were being carried out. The WFRS could only react to requests.

Mike urged people to take away a card, with the details of how to book a home safety check, and to pass the cards on to other members of the community who may be in need of a visit.

The Chairman asked the other Board members to take some cards away with them and to circulate and promote the service among their parishes.

#### <u>NHS</u>

Phil Matthews (Wiltshire Involvement Network) noted that Wiltshire Council had recently gone from having 120 care providers to 4. There were still some teething problems with the new service which were being smoothed out. On the 17 April a 'Wiltshire Self Funders Forum' meeting was held in Devizes.

The meeting was aimed at providing information and assistance to tackle the issues that could arise for self funders and family carers, over 100 people attended. It was hoped that a similar event would be held later in the year in Salisbury.

Wiltshire Council Updates attached to the agenda:

- Help to Live at Home Update
- Paths Improvement Grants Scheme (PIGS)
- New Standards Framework

Youth – Jaki Farrell, Integrated Youth Services Team Leader

Jaki spoke to the update circulated at the meeting; a copy of this is attached to the back of these minutes.

Questions and comments received included:

	<ul> <li>Councillor Beattie noted that the Wilton Community Area youth coordinator Jenni Bertram would be leaving shortly, which could be a disaster to the success of the newly opened Wilton Community Centre. There were also problems with restrictions of the planning permission which limited the opening hours of the centre.</li> </ul>
	Councillor Beattie stated that the opening hours needed to be addressed to allow opening during the daytime – Jaki Farrell confirmed that there would be no reduction in the service currently provided with Jenni leaving.
	<ul> <li>Would Fovant Youth Club benefit from the newly appointed assistant youth worker?</li> </ul>
	Answer: No, this was not possible as Fovant was in a separate area. The Fovant Youth Club recently interviewed applicants for a paid youth worker post; however none of the applicants were suitable. The club would re- advertise after the summer as the club was closed during the summer holidays.
	Community Area Partnerships
	<u>TAPCAP (Tisbury) – Nigel Knowles</u> The partnership had provided an annual report and a set of accounts which were attached to the agenda.
	WilCAP (Wilton) – Rachel Ashton – Brown The partnership gave a verbal update on their areas of their work over the past year, this included looking at transport issues and water shortages in the area.
	The results of the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA), had highlighted that Wilton came top out of the 20 community areas for highest number of hospital admittances for asthma. The partnership had been working on this to establish if there were any known reasons why the asthma rate was high in Wilton.
	Decision The South West Wiltshire Area Board noted the partner update reports attached to the agenda.
11	Volunteering in Wiltshire
	The Board received a presentation from Sandie Lewis (Head of Service, Communities and Voluntary Sector Support) and Vanessa Wells (Development Worker at Volunteer Centre Wiltshire).
	Sandie explained that the council were looking at new approaches to volunteering such as 'time credits'.

	This was a new way of getting people involved in their local community and engaged people who wouldn't normally consider giving their time. The scheme offers volunteers 1 credit per 1 hour of volunteering work given.
	Each credit is worth one hour of time on a chosen activity or course. The credits can be exchanged for things like training courses, swimming sessions and lessons and could be used in certain sports centres.
	There had been:
	<ul> <li>1500 volunteering opportunities promoted through the Volunteer Centre</li> <li>A rise in no of volunteers, the figure had doubled in the last year to 2265</li> <li>An increase in the number of unemployed volunteers by 36% and half of all enquirers were aged 30 or under</li> </ul>
	Comments and questions were then received:
	<ul> <li>A Leisure Credit Scheme was already in operation in the South West Wiltshire community areas, which was a scheme specifically for young people.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>There had been a call for volunteers for libraries last year, following this there had been some concerns that an increase in volunteers would allow for a reduction in paid staff, so volunteers had not always been welcome.</li> <li><u>Answer:</u> In Wiltshire, there had been no library closures, each library still had members of paid staff, some of which also had volunteer workers alongside these staff. Volunteers were not in place to carry out the professional tasks of the staff but to assist them.</li> </ul>
	As there are cuts to council budgets, communities need to make a decision on whether they want to provide support, one of the ways they can do this is by volunteering.
	<ul> <li>Are volunteers insured to carry out work on highways?         <u>Answer:</u> When the council recruits, funds and supports volunteers to         work alongside officers, they are covered by the councils insurance.         However the council also supports many voluntary groups, which are not         covered by the councils insurance.</li> </ul>
	The Chairman thanked Sandie and Vanessa for the presentation.
12	Informal Adult Education
	Simon Burke, Head of Business and Commercial Services gave a presentation to the Board on the proposed options for the future delivery of Adult Education in Wiltshire.
	The Board and those present at the meeting considered the proposed options, these were:

	1. Wiltshire Council to take no action in relation to informal adult education.
	2. Wiltshire Council to be a direct provider of informal adult education.
	3. Wiltshire Council to facilitate the provision of informal adult education at a local level.
	<ol> <li>Wiltshire Council to coordinate and promote informal adult learning opportunities offered across the county.</li> </ol>
	After discussion the Board proposed a fifth option, this was:
	<ol><li>Informal adult education to be provided by local Campuses around the county with assistance from Wiltshire Council.</li></ol>
	Simon Burke explained that comments of all the Area Boards would be collated and reported back to Cabinet in September.
	Results from the audience were:
	Option 1 = 2 votes. Option 2 = 2 votes. Option 3 = 5 votes. Option 4 = 0 votes. Option 5 = 9 votes.
	This was then ratified by the Board.
	<u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board supported a fifth option; Which was for Informal adult education to be provided by local Campuses around the county with assistance from Wiltshire Council.
13	Area Board - Feedback and Discussion
	<u>Feeback on Area Board meetings</u> The Chairman drew attention to the attached officer's report which gave an update from a recent consultation held with members of the South West Wiltshire Community Area Network, including all Parish Councils, where comments were invited on how Area Board meetings run.
	A summary of the feedback included:
	<ul> <li>What works well</li> <li>What could be improved</li> <li>Suggested actions for the future</li> <li>Action points for the future</li> </ul>

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## The South West Wiltshire Area Board noted the action points for the future as detailed in the report.

#### **Community Planning Event**

The Board noted the officer's report attached to the agenda. The South West Wiltshire Area Board recognises that it is better to set achievable goals, and has, therefore, decided to focus on the following areas for 2012/13:

- Economy, Jobs and Skills.

Priorities identified at the Community Planning Event include; supporting existing small/medium sized businesses and encouraging new businesses to start, measures to tackle youth unemployment, cost of heating oil, faster broadband speeds.

- Health and the Environment.

Priorities identified at the Community Planning Event include; tackling water supply/demand issues in the area, sustainable living, health issues relating to an aging population.

- Housing.

Priorities identified at the Community Planning Event include; affordable housing for local people, tackling fuel poverty.

Although these areas will be prioritised, other actions raised that the Area Board considers to be achievable will also be tracked. The Chairman stated that Councillor Beattie would be progressing future work on the theme 'Economy, Jobs and Skills'.

#### Decision:

The South West Wiltshire Area Board noted the attached report highlighting the 2012/13 Area Board priorities identified, as listed above.

Questions and Comments included:

Mary White from Mere Parish Council thanked the Board for the funding awarded to them towards the fireworks for their Jubilee celebrations. The celebrations had been hugely appreciated by parishioners.

### 14 <u>Tisbury Community Campus</u>

Councillor Tony Deane provided an update to the Board, this included:

- The SCOB were producing a business plan which would be presented at Cabinet on 10 September 2012.
- There were plans to incorporate a community skate park at the site

	A meeting	with key part	ners would be sched	duled in the next 2/3 weeks
15	<ul> <li>The CATC submit a b</li> <li>At the last white lines</li> <li>Decision:</li> <li>The South West CATG meeting,</li> <li>The Board constant of the south constant of the so</li></ul>	Deane gave a G welcomed oid should con t CATG meet s in Teffont. St Wiltshire attached to t idered the tw	n update to the Boar bids for new small tact the Community ing, officer's had ag Area Board noted the agenda.	schemes, anyone wishing to Area Manager. reed to the implementation of <b>the minutes from the last</b> s for funding from the CATG
	Scheme Changes to signage and road markings at the Walnut Pub Junction in Mere Dropped kerbs in Spracklands, Dinton	Amount Allocated by CATG £800	Total cost of project (as estimated by Senior Highways Engineer)£800£800	Notes and Actions Required £200 contribution to be requested from Mere Parish Council; funds received would be returned to the CATG budget £50 contribution has been agreed by Dinton Parish Council; funds received will be returned to CATG budget
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16	Vale View, South accordance with detailed in full in <u>Decision</u> The South We recreation field	idered an ap n Newton to I Wiltshire C the Officer's r st Wiltshire at Vale Vi	be transferred to So council's Community eport attached to the <b>Area Board app</b> ew, South Newtor	usfer of the recreation field at outh Newton Parish Council in y Asset Transfer Policy, as e agenda. Froved the transfer of the n to South Newton Parish a Community Asset Transfer

	Policy and subject to the matters referred to in paragraph 9 of the Officer's report.
17	Community Area Grants Criteria for 2012/13
	Councillor Beattie proposed that the South West Wiltshire Area Board includes the following as part of the Community Area Grant Criteria, when considering applications for funding:
	Where projects are put forward by a community based group other than the Parish Council, it would be considered whether the benefits go to the whole community or only to those who choose to join that group.
	<ul> <li>If the benefits were to the whole community the Parish Council should be expected to make a significant contribution.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>If the benefits were only to those who chose to join that group then the Parish Council would not be required to contribute.</li> </ul>
	Comments and questions included:
	What was considered 'significant contribution'?
	<ul> <li>Not all village halls are owned by the parish council, so projects involving the village hall may not always involve or benefit the parish council.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Parish council's set their precepts in October the previous year, they would need to know about the projects then so that they could set the precepts to accommodate them.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>It was suggested that the idea of a consultation with parish councils on raising the precepts was needed county wide rather than just across the South West Wiltshire community areas.</li> </ul>
	Councillor Jeans added that effective consultation with Parish Councils on this was needed and that some of the smaller parishes would need to raise their precepts.
	Councillor Beattie agreed that further discussion was needed between the Board members to find the best way forward.
18	Delegation of Powers
	The Board considered the proposal to delegate powers to the Community Area Manager, to make decisions on expenditure of up to £750 per financial year, as detailed in the Officer's Report.
	Decision The South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed to delegate powers to the

	Community Area Manager of follows:	
	Community Area Manager as follows:	
	<ol> <li>That in respect of urgent matters that may arise from time to time between meetings of an Area Board, the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the South West Wiltshire Area Board, be granted delegated authority to make decisions provided any expenditure does not exceed £750 in total for the financial year, from the South West Wiltshire Area Board budget for 2012/13.</li> </ol>	
	2. A report explaining the decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Area Board to ensure that such decisions are subject to public examination. Any additional spending beyond £750 would need to come to the Board for approval.	
19	Update on Issues	
	Stephen Harris, Community Area Manager gave an update in addition to the updated Issues table, circulated at the meeting. Two Issues would be closed as both had been referred to metro counts but had not met the threshold to be considered for Community Speed Watch or the centrally run Speed Indicator Device (SIDs) programme. However, both had been added to the Community Speed Indicator Device programme.	
	Issues can be tracked online by clicking on the link: <u>http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboard_issues_search.php?issue_lo</u> <u>cation_in=South%20West%20Wiltshire</u>	
	To log a new Issue please click on the link below: https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboards.php	
20	Close	
	The next meeting of the South west Wiltshire Area Board will be held on Wednesday 15 August 2012, 7.00pm at The Grove Buildings Mere.	
	Late Papers for Item 10 - Youth Update	
	Late paper - Item 10 - Fire Update for May	
Late	Papers for - Item 9.1 - Councillor Led Initiative Funding - submitted by Cllr Deane	
	Late papers - Item 19 Issues Table	