

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** TIDWORTH AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Memorial Hall, Andover Road, Ludgershall SP11 9LZ  
**Date:** 17 September 2012  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.15 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Christopher Williams (Chairman), Cllr Mark Connolly (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Charles Howard

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Mary Cullen – Community Area Manager  
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer  
Nicole Smith – Head of Strategic Housing  
Jenny Wilcockson – Digital Literacy Co-ordinator

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Tidworth Town Council – Humph Jones & Fred Galvin  
Ludgershall Town Council – Owen White  
Chute & Chute Forest Parish Council – Carolyn Wall  
Enford Parish Council – Ken Monk  
Everleigh Parish Council – Sally Matton  
Netheravon Parish Council – Ian Blair-Pilling & David Burke

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – PC Dave Griffith  
Tidworth Garrison – Col Paddy Tabor  
Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell  
Youth Services – Wendy Higginson

**Total in attendance: 45**

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<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 the Ludgershall Memorial hall for the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board and gave everybody in attendance the opportunity to introduce themselves.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dick Tonge – Wiltshire Council, Alistair Cunningham – Service Director, Inspector Christian Lange – Wiltshire Police and David Wildman – Tidworth Community Area Partnership.</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Agenda Item No.10, Member led project – Tidworth Mums playgroup, vulnerable families project. Cllr Mark Connolly – member of Tidworth Town Council.</p>
4	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>i.Minutes of the 16 July 2012.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The minutes of the 16 July 2012 meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></li> </ul> <p>ii.Matters Arising.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The following Chairman’s Announcements included in the agenda pack were briefly outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of the Environment Report.</li> <li>• Wiltshire and Swindon Local Nature Partnership.</li> <li>• Barrier Busting Proposals.</li> </ul>

	<p>The Chairman also advised that Central Government had earmarked 1.9 million for investment in Wiltshire's military towns, which would include Tidworth and Ludgershall.</p>
6	<p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner</u></p> <p>Chris Hoare – Chairman Wiltshire Police Authority updated the Area Board on the election of Crime and Police Commissioners on the 15 November 2012.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCCs would be elected for every force area in England and Wales outside London.</li> <li>• Elections take place on 15 November, with PCCs taking office on 22 November.</li> <li>• PCC would replace Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA).</li> <li>• PCCs were being introduced by government to increase accountability of the Police.</li> </ul> <p>Questions raised from the floor included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is the Commissioner accountable to? <i>a. The electorate.</i></li> <li>• How will residents know who the candidates are? <i>a. Television advertisements and leaflet drops.</i></li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Chris Hoare for his presentation.</p>
7	<p><u>Digital Literacy</u></p> <p>Jenny Wilcockson - Digital Literacy Co-ordinator, Wiltshire Council, gave a presentation to raise awareness of the digital literacy project and to recruit local people as digital champion volunteers to support local people to get online.</p> <p>Communities would be supported through the use of volunteers to provide hands on support for digital literacy. This would achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More adults being able to use technology and the internet, with fewer feeling 'digitally excluded', especially amongst the elderly and those on low incomes. It can also help people in getting jobs, as most employers now require digital skills.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More demand for internet access and services, especially superfast broadband connectivity.</li> <li>• To ensure that every adult has the opportunity to become digitally literate and confident users of technology. (Phased in conjunction with the superfast broadband rollout in each area)</li> <li>• A volunteer programme will be established (schools, local community groups and business) that will offer a menu of support and also work with Area Boards to identify specific needs and opportunities for support linked to opportunities arising from localism projects and to the customer focus programme. (Phased in conjunction with the superfast broadband rollout in each area)</li> </ul> <p>Questions from the floor included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would training be provided for people wishing to be digital champions? <i>a. Yes, a days training is provided with online help.</i></li> <li>• Would volunteers be CRB checked? <i>Yes, CRB checks would be carried out.</i></li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Jenny Wilcockson for her presentation.</p>
8	<p><u>Housing need and review of housing</u></p> <p>Nicole Smith - Head of Strategic Housing, Wiltshire Council, and Julian Paine – Regional Director (Wiltshire) , Aster Communities gave a presentation that sought to inform and consult the Area Boards regarding the housing review.</p> <p>The presentation was split into three parts:</p> <p>i. Understanding your area – Tidworth.</p> <p>Nicole Smith outlined points that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic stock profile.</li> <li>• Potential land opportunities.</li> <li>• Housing register breakdown.</li> <li>• Households by age group.</li> <li>• Housing register breakdown.</li> <li>• Under occupation.</li> <li>• Social housing lettings in the Tidworth area.</li> <li>• Lettings in the Tidworth area breakdown by band.</li> </ul>

ii. Aster Communities – about us.

Julian Paine outlined points that included:

- The Aster Group - £83m turnover, £60m assets.
- Aster Communities – 17,000 homes, 1,000+ in the Tidworth area, 40,000 customers.
- Aster Living – Created by bringing all care and support work together.
- Aster Homes – Building around 350 homes each year – affordable rented, shared ownership, private sale/rent, extra care.

iii. Review of Allocations.

Nicole Smith outlined changes with the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, and the new freedoms to set the rules determining which categories of applicants qualify for social housing.

Using the electronic voting handsets attendees were invited to answer four questions:

1. How should Wiltshire Council consider local connection?
2. What is a local connection to an area?
3. Should additional priorities be given to under occupation, employment, training and those who volunteer in the community.
4. Should we include any exclusions within the policy?

Questions raised from the floor included:

- Will there be swapping arrangements for residents?  
*a. Yes, mutual exchanges are encouraged.*
- How can you guarantee that local people would be allocated local houses?  
*a. There is at the present time no priority for local connections.*
- How does Aster maintain contact with Town and Parish Councils?  
*A. Through our team of Aster Neighbourhood Officers.*
- Some roads, pavements and fences are in a very poor state of repair, could these issues be addressed?  
*a. Ownership of these areas would have to be identified and the cause of any damage determined, budget for such repairs would also be an issue.*

The Chairman thanked Nicole Smith and Julian Paine for their presentation.

Community Area Grants

Wiltshire Councillors considered three applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding and one application seeking young persons initiative funding

**Decision**

**Splitz Support Service, Children's support service- Vulnerable Families Project were awarded £3,000 on the understanding that a further £2,000 would be granted at the end of the 2012/13 financial year if funds were still available. The grant was subject to all other funding applied for being received.**

**Reason**

***The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan and the priority set by the area board to provide support to vulnerable families in response to the information and need identified in the JSA for the area.***

**Decision**

**Windmill Hill Children's Centre- Freedom and Helping Hands Programme- Vulnerable Families Project awarded £2,996.**

**Reason**

***The application demonstrates a links to the Community Plan for the Tidworth Community Area and the priority set by the Area Board to provide support to vulnerable families, a key issue identified in the JSA for the area.***

**Decision**

**POP Youth Dance project- Youth Dance Programme awarded £1,000 from the Youth Initiatives funding pot.**

**Reason**

***The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to help young people develop their full potential and to provide activities and facilities for young people of all ages.***

**Decision**

**Tidworth Community Area Partnership were awarded £5,000 for its first tranche of funding for 2012/13, £5,000, to enable TCAP to continue to carry out its role.**

**Reason**

***The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan as TCAP exists to co-ordinate the activities and actions identified in the community plan for the area and work towards the development of a new community plan.***

	<p>Wiltshire Councillors considered one Member led Project, sponsored by Cllr Chris Williams.</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Tidworth Mums playgroup, Vulnerable Families Project awarded £2,000.64 to provide additional play equipment, laptop and web development support.</b></p>
10	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils, the Police, the Army, NHS, TCAP and other Partners</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Police – PC Dave Griffith.  The written update was noted along with the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Crime &amp; Detection statistics for the Tidworth area were moving in the right direction.</li> </ul> <p>Wiltshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service  The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.</p> <p>NHS Wiltshire.  The written update was noted along with the following points:</p> <p>Tidworth Garrison - Col Paddy Tabor.  Report Noted.</p> <p>Tidworth Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell.  The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Youth &amp; Young Peoples theme group was now up and running and were looking for any sports coaches, particularly football and cricket.</li> <li>• Area Awards 2013 – nominations were requested.</li> <li>• Community questionnaire – good support from the parishes in distributing them and collecting back in.</li> </ul> <p>Tidworth Town Council – Hump Jones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Modern Housing Solutions meeting had been held, and things were now moving forward.</li> </ul>



	<p>Ludgershall Town Council – Owen White.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More Christmas lights and community events planned for Christmas 2012.</li> </ul> <p>Youth Services – Wendy Higginson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year’s Summer Programme had been very well received with some 570 young people engaged by Youth Services.</li> <li>• Looking to have the first YAG meeting during October.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p>
11	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be on Monday 19 November at the Pheonix Hall, Netheravon.</p>