

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: Wellington Academy, Castledown, Tidworth, SP11 9RR
Date: 21 January 2013
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.55 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 (CAM)
Kevin Fielding - Democratic Services Officer
Alistair Cunningham - Service Director for Economy and Enterprise
Maxine Gibson - Principal Education Welfare Officer
Matthew Woolford - Communications Account Manager

Town and Parish Councillors

Tidworth Town Council – Chris Franklin & Humph Jones
Everleigh Parish Council – Denis Bottomley
Netheravon Parish Council – David Burke & Roger Hayward

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Insp Christian Lange
Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Angus MacPherson
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin
Tidworth Garrison – Col Paddy Tabor
Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell
Youth Service – Wendy Higginson
Extended Services – Julie Tremlin

Total in attendance: 35

| <u>Agenda Item No.</u> | <u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u> |
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| 1 | <p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Wellington Academy for the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board and gave everybody in attendance the opportunity to introduce themselves. Attendees were thanked for attending the meeting on a very wintery evening.</p> <p>It was noted that a workshop was to be held on the 31 January at the Community Centre, Tidworth at 5pm to discuss the new school on the North East Quadrant.</p> |
| 2 | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Owen & Janet White – Ludgershall Town Council and David Wildman - Tidworth Community Area Partnership.</p> |
| 3 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Agenda Item No.9 – Tidworth Community Area Transport Group Update, Manor Bridge Court light scheme – Cllr Mark Connolly, who is a local resident.</p> |
| 4 | <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the 19 November 2012 meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. • Matters Arising. There were no matters arising. |
| 5 | <p><u>Understanding Autism</u></p> <p>This item was dropped from the agenda due to the presenter being unable to attend the meeting.</p> |
| 6 | <p><u>Police & Crime Commissioner - draft Police & Crime Plan</u></p> <p>Angus Macpherson – Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire & Swindon advised that he was seeking views on his first Police and Crime Plan.</p> |

This plan, due to be published by the end of March, would set out the Commissioner's strategic policing and crime priorities for the next five years.

It would include working with partners, including local authorities, and the voluntary community sector. It would be much wider than the Policing Plan previously produced by Wiltshire Police Authority and Wiltshire Police.

From mid January Mr Macpherson would be consulting with the public, including victims of crime, and the voluntary community sector about the plan.

As part of this consultation the Office of the PCC would be giving presentations at other Area Board meetings and at Swindon Borough Council Locality meetings.

Points made included:

What is a Police and Crime Plan

- PCC's role to commission services to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service.
- PCC to set a five year Police and Crime Plan.
- Plan will set the strategic direction of policing in Wiltshire and Swindon.
- Wider than the current Policing Plan.
- Engagement and consultation about the plan.

Police and Crime Plan: outline

- Importance of community forums and 'asset-based' community development.
- Protecting the most vulnerable in society.
- Putting victims and witnesses first.
- Reducing offending and reoffending.
- Improving quality of life through reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Driving up standards of customer service.
- Ensuring unfailing and timely response to calls for assistance.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlocking the resources to deliver. <p>Asset based community development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities full of individuals with a vast range of talents. • Community involvement a main part of providing services. • Groups and key individuals seen as primary ‘building blocks’ of sustainable community development. <p>Police and Crime Plan: summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and Crime Plan will set the strategic direction of policing in Wiltshire and Swindon. • Public consultation on a draft plan via website feedback facility from 18 February – 10 March. • More information will be available on www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk <p>Questions raised from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you mean when you say “unlocking resources”? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Getting the community to work together – unlocking their goodwill. <p>The Chairman thanked Angus MacPherson for his presentation and invited him to attend future Tidworth Area Board meetings.</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>Tidworth Community Area Blog Site</u></p> <p>Matthew Woolford - Communications, Wiltshire Council outlined the setting up of the Tidworth community blogsite.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>What we are seeking to achieve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on social media revolution with a series of digital community notice boards. • Increase opportunity for people to engage locally. • Provide a free virtual space communities can use to promote events and news. • Partnership with existing local online sites and publications. |

What we have developed

- A digital notice board that can be used by the whole community.
- Fully interactive.
- Accessible by the whole community.
- One for every community in Wiltshire.

How it works

- Stories, events and comments posted by Wiltshire Council, parish councils, community groups, organisations, businesses and individuals.
- Maintained by the council.
- Moderated by council and users.

How people can get involved

- Post news, events, jobs and ideas.
- Comment on other people's news and ideas.
- Promote the community site through your own sites.
- Use a page on the site to provide community info.
- Become a community reporter.

The story so far

- Ten sites launched in Salisbury, South West Wiltshire, Malmesbury, Melksham, Corsham, Devizes, Bradford on Avon, Pewsey and Tidworth.
- Sign up from key partners.
- Dozens of people already registered to post stories.
- First community reporters trained.

What next

- Launch of the remaining sites
- More contact with community groups
- Increase marketing of existing sites

Questions raised from the floor included:

- Is it Wiltshire Council's role to fund a community blogsite, and how much is it costing?
a. It is a relative cheap way to communicate at a local level. It has cost £10,091 to develop and launch all 18 sites (or £560 per site) and costs £6,500 per year to maintain, upgrade and host for all 18 sites (or £360 per site/per year)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Wiltshire Council administrators monitor the usage? <i>a. Yes, usage will be monitored by Wiltshire Council staff.</i> • Will there be provision for local business advertising on it? <i>a. No, business related news would be acceptable, but not advertising, there are other local non-Wiltshire Council sites where local business can advertise.</i> • Would the Chamber of Commerce be able to put their newsletter on the blogsite? <i>a. Yes, it would appear on the blogsite as a link to the Chamber of Commerce website.</i> • Does the blogsite have live streaming? <i>a. Yes, users want quick access and use.</i> • Can anybody submit items on it? <i>a. No, users who wish to submit news submissions would have to register in the first instance, however casual users can just blog casually on other parts of the site.</i> <p>The Chairman thanked Matthew Woolford for his presentation.</p> |
| 8 | <p><u>Youth Service & Youth Advisory Group Update</u></p> <p>Maxine Gibson - Principal Education Welfare Officer, Wiltshire Council and Wendy Higginson – Youth Services gave an update the Area Board on current integrated youth services.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were various strands of youth work including prevention services and homeless youth work. • Targeted youth work for young people with extra needs. • Helping young people full fill their aspirations through needs led youth work in their own communities. • That Youth Service provision wasn't just playing pool etc, but helping to develop young people for the move into adulthood. • That Wiltshire Council had made a commitment to continue with its youth work offer, which is still provided by an "in house" team, with a youth centre in every community area. • That some thirty four hours of youth work is provided per week throughout the Tidworth community area. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That youth work is a high priority for Wiltshire Council. <p>Youth Advisory Group – update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) had meet on Thursday 17 January for a very well attended meeting. • The YAG meetings would fall between the Area Board meetings, so that the YAG could feed into the Area Board process. • The YAG meetings would be held at various locations, the next meeting would be held on the 28 February. • The YAG were looking for volunteers to work with them. <p>The Chairman thanked Maxine Gibson and Wendy Higginson for their presentation.</p> |
| 9 | <p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Connolly updated the Area Board on the Community Area Transport Group meeting that had been held on the 15 October 2012 at the Castledown Business Park.</p> <p>These minutes were noted and are now included as part of the 21 January 2013, Tidworth Area Board on-line agenda pack.</p> <p>The following expenditure was approved by the Tidworth Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levell Court – road markings had been ordered, work to be carried out when the weather is favourable. • Horse warning signs, Tidworth – had been ordered, work should be complete within six – eight weeks. Agreed that Cllr Mark Connolly would contact the Polo Club for its contribution of one third of the cost £342. • Manor Bridge Court light scheme – agreed to approve £436.69 from the current budget and approve £2,000 from next’s year’s budget. <p>Note: Cllr Mark Connolly declared a personal interest in this scheme, as he is a local resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A338/A346 Collingbourne Ducis – agreed to approve £750 for a survey for a possible controlled crossing. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netheravon bus stop and Cadley Road traffic calming schemes had now been completed. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Connolly for his update.</p> |
| 10 | <p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils and other Partners</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Mike Franklin. The written update distributed with the agenda was noted with the following point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service had produced 30,000 high viz arm bands which would be made available to schools throughout Wiltshire, the arm bands could also be obtained from local fire stations. <p>NHS Wiltshire. The written update was noted.</p> <p>Wiltshire Police – Insp Christian Lange. The written update distributed with the agenda was noted with the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That ten warrants had been issued during December 2012 in the Tidworth community area. • That Wiltshire Police continue to work alongside the Military Police and HM Revenue & Customs. <p>Tidworth Garrison - Col Paddy Tabor. Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Garrison had enjoyed its extra Week’s Christmas leave. • That the Garrison Theatre was expected to be opened during September 2013, the seat area would be named the “Pickernell Auditorium” to recognise the work of Tony Pickernell and the Pickernell family in the local community. <p>Tidworth Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell. Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCAP thanked the Area Board for the approval of the grant which enabled local children to attend the Christmas band concert. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It had been agreed that Six Form pupils of the Wellington Academy would input data for the new Community Plan, it was agreed that the pupils would have pizza provided as a thank you for their hard work. • A youth themed meeting was planned for the 7 February 2013. <p>Netheravon Parish Council – David Burke. Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A big thank you to the Area Board for the funds for the new bus stop on the A345. • Another pedal car race was planned for Saturday 25 May 2013, entrance open to all. <p>Extended Services – Julie Tremlin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just about to embark on some inter-active work with students at the Wellington Academy. Students would be invited to vote for what facilities they would like to included in the Tidworth community area campus project. • That a meeting was to be held on the 7 February to work out what skill sets are available to put together the Summer youth programme. <p>Wellington Academy – Andy Scofield.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Academy now has 1,000 students of which 65 are currently boarders. <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p> |
| 11 | <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider three applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding, one member project and two applications seeking Youth Initiatives Funding</p> <p>Decision TCAP- Second Tranche Funding – awarded £5,024.</p> <p><i>Reason</i> <i>The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan as TCAP is the body charged with development of a plan for the community area.</i></p> |

Decision

Young Peoples Initiative - 5th Wiltshire Baden-Powell Ludgershall Scout Group – awarded £1,000.

Reason

The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to promote and encourage the development of new community groups and organisations, to support the work and continuation of youth organisations, to improve participation by young people in community life and decision making processes and to encourage community involvement and volunteering.

Decision

TCAP- Community Area Awards - Member Project – awarded £993.

Reason

The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to promote and encourage community involvement and volunteering.

Decision

Young People's Initiative, Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall Trust -awarded £900 for table tennis equipment for young people. Agreed that the table tennis equipment could be used by Extended Services for the Summer young peoples programme if required.

Reason

The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to provide activities, facilities and services for young people, to improve participation by young people in community life and to encourage community involvement and volunteering.

Decision

Ludgershall Town Council One Stop Shop – awarded £2,500.

Reason

The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to communicate effectively across the community area and ensure that good quality and timely information is available to the local community.

Decision

Kennet Community Transport – awarded £500.

Reason

The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to ensure the provision and maintenance of transport opportunities across the community area particularly for those who are elderly, disabled or living in isolated rural communities.

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| | <p>Councillors were asked to note two applications funded between board meetings under delegated authority to Community Area Manager, meeting the grants criteria and approved by Councillors.</p> <p>Young Peoples Initiative T2A- portable basketball hoops – awarded £430 as a small grant.</p> <p>Enford Village Hall - Digital broadband enabler- awarded £348 as a small grant.</p> |
| 12 | <p><u>Date of Next Meeting, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on Monday 18 March 2013 at the Castle Primary School, Ludgershall.</p> |