

MINUTES

Meeting: South West Wiltshire Area Board
Place: The Grove Building, Church St, Mere, Warminster BA12 6DS
Date: 29 May 2024
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 10.12 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Nabil Najjar (Chairman) and Cllr Bridget Wayman (Vice-Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Karen Linaker – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Karlene Jammeh – Area Board Delivery Officer
Dom Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer
Matt Hitch – Democratic Services Officer

Total in attendance: 40

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
15	<p><u>Election of Chairman 2024/25</u></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer opened the meeting and called for nominations for the position of Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Cllr Bridget Wayman nominated Cllr Nabil Najjar for the position of Chairman, which was seconded by Cllr Pauline Church.</p> <p>There were no further nominations.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To approve Cllr Nabil Najjar as Chairman for 2024/25.</p>
16	<p><u>Election of Vice-Chairman 2024/25</u></p> <p>The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Cllr Pauline Church nominated Cllr Bridget Wayman for the position, which was seconded by the Chairman.</p> <p>There were no further nominations.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To elect Cllr Bridget Wayman as Vice-Chairman for 2024/25.</p>
17	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brady Morris – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service • Irene Kohler – Silver Salisbury
18	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr George Jeans declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in relation to grant application ABG1720 from Mere Snooker Club. As set out in the Code of Conduct, Cllr Jeans left the room and did not take part in the discussion or vote on the item.</p>
19	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:</p>

	<p>Decision</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>
20	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman highlighted that people interested in becoming foster parents could find out more information on Wiltshire Council's website or email fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk.</p> <p>He also noted that a general election would be held on 4 July, so encouraged people to vote for their preferred candidate.</p>
21	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the Information Items as set out in the agenda pack, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First – pages 19 - 28 • Update from BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Together (Integrated Care System) – pages 31 - 34 • Healthwatch Wiltshire – page 35 • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy – pages 37 - 38 ○ Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement – pages 39 - 40 ○ Multiply – numeracy support for adults - pages 41 - 42
22	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the written updates attached to the agenda and received the following verbal updates:</p> <p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson, OBE, MPhil</u></p> <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was pleased to report that Wiltshire Police had come out of special measures. He also provided an update on his plans to create a new policing hub in the south of the county. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The absence of a major hub in the south of the county made it harder for Wiltshire Police to deliver the quality of service that they would like. • Services were currently hosted in a number of different sites, such as the Criminal investigations Department in Amesbury and the Child Exploitation Team in Melksham, which meant that delivering services in the south of the county was less efficient than if there was a central hub. • Two potential sites for the new hub were under consideration, one at Old

Sarum, near Salisbury, and one at High Post, on an industrial park development site between Salisbury and Amesbury.

- Wiltshire Police were in negotiations to buy a six-acre site at Old Sarum.
- The PCC emphasised that the construction of a new hub would be subject to planning permission being granted by Wiltshire Council. There was a chance that planning would not be granted on the Old Sarum site, so he was also supporting a planning application on the High Post site.
- If the Chief Constable, Catherine Roper, decided that there was an operational requirement, then it was also possible that a custody suite would be built as part of the southern policing hub.
- When the PCC had started his role Wiltshire Police had been put into special measures and entered a process called ENGAGE.
- The Chief Constable and PCC were determined to build a more efficient and effective force and had made persistent improvement.
- Wiltshire Police had now come out of the ENGAGE process and was judged to be adequate and good in some areas. There was still much work to be done and the PCC expected that Wiltshire Police would be judged to be good across the board within two years.
- The PCC would be hosting a national conference on rural crime on 6 and 7 June.
- Given his background as an intelligence officer, the PCC wanted Wiltshire Police to become more pre-emptive in anticipating crimes.
- The PCC was in the process of re-writing his crime plan and emphasised that public feedback would inform his policy goals.

Warminster Neighbourhood Police Team – Inspector Lou Oakley

Inspector Oakley delivered an update including the following points:

- Neighbourhood policing focussed on community partnership and engagement.
- Her team consisted of a Sergeant, five Police Constables (PCs) and five Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), which covered Warminster and Westbury as well as Mere and Tisbury. One PC and one PCSO were allocated to Mere and Tisbury.
- The team were hoping to recruit an additional PCSO to improve staffing levels, but a potential new recruit would be required to complete a degree apprenticeship.
- Warminster Neighbourhood Police Team would have greater staff availability going forward as one of their PCs had recently completed her officer safety training.
- Lots of preventative work had taken place to tackle burglaries in Tisbury, which had led to a reduction in the number of incidents.
- An arrest had been made in Mere the previous week for a drug related offence.

- She encouraged the public to contact her if they had not seen officers on patrol in their area or seen the mobile police van.

Following the updates from the PCC and Inspector Oakley, points of discussion included:

- The Area Board thanked the PCC and Inspector Oakley for their updates and welcomed the news that Wiltshire Police had come out of the ENGAGE process.
- A new operational model had been adopted for Wiltshire Police's response teams. There had been some teething problems with the new model, so it was being revised by the PCC and Chief Constable to make response times quicker.
- Wiltshire Police had four mobile stations and the PCC stated that he would love to have them visit South West Wiltshire.
- The Vice-Chairman thanked the PCC for his assistance in getting more police enforcement on the East Knoyle bypass.
- Wiltshire Police had issued over 11,000 speed enforcement tickets in 2023, a big increase on previous years, and had seen a 25 percent reduction in serious injuries from road traffic collisions.
- Wiltshire Police enforced both 20mph and 30mph speed limits, but priority was given to the 30mph zones due to the increased risk.
- Fovant Parish Council noted that they had given a large amount of Speed Indicator Device (SID) data to Wiltshire Police but raised concerns that enforcement action was only undertaken on one of the quieter roads in the village. The PCC stated that he would make further enquiries with Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership.
- It was noted that groups of bikers often sped on the A30. The PCC confirmed that Wiltshire Police were able to take speed enforcement action against motorbikes and had taken firm action in Swindon, where the issue was more prevalent. He was also keen to take further action in less urban parts of the county.
- The PCC would look at how SID data could be best utilised following feedback from Broad Chalke and Bishopstone.
- Cllr Richard Budden highlighted concerns about speeding in Donhead St Mary.
- Barford St Martin Parish Council stated that they would welcome a swifter process to set up a Community Speed Watch.
- The PCC encouraged people to contact him directly if they had any concerns. He had reformed the complaints handling process, so that customer service complaints about Wiltshire Police were now being handled directly by his office.
- There were now 115 Community Speed Watch teams in Wiltshire.
- Reassurance was provided that the neighbourhood teams were not the only officers on duty at any one time. There were a number of other teams permanently available, including a rural crime team and response teams.

- There were 214 more officers in post than when the PCC came to office, 160 funded by the government uplift and the remainder from prioritising recruitment of front line rather than back-room staff.
- Wiltshire had the lowest crime rate per capita of any force in the country and was the second worst funded.
- Crime could be reported by emailing officers directly, or their neighbourhood team inbox. Urgent matters could be reported by ringing 101 or 999.

Salisbury Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Tony Mears, Associate Director of Strategy, was pleased to report that they would be opening a new ward, Imber Ward, in mid-June. He informed the Area Board that the Integrated Care Board was undertaking a procurement process to commission 63 services across BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire over the next nine years, in order to deliver better integrated services.

In response to a query about the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), the Associate Director of Strategy explained that it would be used to inform priorities. It was noted that South West Wiltshire had a higher proportion of older people than the Wiltshire average. There were a number of projects going on in the south of the county, such as Silver Salisbury. There was also still money unallocated for Neighbourhood Collaborative projects.

Health and Wellbeing Group

Cllr Budden referred the Area Board to the report in Agenda Supplement 1. The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager, Karen Linaker, explained that the group had discussed a number of issues, including how to better support people with autism with their mental health.

Nadder Centre Steering Group

Cllr Budden explained that the aim of the group was to represent the community and work together to make the centre a success. He noted that there was a report on pages 75 and 76 of the agenda pack.

Edd Pooley, the Leisure Area Manager South, outlined how the centre were seeking to meet Wiltshire Council's environmental and financial stability goals. He reported that the centre had seen a 27 percent increase in membership over the 2023/24 financial year, with nearly 15,000 individual gym visits. He highlighted a number of actions that were being taken at the centre, including running trampoline classes and gave examples of partnership working, such as the Coffee Angels pilot study and working with local schools.

Explore Wiltshire App

The Chairman referred the Area Board to the report on page 77 of the agenda

	<p>pack. He was pleased to report that Tisbury and Wilton had both now been added to the app.</p> <p><u>Stourton with Gasper Parish Council</u></p> <p>A petition was submitted by Cllr Ashley Gray on behalf of residents of Stourton Lane, Kilmington Wiltshire, requesting the extension of the proposed reduction of the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on the C55 included Stourton Parish as requested by Stourton with Gasper Parish Council.</p> <p>After taking advice form Democratic Services, the Chairman noted that it would not be possible to debate the petition as it not been submitted 10 clear working days in advance of the meeting. However, Cllr Gray was given the opportunity to make a three-minute statement. Cllr Gray challenged Wiltshire Council’s reliance upon the judgement of Atkins over and above Department for Transport guidance. He emphasised that the role of the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) was to give weight to local concerns. He also noted that he had written to Wiltshire Council’s Cabinet Member for Highways but was yet to receive a response.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Gray for the petition and encouraged him to remain in contact with his local member, Cllr George Jeans.</p> <p>The Area Board also noted the following written updates from partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Warminster Community Police Team update (pages 43 – 56) ➢ Salisbury Community Police Team update (pages 57 – 62) ➢ Road Safety update (pages 63 – 74) • Nadder Centre Steering Group (pages 75-76) • Explore Wiltshire (page 77)
23	<p><u>Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p><u>2023/24</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM), Karen Linaker, gave on overview of the progress that the Area Board had made towards its priority goals in 2023/24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening youth engagement • Addressing environmental issues in partnership with Cranborne Chase National Landscape • Supporting older people and vulnerable adults’ health and wellbeing • Supporting the local economy <p>She noted that the Area Board contained nearly 200 community groups, which</p>

did their best to work collectively and that the Area Board had been involved in 22 engagement events over the last financial year. Highlights included setting up a youth partnership forum, holding Big Green Week events and holding a health and wellbeing day at Steeple Langford Lakes.

The SEPM shared data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, breaking down the Area Board's area into quintiles based on their level of deprivation. She observed that the Area Board had awarded the majority of its funding to areas in the second most deprived quintile and that few grants had gone to the most affluent areas.

The Area Board then watched a video showing some of their highlights of their work from the previous year.

Seeds4Success

Jakki Farrell from the youth charity Seeds4Success gave an update on the youth work that they had carried out over the last year, including a number of projects supported by the Area Board. The charity held three main sessions per week, in Tisbury on Mondays, Wilton on Tuesdays and Mere on Fridays. They were also involved in a wide array of other projects, including helping young people not in education, employment, or training (NEET), supporting the summer holiday FUEL programme for children from deprived backgrounds and running targeted outreach sessions. She explained that they had a revenue of approximately £200,000 and had received around £15,000 from the Area Board over the past year.

A number of young people attended the meeting and explained how they had benefitted from the projects being run by Seeds4Success. Projects included:

- The Young Leaders Social Action Scheme, where young people could be involved in running sessions for younger children.
- The Leisure Credits Scheme, where young people could do community work to earn rewards, such as a trip to Thorpe Park.
- Health and wellbeing sessions at the Nadder Centre, including a range of sporting and artistic activities.
- Drop-in sessions in Mere, where young people could bake and make new friends.
- The Bridging Project, helping children with additional needs learn life skills.
- The Alliance Youth Action Scheme for year 11s, where young people could get involved in charity fundraising, gain qualifications and go on residential trips.

The Area Board thanked the young people for their updates and praised the youth work going on in the community.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

The Area Board watched a video presentation from Wiltshire Council's Director of Public Health, Professor Kate Blackburn, on the JSNA. The SEPM highlighted some of the particular challenges identified in South West Wiltshire, such as an aging population, with 8.5 percent of residents in South West Wiltshire being 80 years old or above in 2021. There was also a relatively high level of self-harm compared to other areas. She then invited councillors to use the JSNA data to inform their priorities for the forthcoming year.

Priorities for 2024/25

Having reviewed the JSNA data, the Area Board considered how it could make the greatest difference to the community and where it had capacity to make a significant impact. Issues discussed included whether the Area Board could prioritise the health and wellbeing of younger people, as well as older adults. Given the issues highlighted about road safety during the meeting, and at the recent Highway Matters event, they also considered whether they could add road safety to their community safety priority.

The Area Board noted that much of the economic support offered by Wiltshire Council was undertaken at a central level and they were not able to have the same impact at an Area Board level. Given that they felt that they would be able to have a greater direct impact on the community by focussing on their other priority areas, they felt that the best course of action would be to remove the economic priority from 2023/24.

The wording for the Area Board's environmental priority was debated. The Area Board discussed whether to add energy to the title of this priority area, or whether additional wording was required to cover the response to climate change.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To agree the following Area Board priority areas for 2024/25:

- **Youth Engagement and Wellbeing**
- **Older and Vulnerable Adults Health and Wellbeing**
- **The Environment**
- **Community and Road Safety**

Having decided on their priority areas, the Area Board then discussed which members would be appointed to lead on each priority area. The Chairman noted that he would be happy to take a convening role, working across all four areas. It

	<p>was also noted that, although there was lead member for each priority, all members would be welcome towards the goals.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To appoint the following lead members to act as lead members to deliver the Area Board's priority goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Engagement and Wellbeing – Cllr Pauline Church • Older and Vulnerable Adults Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Richard Budden • The Environment – Cllr George Jeans • Community and Road Safety – Cllr Bridget Wayman
24	<p><u>Fovant Village Emergency Contact Hub</u></p> <p>Cllr Martin Wallis from Fovant Parish Council delivered a presentation about their new emergency contact hub. He explained that Fovant had around 700 residents, including 149 over the age of 80 and 29 over the age of 90. There had been a lengthy power outage in the village in 2022, so the parish council identified a need for an emergency hub. Following a report to the Area Board about emergency contact hubs in March 2023 they had applied for a £10,000 grant from SSE for a generator. He also thanked the Area Board for part funding the project, as well as the contractors who had given up their time free of charge to complete the work. The hub included emergency lighting, as well as disabled access facilities. He reported that the hub had already had a use as their village hall had flooded. He encouraged other parishes to set up similar hubs and noted that further information was available at https://wiltshireandswindonprepared.org.uk.</p> <p>During the discussion, the Area Board thanked Fovant Parish Council for the presentation and were pleased to see parishes setting up emergency hubs. It was noted that around 35 emergency contact hubs had been set up in Wiltshire so far including in Bishopstone and Zeals. The aim was to get to around 200 hubs across the county.</p> <p>Cllr George Jeans reminded parishes that they would be responsible for annual upkeep of equipment such as generators. Cllr Richard Budden took the opportunity to praise Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council, for revising Wiltshire's emergency plan following the Salisbury poisonings and recent extreme weather. Cllr Wallis from Fovant Parish Council highlighted that if a parish set up a hub it would not impact the responsibility of Wiltshire Council to provide support, as the hubs were primarily designed to provide support for</p>

	the first 24 hours after an incident.
25	<p><u>Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups</u></p> <p>It was noted by the Chairman that the Area Board did not have any outside bodies, but they would need to appoint representatives to the Nadder Centre Steering Group and Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG). Cllr Richard Budden and the Vice-Chairman indicated that they would be happy to continue in their roles as the Area Board’s representatives on those respective groups. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Pauline Church, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>a) To appoint Members as Lead Representatives to the Non-Priority Working Groups and to the LHFIG as set out in Appendix A (page 97 of the agenda pack),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Richard Budden – Nadder Centre Steering Group • Cllr Bridget Wayman – Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group <p>b) To note the Terms of Reference for the LHFIG as set out in Appendices B (pages 99 – 102)</p> <p>c) To note the Nadder Centre Steering Group Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix C (pages 103 – 106).</p>
26	<p><u>Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group</u></p> <p>The Area Board’s Chairman took the opportunity to congratulate the Area Board’s Vice-Chairman, Cllr Bridget Wayman, on her appointment as the Chairman of Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>The Area Board then considered the report and funding recommendations arising from the latest Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting held on 8 May 2024.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Area Board’s Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To approve the following recommendations of the LHFIG on 8 May 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4a – Kilmington 30mph Speed Limit – £ 6,459.86 • 4d – Dinton ANPR Survey – £3,375.00 • 4h – A350 Speed Limit Assessment – £2,325.00

Area Board Funding

The Area Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting and heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of, and were questioned about, their projects. It was noted that the Area Board did not have sufficient funding to award all the Community Area Grants in full, as they would be £1,299 overdrawn.

Community Area Grants

i. Mere Snooker Club

The sum of £1,100 was requested towards new efficient halogen heaters.

Cllr George Jeans left the room and did not participate in the discussion, or vote on, the application having declared a pecuniary interest.

During the discussion, some members stated that they would love to support the club but, considering the relatively small membership of 32 and the limited capital funding available, they felt that a smaller grant award would be appropriate. The Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM) stated that she could try to help the club look for alternative sources of funding.

On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Richard Budden, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Mere Snooker Club £220 towards new efficient halogen heaters.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25. The Area Board awarded a lower than requested amount as it did not have sufficient funding to award all of the grants in full.

ii. Tisbury and District Community Minibus Ltd

The sum of £5,000 was requested towards a new minibus with a vehicular wheelchair chair lift.

On the proposal of The Vice-Chairman, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved to make the:

Decision

To award Tisbury and District Community Minibus Ltd £5,000 towards a new minibus with a vehicular wheelchair lift.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.

iii. Chalke Valley Sports Centre

The sum of £5,000 was requested for resurfacing their multi use game area.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Chalke Valley Sport Centre £5,000 towards resurfacing their multi use game area.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.

iv. **Chalke Valley Fete Committee**

The sum of £1,750 was requested towards infrastructure improvements for the show.

Representatives from Chalke Valley Fete explained that, although they had originally requested £3,000, they were now only £1,750. The money would go towards improving safety and providing an electrical supply to the far end of the site.

During the debate, the Area Board welcomed the proposal and felt that it would be a good event. However, some members expressed reservations about funding the requested amount due to an increase in the number of one-off events requesting funding. It was noted that the Area Board had funded the event the previous year, so concerns were raised about setting a precedent of providing funding over multiple years when similar events in other parishes had not received funding.

The Area Board agreed that they should develop a framework for future grant applications to support start-up costs and allow events to become self-sustaining.

On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Pauline Church, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Chalke Valley Fete Committee £600 towards infrastructure improvements for the show.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25. A lower than requested amount was awarded as the Area Board had concerns about funding events over multiple years and had a limited budget remaining.

v. **Barford St Martin Community Fund**

The sum of £1,635 was requested towards the Barford St Martin Traffic Management Project.

Morag Walker from Barford St Martin Community Fund explained that the funding would go towards the purchase of a speed indicator device (SID).

As parish councils were not able to apply to the Area Board for Community Area Grant funding, questions were asked about how the community fund operated and its relationship with Barford St Martin Parish Council. The community fund representative explained that the parish council had consulted on their precept with residents and that they had not felt able to increase it. The community fund had been established to support independent projects and had carried out lots of fundraising, including at the village fete. They contributed to a number of projects aligned with the aims of Wiltshire Council.

During the debate, the Area Board recognised the importance of road safety and noted that they were sympathetic to the project. One member expressed concerns about the application, given that the Area Board's Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) did not accept applications from parish councils for SIDs. Other members noted that the Area Board had supported SID applications in the past and noted that the application met grant criteria.

The Area Board agreed that they would also review the process for future SID applications when they were reviewing their procedure for applications to support one off events.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Church, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Barford St Martin Community Fund £1,635 towards the Barford St Martin Traffic Management Project.

Reason: *The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.*

vi. **Grove Building Mere**

The sum of £5,000 was requested towards the provision of modern audio-visual equipment.

On the proposal of Cllr Jeans, seconded by the Cllr Budden, it was resolved:

Decision

To award the Grove Building Mere £5,000 towards the provision of modern audio-visual equipment.

Reason: *The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.*

vii. Fovant Badges Society

The sum of £1,000 was requested towards Fovant Badges Diorama.

Jose Green, Chairman of Fovant Badges Society, explained that they would be providing £8,000 of the £10,000 cost and that a diorama was an information board that would be placed in a layby to display the history of the badges.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Jeans, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Fovant Badges Society £1,000 towards a diorama.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.

viii. Mere Footpath Group

The sum of £440 was requested for equipment.

On the proposal of Cllr Jeans, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Mere Footpath Group £440 towards equipment.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25.

ix. Parish of Sacred Heart Tisbury and All Saints Wardour

The sum of £4,000 was requested towards proposed improvements to Sacred Heart Tisbury Parish Rooms.

Robert, the treasurer of Sacred Heart Tisbury Parish Rooms, explained that it was a small parish room and was used by the wider community. The room was refurbished in the 1960s and had been divided by a stud wall.

During the discussion, it was noted that the parish would also be funding a much larger project to refurbish the flat above the parish room. The Area Board were keen to support the refurbishment of the parish room but felt that a figure of £1,000 would be appropriate given its size.

On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Budden, it was resolved:

Decision

The Area Board awarded the sum of £1,000 to Parish of Sacred Heart Tisbury and All Saints Wardour for improvements to Sacred Heart Tisbury Parish Rooms.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2024/25. The Area Board only had limited funding available for the remainder of the financial year.

Older and Vulnerable Adult's Grants

x. Compton Chamberlayne Parochial Church Council

The sum of £1,250 was requested towards their fourth annual concert.

A representative from the Parochial Church Council explained that their concert would be more ambitious than in previous years and would host international class performers.

During the discussion, the Area Board praised the high-quality event and spoke of their admiration for the arts and bringing them to a new audience. However, it was noted that the Area Board's Health and Wellbeing Group were not supportive of awarding the application as they had reservations about the cost and wider community benefit.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Jeans, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Compton Chamberlayne Parochial Church Council £750 towards their fourth annual concert.

Reason: The application met the Older and Vulnerable Adult's Grant Criteria 2024/25. A lower than requested amount was awarded as the Area Board were keen to support the arts but concerns about the wider community benefit.

xi. Silver Salisbury Group

The sum of £965 was requested towards drop in coffee mornings for older people in Wilton.

Cllr Church observed that there were five care homes in Wilton and they would be a valuable opportunity for people unable to travel long distances. It was noted that the applicant had attended the Area Board's Health and Wellbeing Group who were very supportive.

On the proposal of the Cllr Church, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Silver Salisbury Group £965 towards drop in coffee mornings for older people in Wilton.

Reason: The application met the Older and Vulnerable Adult's Grant Criteria 2024/25.

xii. Barford St Martin Community Fund

The sum of £212 was requested towards Barford St Martin Village Fete.

Morag Walker from Barford St Martin Community Fund explained that revenue from the fete was used to support projects, including those that supported wildlife and biodiversity.

During the discussion, the Area Board complemented the project. They also reiterated the desirability of annual fetes being self-funding in the longer term and that they would review their processes for these types of application.

On the proposal of the Chairman seconded by the Cllr Church, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Barford St Martin Community Fund £212 towards Barford St Martin Village Summer Fete.

Reason: The application met the Older and Vulnerable Adult's Grant Criteria 2024/25.

Young People's Grants

xiii. Semley Music Festival Community Group

The sum of £1,000 was requested for Semley Music Festival

The SEPM confirmed that although the community group were awarded funding at the previous meeting, they were able to bid again.

On the proposal of Cllr Church, seconded by Cllr Jeans, it was resolved:

Decision

To award Semley Music Festival £1,000.

Reason: The application met the Young People's Grant Criteria 2024/25.

xiv. Fovant Youth Club

The sum of £500 was requested towards structured sports for the summer.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Jeans, it was resolved:

	<p><u>Decision</u> To award Fovant Youth Club £500 towards structured sports for the summer. <u>Reason:</u> <i>The application met the Young People's Grant Criteria 2024/25.</i></p> <p>Information links: Area Board Grants and Grants Criteria</p>
28	<p><u>Urgent Items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>