

MINUTES

Meeting: WESTBURY AREA BOARD
Place: The Laverton Hall, Bratton Road, Westbury
Date: 12 April 2018
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.25 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Russell Hawker (Chairman), Cllr David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Gordon King and Cllr Jerry Wickham

Wiltshire Council Officers

Liam Cripps – Community Engagement Manager
Jan Bowra – Local Youth Facilitator
Stuart Figini – Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Westbury Town Council – Ian Cunningham
Coulston Parish Council – Ian Lafferty
Dilton Marsh Parish Council – Sonja Harris
Edington Parish Council – Mike Swabey, David Pike and Wendy Pollard
Heywood Parish Council – Francis Morland

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andy Fee
BA13+ Community Area Partnership – Carole King

Others

Westbury Gasification Action Group – Margaret Cavanna
Westbury Gasification Action Group – Maggy Daniell
Local Resident – Dr Biggs

Local Resident – Peter Smith
KP Garage and Bodyshop – Marie Pinnell
KP Garage and Bodyshop – Leasa Keely
Matravers Combined Cadet Force – Capt Edward Fairnington
Westbury Utd Football Club – Greg Coulson
Larkrise Farm – Sue Bradbrooke
Larkrise Farm – Zoe Mann
Sovereign – Scott Jacobs-Lange

Total in attendance: 35

<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 meeting of the Westbury Area Board.</p>
2.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>There were no Chairman's announcements.</p>
3.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Phil McMullen – BH13+ Partnership and Darren Nixon – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2018.</p>
6.	<p><u>Thermal Treatment Facility, Stephenson Road, Northacre Trading Estate, Westbury</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the Council's response to an online petition about air quality and the proposed Thermal Treatment Facility in Westbury.</p> <p>The letter referred to waste management, planning and public health issues in relation to the Facility.</p> <p>The following issues were raised during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of objections to the original planning application in 2015. • Concern that Westbury is one of the most polluted towns in Wiltshire. • The role of Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency in determining planning permission and environmental permits. • The impact of Wiltshire Council Waste Policy and its impact on the use of the thermal treatment facility. • Consideration of the planning application by Westbury Town Council and Wiltshire Council. • Impact of the thermal treatment facility on resident's health. • Integrity issues and endorsement of Hills as a responsible waste service provider. • Impact of vehicular traffic using the A350 on air quality in Westbury.

	<p>Resolved: That the response to the online petition be noted.</p>
7.	<p><u>Air Quality</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update report from the Head of Public Protection about air quality in Westbury and how this is monitored, following a request from a ward Councillor.</p> <p>Members noted that concerns had been raised about the recent increase in the use of wood burners and how this could be contributing towards reduced air quality. Reference was also made about the need to monitor fine particulate matter below 2.5 microns as this has been implicated under new research to have an impact on bad health.</p> <p>The report confirmed that there was no evidence to support this theory. It was noted that the main contributor towards poor air quality in Westbury remained road traffic emissions along the A350 and this would only be alleviated following the construction of a bypass around Westbury.</p> <p>Resolved: The report on air quality in Westbury be noted and the Head of Public Protection to confirm if particulate matter below 2.5 microns is monitored.</p>
8.	<p><u>Local Highways Investment Fund</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste about the Road Surfacing Programme 2018/19.</p> <p>The report provided information on the progress made in improving the condition of the County's roads, and advised on the road surfacing schemes to be undertaken in 2018/19, including the schemes for Westbury.</p> <p>Resolved: The Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Acknowledges that there has been a substantial improvement in the overall condition of Wiltshire's roads in recent years, but further investment is still required; ii. Approves the highway maintenance scheme list for the Westbury area in 2018/19; and iii. Notes that a new five-year programme will be developed shortly, making use of the Council's new Highways Infrastructure Asset Management System (HIAMS), to ensure best value for money and whole life costing for the highways asset.
9.	<p><u>The Big Pledge 2018</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager explained that the 'Big Pledge 2018'</p>

	<p>would be launching on Monday 16th April 2018, with a start date of 14th May and goes on until 18th July 2018. He explained that this year's event differed from previous events in as much as it is linked to the Commonwealth Games on the Goldcoast, Australia and those taking part would be logging the amount of time they were exercising rather than the distance covered.</p> <p>The Area Board noted that schools were being encouraged to take part with the first 50 to sign up receiving a free kit bag.</p>
10.	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board received and noted the following updates from key partners :-</p> <p>(a) Wiltshire Police Inspector Andy Fee presented his report from which referred to a number of operational staffing matters, the introduction of daily crime updates for the local community available via email, outcome of recent speed checks in Bitham Park, Westbury, and updates on reported crime in the Westbury area.</p> <p>(b) Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>(c) Westbury LYN Jan Bowra, Locality Youth Facilitator, presented a report requesting the Area Board to consider three applications for Youth Grant Funding as detailed in the agenda pack.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager explained that the LYN budget for 2018/19 had not been released and therefore it would be difficult for the Area Board to consider grant applications at this stage. It was expected that the LYN budget allocation for 2018/19 would be reduced.</p> <p>A number of applicants gave brief statements about the reasons for their grant requests.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>i) That the following Youth Grant application be agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KP Garage and Body Shop for teaching skills in the motor trade to local young people - £2,000, with the outstanding amount of £3,000 to be considered at the next meeting of the Area Board, once the LYN budget has been allocated. <p>ii) That the following Youth Grant applications be deferred to the next meeting of the Area Board, once the LYN budget has been allocated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matraver's School for a combined cadet force corps of

	<p style="text-align: center;">drums for £4,900.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Adventure Trust for vulnerable young people 2018 Forest Camps for £3,000; <p>(d) BA13+ Community Area Partnership The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>Carole King (Chairman of the BA13+ Partnership) presented the report and highlighted that Dementia Action Week was taking place between 21st – 27th May 2018.</p> <p>(e) Healthwatch Wiltshire The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>(f) Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>(g) Westbury Town Council The Deputy Mayor, Westbury Town Council, reported that a litter pick with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust had taken place on 12th April 2018, a Town Councillor vacancy had arisen following a recent resignation, an art exhibition would be taking place at the Laverton Hall on 21st April 2018 and the Annual Town Meeting was taking place on 23rd April 2018, again at the Laverton Hall.</p> <p>(h) Eddington Parish Council The Chairman of Eddington parish Council reported that the final version of the Parish Development Plan had now been launched and was available on the Parish council website. He also commented on a Parish Clean Up day taking place on 14th April 2018.</p> <p>(i) Community Engagement Manager The Community Engagement Manager (CEM) reported that 130 applications had been received for the upcoming Young People Awards evening on 19th June 2018, at Matravers School. He explained that the deadline for the awards would be extended and encouraged the Area Board to consider making nominations. The CEM also mentioned that a litter pick was taking place on 28th April 2018 at the White Horse site, Bratton Camp, in conjunction with the Countryside Team and other volunteers.</p>
11.	<p><u>Supporting Our Community - Feedback from Grant Recipients</u></p> <p>There were no updates from representatives who had received grant funding from the Area Board at previous meetings.</p>
12.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Members considered applications for the Community Area Grants Scheme funding as detailed in the agenda pack, some of which had been deferred from the previous meeting. A number of applicants gave brief statements about the reasons for their grant requests.</p>

	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the following grant applications be agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leigh Park Community Centre towards a bouncy castle - £494.50 and a requirement that the bouncy castle is free to use by the public at the proposed 2 open days this year. Money to be transferred once dates are confirmed and advertised. b. Westbury Rugby Football Club towards the internal refurbishment of the club house - £1000 and a requirement of a free entry rugby fair / festival in the summer offering taster sessions to the Westbury community c. Edington PCC Parish hall towards the provision of disabled toilet facilities - £2,500 d. Heywood Parish Council towards a new parish council noticeboard - £288 e. Westbury United Football Club towards equipment - £1000 on the condition that the club offers free entry for U16's to one home game this season. f. Larkrise Community Farm towards a sensory classroom project - £937.50 (The Board noted that Melksham had awarded £1,500 towards the Project and Trowbridge Area Board awarded the Project the full amount requested of £3,875 on condition that Westbury area board awards the full amount requested from them as well. The Chairman was asked to write to the Trowbridge Area Board to express the concerns of this Area Board about the conditions for grant funding placed on the project) g. Coulston Village Hall towards the village hall refurbishment - £1,852.
13.	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the notes of the Westbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting held on 23rd March 2018.</p> <p>Cllr Francis Morland, Heywood Parish Council, commented on a letter from the Parish Council to the Community Engagement Manager about the withdrawal of the bus services that operate in the Westbury Railway Station area, in particular the Station Road railway overbridge, Slag lane and The Ham, and along Hawkeridge Road. He explained that the Parish Council had not received a response from Wiltshire Council officers dealing with the highway structures and the ability of the overbridge to take a certain weight of vehicle. The Chair referred to the comments received from the Wiltshire Councils Principal</p>

	<p>Engineer on the matter at the CATG meeting held on 23rd March 2018. Further, more detailed advice, was received from the Principal Engineer and was referred to at the meeting.</p> <p>The Area Board noted that Wiltshire Council are currently undertaking a feasibility study in conjunction with Network Rail to see if it is achievable to increase the overall capacity of the bridge to 40 tonnes. This would not be a quick process and would involve some temporary disruption whilst investigations were undertaken on the condition of the structure below road level. This work will be ongoing over the next 6 months.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Morland for his comments and the issues raised. Cllr Morland was asked to forward his technical questions directly to the Principal Engineer for a response at the next CATG meeting, with a copy to Area Board members.</p> <p>Resolved: That the matter be considered further at the next CATG meeting in light of the advice received from the Principal Engineer and that Cllr Morland be invited to attend the meeting.</p>
14.	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
15.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Westbury Area Board will be held on 7th June 2018 at the Laverton, Westbury, BA13 3EN</p>