

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Stonehenge Area Board  
**Place:** Figcheldean Village Hall, Pollen Ln, Figcheldean, Salisbury SP4 8JR  
**Date:** 13 December 2023  
**Start Time:** 18.30pm  
**Finish Time:** 20.00pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Graham Wright (Chairman), Cllr Robert Yuill (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran and Cllr Mark Verbinnen

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager  
Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer  
Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ricky Lee  
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Stuart Gillion & Greg Izon

**Total in attendance: 32**

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<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
41	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Chris Wood – Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</p>
42	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
43	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen declared an interest in a grant application from Amesbury History Centre, and therefore took no part in discussion and did not vote.</p>
44	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements / Information Items</u></p> <p>The following announcements were noted by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSW Together (Integrated Care System) update</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire update</li> <li>• Community First update</li> <li>• Wiltshire Age UK update</li> <li>• Archaeology Service Annual Newsletter 2023</li> <li>• Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site updates – Home page of Stonehenge &amp; Avebury WHS (stonehengeandaveburywhs.org)</li> <li>• Independent Visitor Scheme Update</li> <li>• Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2022-23</li> <li>• Cost of Living update</li> </ul>
45	<p><u>Open Floor - including updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda and invited further updates from Town/Parish Councils and other Partners, including outside bodies. It was noted that the preferred option was for written updates, to minimise time spent during the meeting.</p> <p>Fire Service – Update on Amesbury Fire Station.</p> <p>The station was changing from an on-call fire station to a daily community station after a review in 2021. This would result in a full-time crew operating the station during the day and on-call crew managing the 2 fire engines outside</p>

	<p>those hours. These changes, including any needed to the station building itself, was given a due date of sometime in early 2024.</p> <p>Safety Messages included ensuring smoke alarms are installed in homes and being careful of candles and their placement. The availability of Safe and Well visits to assess homes was mentioned. Issues with flooding and driving through it was mentioned and caution urged. Advice can be found on the Fire and Rescue website.</p> <p>Netheravon – Discussed ongoing work with their community garden of which people were benefitting and being positively impacted.</p> <p>Figcheldean – Stated that they were looking to reduce speed limits on roads.</p>
46	<p><u>Stonehenge Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>Environment – Cllrs Rob Yuill &amp; Kevin Daley highlighted that there were loads of ideas and plans in discussion including a wildflower corridor to pollenate bees. A Carbon Neutral Property being built by Wiltshire Council in Durrington was discussed. The Councillors expressed their interest in other areas of improvement across the Area Board area especially those which could include improvements to homes.</p> <p>Parish Engagement – Cllrs Wright and Blair Pilling mentioned two Local Plan events which had been held in Durrington in October which were well attended and received brilliant feedback.</p>
47	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Verbinnen and Seconded by Cllr Yuill, Durrington Town Council was awarded £5000 towards Durrington Youth Services.</b>  <b><u>Reason - The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2023/24.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Yuill and seconded by Cllr Dr Devendran, £5000 was awarded towards the Rural Youth Outreach Project.</b>  <b><u>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Yuill and seconded by Cllr Verbinnen, Tilshead Village Hall was awarded £5000 towards a Zip Wire.</b>  <b><u>Reason - The application met the Community Area and Youth Grants Criteria 2023/24.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Yuill and seconded by Cllr Blair Pilling, Figcheldean Village Hall was awarded £1,610.86 towards a Parish History Project.</b></p>

	<p><b><u>Reason</u> - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  Proposed by Cllr Yuill and seconded by Cllr Blair Pilling, Figheldean Working Mens Club was awarded £2,295.22 towards an Accessible Toilet and Baby Change Facility.</p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  Proposed by Cllr Yuill and seconded by Cllr Dr Devendran, Amesbury History Centre was awarded £2,560.</p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  Proposed by Cllr Yuill and seconded by Cllr Blair Pilling, Netheravon Working Men’s Club was awarded £2,750 towards a disabled toilet.</p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  Proposed by Cllr Yuill and seconded by Cllr Wright, Amesbury Bowls Club was awarded £5000 towards a new lawn mower.</p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p><b>Delegated Authority - Proposed by Cllr Yuill and seconded by Cllr Wright, Amesbury HWBG was awarded £500.</b></p>
48	<p><b><u>Positive Activities for Young People</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen described a “Free Fun” event that was held in October with Community First. The next LYN meeting was discussed as likely to take place in early January.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  Proposed by Cllr Verbinnen and Seconded by Cllr Yuill, Durrington Town Council was awarded £5000 towards Durrington Youth Services.</p> <p><b><u>Reason</u> - The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2023/24.</b></p>
49	<p><b><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing Group</u></b></p> <p>Supporting Older and Vulnerable People – Cllr Dr Monica Devendran</p> <p>A “Cheerful-Cuppa” meeting was held in September in Durrington and was described as a success. There had also recently been a Christmas Concert event held in partnership with Celebrating Age Wiltshire which was well attended and enjoyed.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  Proposed by Cllr Dr Devendran and seconded by Cllr Verbinnen, The Durrington and District Day Centre was awarded £1000 towards their older</p>

	<p>residents' lunch club.  <u>Reason</u> - <i>The application met the Older and Vulnerable Adults Grants Criteria 2023/24.</i></p>
50	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Board considered the notes and recommendations from the recent meeting of the Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group (LHFIG) on 15 November 2023.</p> <p>The Board was notified that the Netheravon 50mph to 40mph Trial had been agreed for 12 months with speed monitoring 4 times in the year. The public in the area were keen for this change to eventually be made permanent.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Blair-Pilling it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To approve the recommendations from the Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group meeting held on 15 November 2023.</b></p>

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