

MINUTES

Meeting: Corsham Area Board
Place: Selwyn Hall, Valens Terrace, Box, Wiltshire, SN13 8NT
Date: 25 June 2024
Start Time: 19.00pm
Finish Time: 20.30pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson,
Cllr Dr Brian Mathew,
Cllr Derek Walters

Wiltshire Council Officers

Ros Griffiths – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer
Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Pete Foster
Box Parish Council
Colerne Parish Council
Corsham Town Council

Total in attendance: 26

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Election of Chairman</u></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer sought nominations for the position of Chairman of the Corsham Area Board for the 2024/25 municipal year.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Councillor Ruth Hopkinson was elected Chairman of the Corsham Area Board for the 2024/25 municipal year.</p>
2	<p><u>Election of Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>The newly elected Chairman sought nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Corsham Area Board for the 2024/25 municipal year.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Councillor Derek Walters was elected Vice-Chairman of the Corsham Area Board for the 2024/25 municipal year.</p>
3	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
4	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Cllr Helen Belcher OBE</p>
5	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2024 were presented for consideration and it was:</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To approve and sign as a true and correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2024.</p>
6	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
7	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p>

	<p>The Chairman provided information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Area Nature Recovery Strategy • Draft Licensing Policy 2024-2029 • Highways Matters Q&A • Area Board Delivery Officer • Five to Thrive
8	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiply • AGE UK • Healthwatch Wiltshire • BSW Together • Community First
9	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the Road Safety update attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Police - A PowerPoint was noted, with input from Inspector Pete Foster, and is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>Box Parish Council – A written update was presented by Tim Walton and is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>Colerne – A written update was presented and is attached to the minutes.</p>
10	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Cotswolds National Landscapes Voluntary Wardens requested £2000 towards Colerne Rights of Way Improvements.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award Cotswolds National Landscapes Voluntary Wardens £2000 towards Colerne Rights of Way Improvements. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.</p> <p>Box Preschool Group requested £2000 towards playground resurfacing.</p>

Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew

It was:

Resolved

To award Box Preschool Group £2000 towards Rights of Way Improvements.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.

Box Tennis Working Group requested £5000 towards Tennis Court resurfacing.

Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew

It was:

Resolved

To award Box Tennis Working Group a reduced amount of £2500 towards Tennis Court Resurfacing on the provision of further investigation.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.

Box Public Rights of Way Network requested £2500 towards phase 3 of improving the rights of way network.

Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Derek Walters

It was:

Resolved

To award Box Public Rights of Way Network £2500 towards Rights of Way Improvements.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.

1st Neston and Box Scout Group requested £3619.17 towards Scout Group activity equipment.

Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew

It was:

Resolved

To award 1st Neston and Box Scout Group £3619.17 towards Scout Group activity equipment.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.

The Pound Arts Trust Ltd requested £5000 towards new toilets.

	<p>Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award The Pound Arts Trust Ltd requested £5000 towards new toilets. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.</p> <p><u>Older and Vulnerable Adults Grants</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre requested £4765.80 towards volunteer placements for older people.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre a reduced amount of £2500 towards volunteer placements for older people. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Older and Vulnerable Adults Grants Criteria 2024/25.</p> <p><u>Youth Grants</u></p> <p>Corsham Running Club requested £1040 towards their Youth Section.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award Corsham Running Club £1040 towards their Youth Section <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2024/25.</p>
11	<p><u>Area Board End of Year Report</u></p> <p>The Board received the Area Board End of Year Report and presentation from Ros Griffiths (Strategic Engagement Partnerships Manager). The full report was attached to the agenda pack.</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To note the achievements of the Area Board over the last year</p>
12	<p><u>Area Board Looking Forward</u></p>

	<p>The Board received a report from Ros Griffiths (SEPM) which looked ahead to the coming municipal year and beyond. As part of this item, The Chairman, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson moved the following motion, which was seconded by Cllr Derek Walters:</p> <p>1) That the following priorities be adopted by the Corsham Area Board for 2024/2025 as well as the respective Lead Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth engagement and positive activity opportunities (Cllr Helen Belcher) • Addressing climate change (Cllr Derek Walters) • Promoting wellbeing and reducing social isolation in older and vulnerable people (Cllr Dr Brian Mathew) • Supporting the local economy (Cllr Ruth Hopkinson) <p>2) That Cllr Ruth Hopkinson be re-appointed as Councillor Representative for the Corsham Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG), with it noted that all other members were welcome to attend meetings.</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To accept the motion and the appointments within.</p>
13	<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) which took place on 24 April 2024.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew it was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u></p> <p>To approve the recommendations from the meeting of the Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group on 24 April 2024.</p>
14	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 10 October 2024.</p>