

MINUTES

Meeting: Malmesbury Area Board

Place: Online Meeting

Date: 21 September 2021

Start Time: 7.00 pm

Finish Time: 8.45 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Chuck Berry (Chairman), Cllr Gavin Grant (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Martin Smith and Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall

Wiltshire Council Officers

Alexa Davies, Community Engagement Manager
Dom Argar, Technical Support Officer
Ben Fielding, Democratic Services Officer
Diane Ware, Highways Principal Technical Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Roger Budgen, Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Council
Richard Moody, Oaksey Parish Council

Partners

Ellen Blacker, Health and Wellbeing Champion
Philip Wilkinson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon

Total in attendance: 19

<u>Minute 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 Malmesbury Area Board.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Tim Elliott (Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service) and Inspector James Brain (Wiltshire Police).</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2021 were presented for consideration and it was;</p> <p><u>Resolved</u></p> <p>To approve the minutes as a correct record.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Gavin Grant declared that he is the Chair of Trustees for HEALS of Malmesbury, however this was a non-pecuniary interest.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The chairman gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• The 2023 Boundary Review</p> <p>Last month the Boundary Commission for England published its initial proposals for new constituency boundaries, with the proposals and maps for the nine English regions published on their website. Though the consultation window has now closed, area specific information can be found on the linked website within the agenda pack by entering a post code or region. This can be used to view the current constituency and local authority boundaries as well as the proposals for the new constituency boundaries.</p> <p>• Covid-19 Booking Vaccines</p> <p>The Chairman reminded those in attendance not to forget to book their Covid-19 vaccine. Those looking to book an appointment should use the National Booking Service, which is available online or for those who do not have internet access, appointments can be booked by calling 119. The web link for booking an appointment can be found within the agenda pack.</p> <p>• Wiltshire Council Draft Climate Strategy Consultation</p> <p>Consultations on both the draft Wiltshire Climate Strategy and Our Natural</p>

	<p>Environment Plan started on 1 September and run until 23.59 on 17 October 2021. Information about both consultations are available through the links in the agenda supplement and comments can also be submitted through the two online surveys that are included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Dieback <p>The announcement was introduced by Community Engagement Manager, Alexa Davies, which was then followed by a video covering the issues of Ash Dieback. A link to the video can be found in the agenda pack as part of the attached Ash Dieback report.</p> <p>Following the announcement there was time for the following question and point to be raised:</p> <p>It was questioned whether it would be possible for the Ash Dieback video to be shared with councillors, so that they would be able to share with landowners in their unitary divisions.</p>
6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates were received from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police <p>The Area Board noted a written update attached to the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and Crime Commissioner <p>The Area Board received a verbal update from newly elected Police and Crime commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, Philip Wilkinson. The PCC introduced himself to the Area Board and outlined the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PCC outlined that he would like to provide a change of approach to the PCC plan and aims to ask people what they think should be provided. • Having spoken to the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and the Executive Leadership team, the PCC is keen to conduct office on a variety of activities, such as conflict prevention, youth engagement schemes as well as crime prevention and apprehension. • The PCC wants to focus on the delivery of a better service, which could include functional crime areas such as rural crime, drugs and county lines, speed enforcement. • Regarding speed enforcement, the PCC noted that speedwatch teams do not feel supported and understands frustrations that they might have. There will be a dedicated speedwatch team going forward who will have three officers to support speedwatch teams. Additionally, a moveable camera has been purchased which has the same function as a fixed one and would have connection to the Crown Prosecution Service and would be able to issue summons and fines. It is hoped that the income from this scheme will be self-financing and allow for more cameras to be bought. • There is a view to link all speedwatch teams county-wide in an attempt to

identify hotspots and to consequently be able to prioritise more effectively against persistent offenders.

Following the verbal update there was time for the following questions and points to be raised:

- Richard Moody of Oaksey Parish Council raised the point that the speedwatch team in Oaksey have given up due to intimidation and rude gestures. People need to be motivated and reassured to go out and work for the village. – Philip Wilkinson reassured Mr Moody that he is trying his best and that speeding has been one of the first issues that he has addressed. There is the vision to set up a collation centre for the data produced by speedwatch cameras, allowing the police to identify hotspots and therefore to take the newly purchased camera to these locations.
- Ellen Blacker also reinforced that other counties such as Gloucestershire Police are now using the data provided by speedwatch devices and sought clarity as to when Wiltshire would be doing the same. – The PCC stated that he is trying to address the speed enforcement problem holistically whilst trying to maximise the best use of resources. The use of identifying hotspots for use of the new camera was reinforced.
- It was stated that the Area Board previously invested significantly in speedwatch cameras. Though it is acknowledged that the evidence produced from these cameras cannot be used in a court of law, they could be used to highlight where the repeat offenders are and at what times. Allowing for an intelligence led approach.
- It was mentioned that though the Police do visit villages to complete speed checks, not many people see this work. It would therefore be positive for the Police to post on village Facebook pages, in order to reassure and encourage people that things are being done, also acting as a deterrent.

Resolved

The Area Board agreed upon the following proposal for Philip Wilkinson, PCC, to assess the cost of delivering warning letters that would be linked to local speedwatch cameras and to provide a quote for how much this would cost.

The PCC acknowledged that this was a positive concept and that there is currently a team issuing such warning letters to HGVs and writing to the CEOs of companies. The PCC was hopeful of being to pay for the idea without Area Board funding as being part of a complete package he would be offering.

- **BaNES, Swindon & Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BSW CCG)**

The Area Board noted a written update attached to the agenda.

- **Healthwatch Wiltshire**

	<p>The Area Board noted a written update attached to the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing Champion <p>The Area Board members placed on record their thanks to Ellen Blacker for her work for the Area Board as the Health and Wellbeing Champion. It was noted that Ellen had put together a large network of activities for people to do as well as other people to do them with. Ellen was also thanked for her work towards helping to coordinate the Covid crisis response for elderly people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellen provided the following statistics that since April 2016 she had supported a total of 1,070 clients and had raised £138,000 annual income, which was topped up with £21,000 of one-off grants. • Ellen thanked the community, the councillors as well as Ollie Phipps and Alexa Davies, who were brilliant to work with. <p>With Ellen leaving, the Area Board has a new Health and Wellbeing Champion volunteer role. The aspiration is for several volunteers to best cover the community area, if there is any interest in finding out more about volunteering to support our older people and carers locally, please contact Alexa Davies, as per the contact details provided below.</p> <p>There is also a small pot of grant funding available for health and wellbeing projects. The Area Board are especially keen to hear from any befriending projects, so please contact Alexa Davies to find out more about the health and wellbeing funding available.</p> <p>Alexa Davies (Community Engagement Manager) contact details: Email: alexadavies@wiltshire.gov.uk Phone: 01249706610</p>
7	<p><u>Area Board Action Plan</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update on the Malmesbury Area Board Action Plan, having previously agreed upon priorities during the 8 June 2021 meeting. The Malmesbury Councillors provided individual updates for their respective lead areas:</p> <p>Councillor Gavin Grant – Positive Activities for Younger People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Malmesbury Local Youth Network has been working to bring together partner organisations and has encouraged the active involvement of Malmesbury Secondary School as well as the young people who attend. • Partnership working with Malmesbury Town Council has been first class and the Area Board broke new ground by completing a youth survey, which will be repeated. A special Area Board was held with the Malmesbury Secondary School Council, to discuss the responses of the youth survey and the priorities that they had chosen. <p>Councillor Martin Smith – Green Issues</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of items are in their early stages, specifically the adopt a street initiative and the setting up of a community fridge. • Help is needed to look at the installation of electrical charging points for the district, with their being a number of possible solutions but these need to be best suited for each area. • The walking and cycling network has undergone improvement, with work from the Malmesbury Climate Action Network. • The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Canopy Scheme was promoted and anyone willing to help should get in touch. <p>Councillor Chuck Berry – Loneliness and Isolation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A network has started to be worked on to facilitate the bringing together of people to partake in activities. <p>Councillor Elizabeth Threlfall – Highway Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work started this evening with the questions and thoughts that were posed to the new Police and Crime Commissioner. There is a real importance of drawing the PCC’s focus to road safety and use of cameras. • There is an overlap with the Green Issues priority by the means of improving the Malmesbury area cycle routes. <p>Councillor Gavin Grant – Recovery of the Local Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town team has invited senior Wiltshire Council Officer, Victoria Moloney to a meeting, who has promised an action plan for how the £450,000 Welcome Back Fund can be used. • The town team has produced the Explore Malmesbury app, which is developing all of the time. • The importance of Christmas for retail and hospitality businesses was cited. • The Malmesbury Area Board have previously funded an expanded guide to Malmesbury, a new iteration will be available soon.
8	<p><u>Highways 5-year Work Plan</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation regarding the Highways 5-year Work Plan from Highways Principal Technical Officer, Diane Ware. The presentation covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane provided her email address (diane.ware@wiltshire.gov.uk) for if any attendees wanted to get in touch with her regarding the current proposed plan. It was stated that this is the first revision and pre-plan to inform what the Council is thinking of doing over the next 5 years. The plan will be authorised in April. • Previously funds had been allocated based upon the length of the roads in question, however there was a discrepancy with this with traffic flows and geology not being the same for all. Therefore, over the next 5 years funding will be allocating to roads dependent on condition as with the

	<p>need to be Carbon neutral by 2023, roads cannot be left to need a full reconstruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Ware outlined some of the preventative treatments that are used on roads, in order to make carbon savings and ultimately prevent road surfaces from needing major intervention work. • Last year the whole road network was covered by a laser machine, which means that each road has a score which can be looked up and prioritised to be worked on. • A graph was provided to show that currently on average 31.90% of Wiltshire's A,B,C roads need work; Malmesbury's roads were scored 32.99%. • It was also acknowledged that the budget for this work has been cut by 6 million pounds, therefore cuts have been made. • The proposed spend level for Malmesbury was outlined as being 3.67 million pounds over a 5-year period, with the average spend for other community areas being 3.3 million pounds. <p>Following the presentation there was time for the following questions and points to be raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Board have spoken to cabinet about a way of allocating CIL money more effectively, to attempt to control that money for Highways locally. It would be appreciated to have Diane's feedback on how this money should be spent on projects around the Highways area and CATG. • It was questioned where the funding stream for the plan would come from. It was clarified that the work would be completely government funded with money being received for potholes as well as a capital maintenance fund. The pothole funding would be spent specifically on potholes. • It was questioned why the proposed Malmesbury annual spend would be much smaller for 2022/2023. It was clarified that this would be decided by the jobs that were prioritised to be completed, for example surface dressing a road would cost significantly less than deep building a road. <p><u>Resolved</u></p> <p>The Area Board agreed to note the contents of the presentation and the report provided by Highways. Additionally it was agreed that the report included in the agenda pack would be taken to the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for further comment before returning back to the Area Board next year for approval.</p>
9	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>Councillor Elizabeth Threlfall introduced the minutes and recommendations from the CATG meeting held on 7 September 2021. Councillor Threlfall updated that the Malmesbury CATG have reviewed the priorities that were listed with Steve</p>

	<p>Hind (Highways Principal Engineer) in order to produce a shorter list of priorities. The list would be more coherent and allow items to move forward.</p> <p><u>Resolved</u></p> <p>The minutes and recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on 7 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
10	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the following as detailed in the reports attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>1) Parochial Church Council Garsdon - £5,000 towards the Garsdon Church Appeal.</p> <p><u>Resolved</u></p> <p>Parochial Church Council Garsdon was awarded £2,500 towards the Garsdon Church Appeal.</p> <p>2) RENEWmalmesbury CIC - £5,000 towards Renew Malmesbury creating a retail shop and environment hub.</p> <p><u>Resolved</u></p> <p>RENEWmalmesbury CIC was awarded £2,500 towards Renew Malmesbury creating a retail shop and environment hub. An additional proposal was accepted to support RENEWmalmesbury with its bid to create a retail shop and environment by lobbying the Wiltshire Council Cabinet and the executive such as Sam Fox and Victoria Moloney for any support they could offer with government schemes. Additionally, to seek an active contribution for the project from Wiltshire Council to match the Area Board funding.</p> <p><u>Delegated Authority</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted that the following Youth Grants have now been approved by the Malmesbury councillors under delegated authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Last Baguette Theatre Company £1,200 for theatre workshops to create a short performance during Malmesbury Carnival. • The Rise Trust £5,000) for ongoing RISE youth outreach work. • HEALS of Malmesbury £2,207 towards the HEALS Summer Programme 2021.

11	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>Gordon Sim spoken on behalf of the Wiltshire Climate Alliance, regarding climate concerns and what steps the Council was going to take, as well as whether there was the funding or timescale to implement the proposed plan. Councillor Martin Smith updated that currently the Wiltshire Climate Strategy and Our Natural Environment Plan are open for consultation which should be used, with Councillors also having been given a briefing presentation. Councillor Smith suggested that Mr Sim provide feedback for these consultations via the links in Chairman’s Announcement part of the agenda.</p> <p>Councillor Gavin Grant added that unfortunately the Malmesbury Area Board weren’t able to have a climate emergency themed meeting due to Covid, however the Area Board is working with the climate crisis in mind, such as RENEWmalmesbury grant and the safe cycling network. It was also acknowledged that it would be timely for the Area Board to reinstate its sustainability feature in order to initiate positive work at ground level.</p>
12	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 30 November at 7.00pm.</p>