

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Tidworth Area Board  
**Place:** Armed Forces Community Hub, Fisher Ground, Tedworth Park  
**Date:** 10 July 2023  
**Start Time:** 5:00pm  
**Finish Time:** 5:45pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Christopher Williams  
Cllr Tony Pickernell  
Cllr Mark Connolly

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager  
Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer  
Jen Salter – Director of Families and Children (allocated to the Area Board)

### **Partners**

Collingbourne Kingston PC  
Everleigh PC  
Ludgershall TC  
Tidworth Town Council  
Lt Colonel Whitelegge

**Total in attendance: 24**

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<b><u>Minute No..</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u></b>
25	<p><u>Election of the Chairman</u></p> <p>Max Hirst, Democratic Services Officer, opened the meeting and called for nominations to elect the Chairman for the forthcoming year. On the nomination of Cllr Mark Connolly, seconded by Cllr Tony Pickernell, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To elect Cllr Christopher Williams as Chairman for Tidworth Area Board for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
26	<p><u>Election of the Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>The Chairman called for nominations to elect the Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. On the nomination of Cllr Christopher Williams, seconded by Cllr Mark Connolly, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To elect Cllr Tony Pickernell as Vice-Chairman for Tidworth Area Board for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
27	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to Tidworth Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers present.</p>
28	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>No apologies were received.</p>
29	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Christopher Williams, seconded by Cllr Tony Pickernell, it was:</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
30	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
31	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p>

The Chairman drew attention to the following information included in the agenda pack:

- Cost of Living Update

With inflation and energy costs still high, Wiltshire Council continues to provide support to people through the cost-of-living crisis. Wiltshire Council has a range of advice and support at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living).

The full report can be found in the Agenda Pack.

- Wiltshire Libraries

Wiltshire Libraries are helping residents to have the skills and internet access they need to get and stay online during the cost of living crisis. Further support includes helping with learning computer skills and the National Databank providing free SIM cards to those who are struggling.

Further information about getting online at the library can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-accessing-computers>. Information about the National Databank appears on the cost of living support and advice pages at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living>. An online referral form will soon be added.

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- Independent Visitor Scheme

The Independent Visitor Scheme needs more volunteers! Independent Visitors are adult volunteers who are matched with young people in care to visit, advise and befriend them. We currently have nearly 70 approved and matched Independent Visitors but with over 400 young people in care in Wiltshire, we need more to provide this vital and life changing service.

Volunteers are asked to give a long-term commitment to visit a young person every 3-4 weeks, for a couple of hours, to have fun, try new things and build a strong and lasting relationship.

Training and ongoing support is provided, with all expenses covered. If anyone is interested, please could they get in contact with [IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk) for more information on how to apply.

- Family Help Hubs

Family hubs are part of the Government manifesto promise to support children and young people up to the age of 19, or 25 if they have SEND. In Wiltshire we will refer to them as part of our Family Help offer. This is to remove the

	<p>implication of the support being purely building based.</p> <p>We have a vision that all children, young people and families will be enabled and empowered to live their healthiest, most fulfilled lives by having easy and timely access to a locally integrated network of hubs, supported by an online offer. This will bring preventative and early help support and information services together from all sectors to ensure a county wide delivery that is seamless, relationship based, and trauma informed, empowering families to be resilient and live their healthiest, most fulfilled lives.</p> <p>The full report can be found in the Agenda Pack.</p>
32	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the Police report and subsequent Road Safety Report which is contained in the Agenda Pack.</p> <p>The Area Board noted written reports from:</p> <p>Collingbourne Kingston PC  Everleigh PC  Ludgershall TC  Tidworth TC</p> <p>MOD - Lt Colonel Whitelegge thanked the Board and its partner organisations for its ongoing support and emphasised ongoing cooperation.</p>
33	<p><u>Area Board End of Year Report</u></p> <p>Graeme Morrison, Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager (SEPM) gave a presentation on Corsham Area Board's achievements over the past year.</p> <p>The full report can be found in the Agenda Pack.</p>
34	<p><u>Area Board Priorities - Looking Ahead</u></p> <p>The Board considered the Priority Areas and the Appointment of Priority Group Representatives for 2023/24.</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To appoint the following Councillors as Priority Group Representatives for 2023/24:</b></p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Tony Pickernell</b></p> <p><b>Youth Engagement – Cllr Christopher Williams</b></p>

	<b>Environment – Mark Connolly</b>
35	<u>Appointment of Representatives 2023/24</u> <u>Outside Bodies</u> <b>Tidworth Leisure Centre - Cllr Christopher Williams</b>
36	<u>Local Highway and Footpath Improvements Group (LHFIG)</u> The Board noted the minutes arising from the LHFIG Meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023.
37	<u>Community Area Grants</u> <b>Community Area Grants</b> Ludgershall Memorial Hall - Ludgershall Memorial Hall health and safety improvements Proposed by Cllr Christopher Williams and Seconded by Cllr Tony Pickernell it was:  <b><u>Resolved</u></b> <b>To award Ludgershall Memorial Hall £1500 for their health and safety improvements.</b> <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b>  Sarum North PCN NHS – NHS Patients Gardening Project to support mental wellbeing. Cllr Mark Connolly proposed an award of £1000, this was seconded by Cllr Christopher Williams. It was:  <b><u>Resolved</u></b> <b>To award a reduced amount of £1000 to Sarum North PCN NHS for their NHS Patients Gardening Project.</b> <b><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24</b>
38	<u>Urgent items</u> It was discussed and agreed that the Tidworth Area Board meeting taking place on March 2024 would be at the Tidworth Civic Centre.
39	<u>Date of Next Meeting, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u>

	The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on 4 September 2023.
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