

MINUTES

Meeting: Corsham Area Board
Place: The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Hill, Corsham, SN13 9HX
Date: 20 July 2023
Start Time: 19:00
Finish Time: 20:05

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson (Chairman), Corsham Ladbrook
Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Box & Colerne

Wiltshire Council Officers

Ros Griffiths – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Sgt Mike Tripp
Box Parish Council
Corsham Town Council
Colerne Parish Council

Total in attendance: 21

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
104	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Inspector Peter Foster, (Sgt Mike Tripp attended as substitute) Louise Young Fiona Slevin-Brown Emma Legg</p> <p>Cllr Helen Belcher OBE Cllr Derek Walters, who attended remotely but not in an official capacity</p>
105	<p><u>Minutes</u></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 7 June 2023.</p>
106	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
107	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chair gave an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board:</p> <p>Five To Thrive Corsham</p> <p>The chair also informed those in attendance that the meeting was not officially quorate and therefore the Board could not make any formal decisions at this meeting.</p>
108	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Board received and noted the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community First ○ Healthwatch Wiltshire ○ Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) ○ Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal ○ Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special School Developments ○ Wiltshire AGE UK Newsletter ○ PCCs across the Southwest launch new rural crime survey and quarterly newsletter

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on the Council's activity and progress on the Climate Emergency – YouTube Link https://youtu.be/LP2FzC7rHSw ○ Multiply - Online Courses ○ Local Plan <p>Full details can be found in the agenda pack.</p>
109	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board received a verbal update from representatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Wiltshire Police – Sgt Mike Tripp b) Town & Parish Council Nominated Representatives c) Pound Arts <p>The Board received and noted the following written and online updates attached to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PC Updates ● Campus Update ● Climate Action
110	<p><u>Corsham Health Centre Update</u></p> <p>The Board received a presentation on Corsham Health Centre</p> <p>Over the last year and a half, opportunities to reopen the site had been explored. No interest was received to re-opening the Corsham Health Centre in a clinical capacity. There was however interest in opening for Primary Care and ongoing discussions over the next two months will take place.</p> <p>If there is no defined opportunity, then the centre will be up for disposal with government institutions having the first opportunity to absorb the site.</p> <p>An opportunity was highlighted to apply for the Corsham Health Centre to be designated as a community asset which would give more time for the community to make use of the site.</p> <p>Clarification was sought and given that the NHS does technically own the site and local commissioners ultimately decide what action is taken.</p>
111	<p><u>Green Square Accord</u></p> <p>The Board received a presentation from Clare Cotterill and David Loon on the Green Square Accord.</p>

	<p>Green Square Accord provide affordable homes and care and support services for those in need. More locally in Wiltshire, there are 4 officers who cover the local area. Officers had engaged in the local community to establish an understanding of issues that are faced and to answer queries. Green Square also engaged with and encouraged residents to get involved by becoming panel members.</p> <p>Green Square highlighted their determination to be different to large national organisations who are often criticised for not understanding the areas where they own properties.</p> <p>The Board praised Green Square for providing specialist tenancy support where it hadn't been as readily available before. The Board emphasised the opportunity to hold an engagement with the residents of Rudloe, one of the most deprived areas in Wiltshire where there are major issues with accessibility and transport infrastructure. Cllr Derek Walters was especially keen to work with Green Square regarding Rudloe.</p> <p>It was clarified that the Green Square Panel has an application process and regularly meets through Microsoft Teams.</p>
112	<p><u>Area Board Priority Areas Update</u></p> <p>The Board received an update on some of its Priority Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting wellbeing and reducing social isolation in older and vulnerable people (Cllr Dr Brian Mathew) <p>Cllr Brian Mathew invited two organisations that work with Corsham Area Board under Priority Areas to speak.</p> <p>SHED – described their work as an Alzheimer's and Dementia support group that aims to work with larger organisations in the area to help those living with the conditions to regain practical skills.</p> <p>Corsham Community Club - thanked Corsham Area Board for the grant awarded at the last area board meeting and described their work to help those who are isolated or lonely. The importance that their work demonstrates to encourage those who attend to branch out and live their life as fully as possible was highlighted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the local economy (Cllr Ruth Hopkinson) <p>Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Chair, praised the work being driven by Corsham Town Council with good local knowledge to begin work with local businesses to improve the local area and economy.</p>

113	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Due to the meeting not being quorate, each application was deferred to Corsham Area Board's next meeting.</p> <p>Applications under £1000 will be considered and can potentially be awarded under delegated authority.</p>
114	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>LHFIG had its most recent meeting on 19 July 2023 and the Board noted the minutes.</p> <p>The Chair referred to the opportunity to make a substantive bid for significant extra funding for LHFIG projects and noted it's success last financial year.</p>
115	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Corsham Area Board will be on 23 October 2023.</p>