

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** PEWSEY AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Great Bedwyn Village Hall, Frog Lane, Great Bedwyn, SN8 3PD  
**Date:** 3 September 2018  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.10 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Jerry Kunkler and Cllr Christopher Williams

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager  
Stuart Figini – Democratic Services Officer  
David Redfern - Head of Community Services  
Michael Stuart - Pewsey Health and Wellbeing Manager

### **Parish Councils**

Great Bedwyn Parish Council – Elise Younger  
Ham Parish Council – Mary Walker  
Pewsey Parish Council – Marilyn Hunt, Alex Carder, Charmian Spickernell, Caroline Dalrymple  
Rushall Parish Council – John Robins, Colin Gale  
Shalbourne Parish Council – Mike Lockhart  
Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Adam Pratt, Joyce Pratt  
Upavon Parish Council – Paul Cowan, Andrew Flack  
Wilcot and Huish Parish Council – Richard Fleet, Dawn Wilson

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Angus Macpherson (Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner), Insp Chris Martin, pc Pete Foster  
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue - Greg Izon, Station Manager East Wiltshire

Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) – Susie Brew, Dawn Wilson  
Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership – Susie Brew

**Also in Attendance**

Burbage and Easton Royal Cricket Club - Tom Wallbridge and Jon Chandler  
Great Bedwyn Youth Group - Mark  
Pewsey Vale Residents – Rodney Searles, Pat Keers, Hew Helps, Mike Younger, Liz Hargreaves, Michael Larken  
Bedwyn Footpaths – Judy Haynes  
Great Bedwyn Croquet Club – Steve Smith, Yvonne Cunnane  
Bruce Branch – Great Bedwyn - Patrick Pease  
Devizes PHAB – Linda King and P King

**Total in attendance: 48**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
29	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members and Council officers.</p>
30	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Paul Oatway, Margaret Holden-Easton Royal Parish Council, Terry Eyles-Pewsey Parish Council, Peter Deck-Pewsey Parish Council and Curly Haskell-Pewsey Parish Council.</p>
31	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising – Minutes</u></b>  <b>The Area Board were reminded that at their meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018, the minutes of the Area Board meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 had been amended to reflect a request agreed at the March 2018 meeting to change the word ‘meeting’ in the resolved part of the Future of Everleigh HRC item, to read ‘working group’.</b></p> <p><b>The Area Board noted that there was a further reference to ‘meeting’ in the body of the minute and that this would also need to be amended to reflect the previous changes made to the resolved section.</b></p> <p><b>The Area Board agreed to amend the minute to reflect the above.</b></p>
32	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
33	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the following announcements available in the agenda pack and circulated at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Boundary Commission for England - Consultation</li> <li>• Annual Electoral Canvass</li> <li>• Animal Licensing</li> </ul>

34	<p><u>Update on Working Groups</u></p> <p><b>a. Local Youth Network;</b></p> <p>The Area Board received a report and viewed a film about the recent Pewsey 360 Extreme Day. Dawn Wilson, Pewsey Community Area Partnership, explained that the event was a great success with about 120 youngsters attending and feedback received was positive. Two BMX stuntmen and two pro skateboards attended the event to give a demonstration of their skills and help the young people to improve their skills.</p> <p>The Area Board also noted that plans for a new skate park were available to view at the event and several helpful comments were received from the pro skateboarders.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Dawn for her hard work in organising the event and Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager for producing the film.</p> <p><b>b. Health and Wellbeing Projects (Pewsey Vale Walking and Cycling Leaflets) for £1650:</b></p> <p>The Area Board received the minutes of the Pewsey Vale Health and Wellbeing Forum for the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.</p> <p>Susie Brew, representing PCAP, introduced an application to fund the production of leaflets for a number of walking and cycling routes in Pewsey Vale.</p> <p>Cllr Stuart Wheeler proposed the award, seconded by Cllr Chris Williams.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>The Board agreed to award the funds of £1650.00 for Pewsey Vale walking and cycling leaflets.</b></p> <p><b>c. Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</b></p> <p>There were no CATG minutes to receive as there had not been a meeting since the last Area Board. The next meeting is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</p>
35	<p><u>Pewsey Vale Projects</u></p> <p>The Area Board received presentations about how community area grants had contributed towards the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pewsey Memory Café</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Hall Refurbishments</li> <li>• Historic Map Project</li> <li>• Footpath Groups</li> </ul>
36	<p><u>An introduction to The Bruce Branch</u></p> <p>A presentation was received from Patrick Pease about Bruce Accessible Boats based on the Kennet and Avon Canal at Great Bedwyn.</p> <p>The Area Board were informed that Bruce Accessible Boats provided holidays for the disabled, elderly, disadvantaged people and community organisations along the Kennet and Avon Canal. Mr Pease explained the history of the Bruce Branch, how they formed a strategic alliance with the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust in 2015 and future developments including, liaising with local youth clubs, articles in Parish magazines and connections with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Mr Pease also highlighted potential future projects at The Bruce Branch for which Area Board youth and health/wellbeing funding would be sought.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Pease for his informative presentation.</p>
37	<p><u>The Vale Community Campus Update</u></p> <p>The Head of Community Services, David Redfern, Pewsey Health and Wellbeing Manager, Michael Stuart and Community Engagement Manager, Ros Griffiths, provided an update about The Vale Community Campus.</p> <p>The Area Board noted that the Campus build programme was progressing well, all the various elements of the build were discussed in detail and pictures of the internal site layout were considered. The Campus staff team was currently being recruited and it was anticipated that the build stage of the project is due to be concluded in the autumn 2018.</p> <p>Consultation on the new skate park took place at Pewsey 360 on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The event and the proposals for the skate park received positive support, and responses will generate a re-working of the design prior to a planning application being submitted.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Ros Griffiths for her update.</p>
38	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered five applications for Community Area Grant funding. The Chairman invited the local Councillor to comment on each application, following which a representative of the applicant was given an opportunity to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p>

	<p><b>1. That the following grant applications be agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Rushall and Charlton St Peter Village Hall (new fire emergency exit doors) for £1171.15</b></li> <li><b>b) Ham Village Hall (Village Hall Refurbishment – Windows and Guttering) for £3,000.</b></li> <li><b>c) Great Bedwyn Croquet and Bowls Club (Great Bedwyn Croquet Pavilion Insulation and three new windows) for £1,000.</b></li> <li><b>d) Burbage &amp; Easton Royal Cricket Club (Cricket ground Improvements – Fencing and mating for the driveway) for £2,462.</b></li> <li><b>e) Stanton St Bernard Parish Council (Defibrillator) for £500</b></li> </ul>
39	<p><u>Community Engagement Manager Update</u></p> <p>Ros Griffiths, Community Engagement Manager provided updates on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WWI Commemorative Tree planting – 12 Parishes across Pewsey Vale were participating in the tree planting event and 300 trees, provided by the Woodland Trust, would be planted.</li> <li>• Walking Project – to be deferred until the next meeting of the Area Board in November 2018.</li> <li>• Salt Bags – These would be available in a more convenient location for Parishes to collect therefore, avoiding a trip to collect them from Warminster</li> </ul>
40	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board received and noted the following updates from key partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <b>Healthwatch Wiltshire</b> The written report was received and noted.</li> <li>(b) <b>Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)</b> The written report was received and noted.</li> <li>(c) <b>Wiltshire Police</b> Inspector Chris Martin introduced his new deputy for the Pewsey Area, Pete Foster and the Police and Crime Commissioner, Angus Macpherson to the Area Board and highlighted the following issues raised in his written report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A rise in in the number of domestic and non-domestic burglaries and offered security advice to residents.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Wiltshire Police for their update.</p> </li> <li>(d) <b>Dorset and Wiltshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> Greg Izon, Station Manager East Wiltshire presented the Fire &amp; Rescue Service Update. He commented in particular on, community engagement, reducing the risk of</li> </ul>

	<p>fire, Fire and rescue Services responses to call outs, recent notable incidents and the Community Safety Plan</p> <p>(e) <b>Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP)</b> Dawn Wilson, Susie Brew and Colin Gale, presented the PCAP update. In particular the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rail User Group</li> <li>• Everleigh Household Recycling Centre - statement attached at Appendix A to these minutes</li> <li>• Memory Café</li> <li>• Tourism Partnership – Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre consultation</li> </ul>
41	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre</p> <p>The Area Board received an update on Oxenwood Outdoor Education following questions from local residents about the latest position about the consultation process and when a final decision about the future of the Centre would be made by the Council.</p> <p>Ros Griffiths, Community Engagement Manager and David Redfern, Head of Community Services provided an update and explained that a non-profit future was being encouraged for the Centre and that although it was expected that the Centre was no longer taking bookings after December 2018, a number of bookings had in fact been taken, which was a reflection of the confidence of customers that the Centre would continue to operate after this date.</p> <p>Expressions of interest to run the Centre had been received from 18 companies and this process finishes shortly. It was anticipated that the Cabinet would consider the future of the Centre, alongside the future of Braeside Outdoor Education Centre, at their meeting in October.</p>
42	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board was scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7pm venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>

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2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

**Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP), Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and Pewsey Parish Council (PPC) Statement to Pewsey Area Board, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, on the status of Everleigh HRC**

PCAP/CPRE/PPC have had a busy time since the last Pewsey Area Board promoting the need for public support for Everleigh and completion of the consultation questionnaire. Activities included a banner set up near the site entrance, and flyers have been distributed at: Pewsey Co Op on several occasions, Pewsey Community Market, Rushall, Charlton St Peter, Netheravon, North Newton, Tidworth, Ludgershall, Manningford Abbots, Manningford Bruce, Wootton Rivers, Wilcot and Eastern Royal. It has been noted that public awareness of the consultation has been even more sparse than usual. Apart from notification to Parish Councils, we request Wiltshire Council to supply a list of any other steps that they may have taken to provide information to the public and interested bodies, that the consultation existed, in order to assess the effectiveness of its communications policy in this case.

This Group has also reviewed the consultation options in detail and has raised a series of comments with the Director for Waste that has given rise to an exchange of correspondence, the last of which was received from the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> August and is therefore still under consideration. Impressions to date indicate that the costings are still largely only budgetary estimates and guesstimates with some data not supplied, commercial confidentiality being given as the excuse. The costings do not appear to be built on a common base allowing for any form of cost comparison or analysis. The costs for Option 1, (the full recovery of Everleigh) arguably appear inflated, thus promoting the closure option. The costings for Option 6, (the closure option) would also appear to have been kept to a minimum that may not correspond to reality in the event. The Group therefore reserves the right to return to these and any other costings issues, once there has been time for further consideration.

A further, but important issue has also been discovered recently in relation to option costings, namely an e-mail dated 24<sup>th</sup> July in response to a question raised by PCAP at PAB on 9<sup>th</sup> July. This e-mail, written by the Head of Waste Management, Martin Litherland, to the Chairman of PAB, Mr Kunkler, inadvertently was not received by PCAP until 30<sup>th</sup> August. While addressing the original question, it also includes the comment : “The information on the costed options has been included so that all respondents are fully aware of the options the council had considered before proposing to close the site at Everleigh. We are not therefore seeking views on these options”. The last sentence obviously conflicts entirely with Question 11 of the consultation itself, which asks” Do you have any comments to make on the other options included in the detailed background documents that the Council currently considers not viable?” An explanation of this currently inexplicable state of affairs has been requested from the Council as a matter of urgency.

At the PAB on 9<sup>th</sup> July it was identified the Consultation Questionnaire had a character limitation restricting the response to the questions. We were subsequently assured that this restriction had been removed, however, WC have been formally advised that the restriction is still in place. PCAP have asked WC how this shortfall in the questionnaire is going to be handled in the questionnaire analysis.

Lastly, following PCAP's announcement at PAB on 9<sup>th</sup> July that it intended to take legal advice with regard to the Council's consultation process proposing the closure of Everleigh, PCAP can confirm that a submission was made subsequently to their Solicitors.

The matter remains ongoing, and acting on their advice, PCAP meanwhile intends to await the Council's decision as to whether the site should remain open, or not, and in the latter event, retains its right to consider taking any legal action that it deems necessary.

Colin Gale     PCAP Member