

MINUTES

Meeting: Calne Area Board
Place: Online
Date: 7 September 2021
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.45 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Tom Rounds (Chairman), Cllr Tony Trotman (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney and Cllr Ian Thorn

Wiltshire Council Officers

Jane Vaughan – Community Engagement Manager
Dom Argar – Technical Support Officer
Diane Ware – Highways Principal Technical Officer
Stuart Figini -Senior Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Calne Town Council - Alan Hill and Robert MacNaughton
Bremhill Parish Council – Isabel McCord
Calne Without Parish Council – Ioan Rees

Others

Rise Trust Youth Project - Danielle Blake
Calne Town Council – Mark Edwards
Wiltshire Music Centre - Cassie Tait
Older Peoples Champion – Diane Gooch
Avon Needs Trees – Alistair Wynn and Dave Wood
Sue Deedigan

Total in attendance: 23

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
17	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members and officers present.</p>
18	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Insp James Brain – Wiltshire Police and Tim Elliott - Station Manager for North West Wiltshire – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
19	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at a future meeting.</p>
20	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The following declarations of interest were made by members in relation to Community Area Grant Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ian Thorn – (i) Application by the Friends of Marden Valley –as he is the Chairman of the group applying for the grant; (ii) Application by Wiltshire Music Centre – as a Trustee of the Music Centre • Cllr Ashley O’ Neill - Application by the Friends of Marden Valley –as he is a member of the group applying for the grant • Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney - Application by the Friends of Marden Valley – as he is a member of the group applying for the grant <p>The above members did not speak or vote on the applications.</p>
21	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the following written announcements included on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Dieback – The Community Engagement Manager, Jane Vaughan introduced the announcement along with a video about Ash Dieback, its impact on trees in Wiltshire and proposed action to be taken as a consequence of the disease.
22	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p>

To receive an update from the partners listed below:

a) Wiltshire Police

The Area Board noted the written report attached to the agenda pack.

b) Wiltshire and Dorset Fire and Rescue Service

There was no report from the Fire and Rescue Service.

c) Healthwatch

The Area Board noted the written report attached to the agenda pack.

d) Older People's Voices

Diane Gooch presented the Older People's Voices report and informed the Area Board of the following:

- A large number of people attended the Reconnecting Group earlier in the day and there is now a waiting list due, in part, to other Groups closing.
- Celebrating Age were holding indoor and outdoor concerts from September 2021.
- A recent meeting of the Voices and Dementia Steering Group agreed that the two Groups should be amalgamated into one Group. It was noted that a new Chair was needed for the new Group, possibly one of the Area Board Members. Further consideration would be given to this after the Area Board meeting.

e) Calne Health and Social Care Forum (Health & Wellbeing group) – Alison Ingham

f) Rise Youth

Danielle Blake, Youth Co-Ordinator from the Rise Trust provided an update on the work undertaken in the Calne area. The following points were made:

- Continuing the detached youth outreach work and engaging with young people, common themes over the last few months included being safe out and about.
- Undertaking work looking at substance misuse
- The Youth Club has reopened with up to 20 young people attending. It was noted that it was a younger cohort attending the Club, therefore the opening times had been moved earlier in the evening, allowing the outreach workers to provide an hour working in the community.
- Working closely with the Town Council about the delivery of services going forward

g) Calne Community Safety Forum

There was no report from the Forum.

h) Town and Parish Councils

Calne Without

Ioan Rees provided an update for Calne Without and reported that the Parish Council still had two Councillor vacancies available, and a new Parish Clerk had been appointed.

Issues recently considered by the Parish Council include a planning application for a solar farm, a consultant to undertake a Road Safety Feasibility Plan for the Parish as part of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish declaring a climate emergency.

Bremhill

Isabel McCord provided an update for Bremhill and reported that the Parish now have Gigaclear fibre broadband, Bremzero, a local group set up in response to the climate emergency, were looking at community and local level solutions, with support offered from the Parish Council, Avon Needs Trees had recently purchased a field on Stanley Lane and the Parish Council supports their tree planting scheme, and Isabel commented on the impact of Covid on village activities – the produce show was cancelled along with the Parish Council face to face annual meeting.

Calne Town Council

Alan Hill provided an update for the Town Council and report on the following issues:

- Beat the Street runs from 15 September until 13 October 2021 - Funded by Calne Town Council and Calne Area Board.
- #CalneSummer - a number of free activities took place over the summer holidays although some had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. They were funded by the Town Council, were well attended and received positive feedback. There were also additional youth engagement sessions with The Rise Trust Youth workers, supported with free ice lollies from Tesco.
- Calne Music and Arts Festival from 1 – 10 October
- Defibs – 5 new community accessible defibs have been installed with support from the Area Board. A community training session took place on 4 August at the Town Hall.
- Planning Applications were received for the former Co-operative store in Mill Street and will be considered at the Town Planning, Licensing & Highways Consultative Committee.
- Community Speedwatch – volunteers are needed for the scheme on Sandpit Road.
- North End Play Area - as a result of previous damage to the play equipment the Town Council have installed a second CCTV camera to monitor activity.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Town Council meeting being held on Monday 27th September at 7pm. • Police Station – Silver Street – It was noted that the facility was being used again, although it was understood that the building had been on the market for sale. Alan asked for the new Police and Crime Commissioner to become involved and supply the Area Board with an update. <p>Decision – To invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend the next Area Board meeting to provide an update on the Police Station in Silver Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays being experienced in relation to Service Devolution, formerly Asset transfer, to Calne Town Council from Wiltshire Council. The Town Council were keen to recommence discussions at the earliest opportunity. • New Medical Facility – concern at the standard of service provided by the partnership between Patford House and the Beversbrook surgeries, along with the construction timescales for the new facility adjacent to the Fynamore roundabout. It was suggested that the Area Board express its concerns to Patford House partnership about the status of the surgery especially with CQC interventions taking place. <p>Decision – To ask Cllr Tom Rounds, Chairman of the Area Board to write to the Patford House partnership to express the concerns of the Area Board in relation to the standard of service provided, highlighted by residents, and progress on the construction of the new medical facility adjacent to the Fynamore roundabout.</p>
23	<p><u>Community Engagement Report</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a report and presentation from the Community Engagement Manager (CEM), Jane Vaughan who provided an update on the priorities agreed by the Area Board at its last meeting.</p> <p>The CEM reminded the Area Board that their agreed priorities were themed into the following streams - Young People, Older and Vulnerable People and Families, The Environment, The Economy and Community Resilience. It was noted that the draft rolling work plan would record the actions being proposed, their status and other information. This would be reported to the Area Board on a regular basis. Each stream was championed by one of the Area Board Council members and they provided updates on their specific areas, details of which were contained in the report.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree an area board action plan and confirm that priorities will

	<p>form the focus of resources for the Calne Area Board during 2021/22 (appendix 1).</p> <p>2. To agree initial priority actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Young people</u> - Reconvene the Community Area Youth Forum b. <u>Young people</u> – Develop local youth provision, street based and café style in the town and assess provision in the villages. c. <u>Older & Vulnerable People</u> - Audit activities/clubs to establish provision. d. <u>Environment</u> - Hold a Calne ECO-Fair in October to promote and celebrate ideas about living sustainably. e. <u>Economy</u> - Establish current issues affecting local business and promote regeneration of the high street. f. <u>Community Resilience</u> - Develop safeguarding training sessions for local groups and organisations to promote an understanding about contextual safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults.
24	<p><u>Highways - 5 Year Major Maintenance Plan</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a report and presentation from the Highways Principal Technical Officer, Diane Ware, about the draft Highways 5-year maintenance programme.</p> <p>The presentation covered the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current condition of roads requiring maintenance and the amount spent in each Area Board area. • The spend profile for Calne area. • The schemes being considered in the forthcoming 5-year plan for the Calne area. <p>The following points were raised following the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 5-year programme of works is ambitious and welcomed. • Thanks to the Highways officer for the support provided during the maintenance works in Curzon Street. • Concern at condition of the road surface on Sandpit Road due to lorry movements in and out of the recycling centre. <p>The Area Board were asked to provide any comments on the draft proposals to the Highways Principal Technical Officer who confirmed that these would be taken into account alongside the current proposals.</p>
25	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p>

	<p>The Area Board considered a number of applications for Community Area Grant and Health and Wellbeing funding. The Chairman invited a representative of the applicant to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To award the following grants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of the Marden Valley - £1,000 towards a biodiversity project – Community Area Grant 2. Avon Needs Trees - £5,000 towards the creation of a new forest – Community Area Grant 3. Wiltshire Music Centre - £1,500 towards phase 3 of the Celebrating Age Project in the Calne Community Area – Health & Wellbeing grant. <p>(Note –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cllr Thorn declared an interest in the grant at 1 above and did not speak or vote on the grant application. ii) Cllr Thorn, Cllr O’Neill and Cllr Pearce-Kearney declared interests in the grant at 3 above. They did not speak or vote on the grant application)
26	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) - Update</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the minutes of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on 19 August 2021 and considered a number of recommendations arising from the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the discussions and updates outlined in the report 2. To close the following Issues: 6890, 3-19-6, 3-20-6, 3-19-7, 3-20-3, 3-20-4, 3-20-7, 3-20-13, 3-21-2 3. To add the following Issues to the Priority List (with CATG funding): 3-20-9, 3-21-8 4. To progress with Section 106 funding: Covid Response Issue Calne Silver Street/Spring Lane pedestrian route 5. To allocate funding to the following Issues on the Priority List: 6465

27	<u>Urgent items</u> There were no urgent items.
28	<u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u> The next meeting of the Cane Area Board is scheduled for 7 December 2021 starting at 6.15pm