

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Corsham Area Board  
**Place:** Selwyn Hall, Valens Terrace, Box, SN13 8NT  
**Date:** 21 July 2022  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.05 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson (Chairman), Cllr Helen Belcher and Cllr Brian Mathew

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager

Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

**Total in attendance: 11**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
55	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everybody to Box and to the Selwyn Hall.</p> <p>The Area Board members introduced themselves.</p>
56	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Derek Walters – Wiltshire Council and Inspector James Brain – Wiltshire Police.</p>
57	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 June 2022 were approved as the correct record</b></li> </ul>
58	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
59	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The following written chairman's announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Canvass</li> <li>• Wiltshire Independent Living Centre update</li> </ul>
60	<p><u>Police Update</u></p> <p>The written update contained in the agenda pack was noted.</p> <p>Russell Holland – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the recent Operation Scorpion had recovered a good deal of drugs from local drug dealers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Police Peel Report – that there were lessons to be learned, with the report being taken very seriously by both the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner. That measurable improvements between now and the end of the year should be seen.</li> <li>• That good work was being carried out by local Corsham Police teams, for which the Area Board members gave thanks.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Russell Holland for his update.</p>
61	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The following written updates contained in the agenda pack from the Area Board partners were noted:</p> <p>Corsham Climate Action</p> <p>Town &amp; Parish Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corsham Town Council</li> <li>• Box Parish Council</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman advised that she had now started visiting the parishes to reinforce relations between them and Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>CCG/Healthwatch</p>
62	<p><u>Working Group Updates</u></p> <p>Local Highways Footway Improvement Group - Cllr Ruth Hopkinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of the meeting dated 6 July 2022 contained in the agenda pack were noted.</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing - Cllr Brian Mathew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the group had last met at the Pound Arts in person which was really special after the last few years of the pandemic – thanks to all who attended.</li> <li>• Well done to the Brunel Mens Shed for recent awards that the group had picked up.</li> </ul>

	<p>Climate – Cllr Ruth Hopkinson on behalf of Cllr Derek Walters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Cllr Walters continued to be very active, working with the Town Council and other partners.</li> <li>• That Cllr Walters continued to meet with Wiltshire Council officers to push the climate agenda.</li> </ul> <p>Local Youth Network – Cllr Helen Belcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the new Corsham youth workers were now in post.</li> <li>• That the Spark day at Corsham School had been very inspirational and well attended.</li> <li>• That the group should next meet during September</li> </ul>
63	<p><u>Community Grants and Funding Requests</u></p> <p><b>Colerne Rugby Club requesting £5,000 for Colerne RFC match floodlights – It was agreed to defer this application until Colerne Parish Council could clarify if they would be able to make a contribution to the funding</b></p> <p><b>Park Place Neighbourhood Watch Scheme awarded £600 for a Defibrillator</b></p> <p><b>Corsham Cricket Club – It was agreed that the applicant would withdraw this application as the Corsham Area Board members felt that due to the location, (Beanacre) that the applicant should discuss with the neighbouring Melksham Area Board a joint bid between Corsham and Melksham (50/50 split). The applicant would make a fresh joint application with Corsham and Melksham Area Board in due course after discussions with the Melksham Area Board</b></p> <p><b>Folio Theatre requesting £3,750 for Creative Workshops with senior community members in Corsham – application was withdrawn</b></p> <p><b>Inclusive Integrational Dance awarded £2,820 for Open Doors creative activity, (it was noted that Corsham Town Council had funded £2,000 towards this application)</b></p> <p><b>TEDxCorsham awarded £1,400 for TEDxCorsham</b></p>
64	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>There was none.</p>

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