

MINUTES

Meeting: Tidworth Area Board
Place: Memorial Hall, Andover Rd, Ludgershall, Wiltshire, SP11 9LZ
Date: 20 March 2023
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.35 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Christopher Williams (Chairman), Cllr Tony Pickernell (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr Paul Oatway QPM

Wiltshire Council Officers

Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer
Stuart Figini – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Dominic Arger – Assistant Multimedia Officer
Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager
Jen Salter – Director of Families and Children

Town and Parish Councillors

Tidworth TC,
Ludgershall TC,
Chute PC,
Collingbourne Ducis PC,
Collingbourne Kingston PC,
Everleigh PC

Partners

Wiltshire Police
MOD

Total in attendance: 34

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
15	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements, Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Chris Williams, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board and drew attention to the following announcements attached to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Apprenticeship Week 2023 • Cost of Living Update • Wiltshire Families and Children's Transformation (FACT) Partnership Family Help Project – background briefing • Independent Visitor Scheme
16	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Cllr Mark Connolly who attended as a member of the public and therefore did not participate in voting on any of the items. Cllr Paul Oatway was in attendance as substitute.</p>
17	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
18	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
19	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police The Area Board received and noted the written report attached in the agenda pack. • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service The Area Board received and noted the written report attached in the agenda pack. • Healthwatch The Area Board received and noted the written report attached in the agenda pack. • Town/Parish Councils

Ludgershall TC - A verbal update was provided covering the following areas:

- The LTC had moved into new offices.
- A request to Wiltshire Council for a road closure for the King's Coronation was denied and a follow up request for an emergency meeting has not yet received a response.
- Pretoria Road Play Area's entrance is being altered for better disabled access.

Tidworth PC - A verbal update was provided covering the following areas:

- Confirmed an event for the King's Coronation on 6th May 2023
- Updated on the building of a skate park, with the official start date to be announced following final details from the contractor.

Collingbourne Ducis PC - A verbal update was provided covering the following areas:

- Confirmed an event for the King's Coronation on 6th May 2023
- Speedwatch - Reported a decrease in average speed and attributed this to an increased roadside presence.
- Potholes on A338 were noted and it was confirmed discussions were taking place over the ongoing deterioration of the road.

Collingbourne Kingston PC - A verbal update was provided covering the following areas:

- Confirmed an event for the King's Coronation on 6th May 2023
- Speedwatch – indicated increased attempts to recruit personnel.

Chute/Chute Forest PC - A verbal update was provided covering the following areas:

- Confirmed an event for the King's Coronation on 6th May 2023 and further events across the Bank Holiday weekend.
- Spoke of issues with off roading and said trees are due to be planted to prevent access. Vehicle registration numbers have also been passed to the police. It was also mentioned that attempts from local farmers to stop the off roaders were being met with threatening behaviour.
- Upgrades are being made to the playing field to allow for more sports such as football and cricket.

MOD – Asked about Wiltshire Council's Future Highstreet Fund.

	<p>Answer: The Future Highstreet Fund is a £1 million fund split across Wiltshire to improve footfall with events and thus boost the local economy. The Chair also noted the potential for joining forces with the MOD to implement these events.</p>
20	<p><u>Area Board Priority and Working Group Updates</u></p> <p>The Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager (SEPM) / Lead Members provided updates on the individual Lead Areas, these included:</p> <p>Youth – No significant updates since last meeting other than the street based youth work project proposal which would be discussed later in the meeting.</p> <p>Environmental – The group met 3-4 weeks ago and have put forward their first grant application for consideration at the Area Board meeting. It was highlighted that they are still recruiting volunteers and posting on social media.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – With regard to the LINX scheme it was noted that many are doing volunteer work and are unpaid and stated they are in need of more drivers.</p> <p>Graeme (SEPM) – Visited the Equestrian Centre and made the decision to hold Tidworth’s next Area Board there. A Health and Wellbeing theme will be used and stated an intention for a quicker run through of Area Board business to allow for networking afterwards.</p> <p>Chair notes it will be the first meeting of the new financial year and agrees that networking will be made a priority.</p>
21	<p><u>Fostering Update</u></p> <p>Graeme (Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager) gave a presentation update.</p> <p>The MOD representative noted his frustration at the delay for MOD Foster applicants.</p> <p>Carol Webb asked whether foster children were all placed in Wiltshire. Jen Salter (Director of Families and Children) answered that although the majority of foster children were placed in Wiltshire, it was not always possible and therefore some were placed outside Wiltshire.</p>
22	<p><u>Street Based Youth Work</u></p> <p>Graeme Morrison (SEPM) – noted he had attended a meeting with the Youth Justice Team, noting his concern over a higher numbers of youth offenders coming through team and concern over increased drug use and travelling to London and Bournemouth.</p>

	<p>A technique of building relationships with youths over a few months before signposting support routes was explained. Graeme noted the successful application of this technique and others in other areas of Wiltshire such as Westbury. A potential application for Area Board funding was being considered and therefore Graeme would be looking for a body/group/charity to match funding. This has not been successful so far, but other options would be explored further</p>
23	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited a representative from each of the grant applicants to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board. After each of the applicants had spoken the Chairman invited questions and discussion, the Area Board members then voted on each application.</p> <p><u>Community Area Grants:</u></p> <p>Ludgershall Old Scout Hall requested £1750 for Replacement Windows.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Ludgershall Old Scout Hall was awarded £1750</p> <p><i>Reason:</i> The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24</p> <p>Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council requested £5000 for playground refurbishment.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council was awarded a reduced amount of £4387 due to limited budget. (To be allocated from Local Youth Network Funding)</p> <p><i>Reason:</i> The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24</p> <p>St James Ludgershall PCC requested £3300 for Lych Gate Restoration.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> St James Ludgershall PCC was awarded £3300.</p> <p><i>Reason:</i> The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24</p>

Older and Vulnerable Adults Grants:

Chute Design Guide Organisation and Committee requested £615 towards the Chute Design Guide Project.

Decision:

Chute Design Guide Organisation and Committee was awarded £615 (To be allocated from Community Area Grant Funding).

Reason:

The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24

Chute and Chute Forest Parish Councils requested £450 towards King's Coronation Celebrations

Decision:

Chute and Chute Forest Parish Councils was awarded £450.

Reason:

The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24

Tidworth Town Council requested £400 towards King's Coronation Celebrations

Decision:

Tidworth Town Council was awarded £400

Reason:

The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24

The Castle Practise requested £2100 for Castle Carers Craft Cafe or The Four Cs

Decision:

The Castle Practise was awarded £2100.

Reason:

The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24

Ludgershall Town Council requested £500 towards a Community Gathering

Decision:

Ludgershall Town Council was awarded £500.

Reason:

The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24

	<p>Tedworth Equestrian requested £5000 towards Workshop Renovation</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Tedworth Equestrian was awarded £5000.</p> <p><i>Reason:</i> The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24</p> <p><u>Youth Grants:</u> Tedworth Equestrian requested £5000 for the Pegasus Programme</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Tedworth Equestrian was awarded a reduced amount of £4387 due to limited budget.</p> <p><i>Reason:</i> The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24</p> <p><u>Area Board Initiative Grants:</u></p> <p>Tidworth Area Board requested £500 for a Biodiversity Audit.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Tidworth Area Board was awarded £500</p> <p><i>Reason:</i> The application met the Grants Criteria 2023/24</p> <p>Tidworth Area Board requested £5000 for detached youth work in Tidworth Community Area.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Deferred to next financial year.</p> <p><i>Reason:</i> Limited grant budget for 2023/24 financial year</p>
24	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on 10th July 2023</p>

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