

MINUTES

Meeting: MELKSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Melksham United Church
Date: 7 June 2017
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.30 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Jon Hubbard and Cllr Phil Alford

Wiltshire Council Officers

Rhys Schell – Community Engagement Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer
Emma Drage – Local Youth Facilitator

Town and Parish Councils

Melksham Town Council – Terri Welch, Katy Iles, Andy Hinchcliffe & Lorraine McRandle

Melksham Without Parish Council – Teresa Strange, Richard Wood & John Glover

Partners

Older Persons Champion – Chris Pickett

Total in attendance: 45

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Area Board meeting at the Melksham United Church.</p> <p>The members of the Area Board introduced themselves.</p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcement was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melksham Remembers – It was agreed by the Area Board that the remaining £1,649.00 of WW1 funding was transferred to the Melksham Remembers project.
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Brian Warwick – Melksham Seniors Forum.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 8 February 2017 and Tuesday 7 March 2017 were agreed as the correct records.
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Jon Hubbard – Chairman of Young Melksham, Agenda item no:8 Young Melksham Proposal.</p>
5	<p><u>Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups</u></p> <p>The following appointments to outside bodies and working groups for the forthcoming year were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) – Cllr Roy While. • Melksham Wellbeing Group – Cllr Pat Aves. • Local Youth Network (LYN) – Cllr Hayley Spencer. • Melksham Community Area Partnership – To be appointed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melksham Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Pat Aves & Cllr Phil Alford. <p>The Area Board noted the Melksham Community area priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, Wellbeing and Leisure • Children and Young People • Culture • Economy • Older People • Environment • Transport • Our Community and Housing • Community Safety
6	<p><u>Updates and Reports</u></p> <p>Children and Young People (including Local Youth Network Management Group) – nothing to report.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – nothing to report.</p> <p>Business and Economy – nothing to report.</p> <p>Melksham Older Persons Champion – Chris Pickett</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That concerns continued to be raised for an “Other Faiths” cemetery located in the Melksham community area. Cllr Seed advised that work was ongoing to find a suitable site. • Concerns over the possible closure of Melksham Hospital. • Chris Pickett thanked the Area Board for being appointed the Melksham Older Persons Champion. <p>The Chairman thanked Chris Pickett for his update.</p>

7	<p><u>Parks, Play Areas and Open Spaces</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced local community representatives from Bowerhill Residents Action Group (BRAG), Community Action Shaw and Whitley (CAWS) and Melksham Tidy Town Team who highlighted some of the work that they had carried out in their community areas.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a real need for good play areas and parks in Melksham, and that Melksham was very willing to take on the responsibilities of running these facilities.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Wiltshire Council was looking at this issue, and that he was hopeful that it would be successfully resolved.</p> <p>It was felt that Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council should liaise, and share their respective expertise and local knowledge.</p> <p>It was noted that the grounds of Melksham House were now in a poor state.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Area Board was supportive of local groups being able to take on the responsibility of running local play area and parks. • That this happens as soon as possible where communities want to take on the running local play area and parks. <p>The Chairman thanked all the local groups for their dedication and continued hard work.</p>
8	<p><u>Young Melksham proposal</u></p> <p><i>Note: Cllr Hubbard hands over to Cllr Seed for this item.</i></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman introduced Teresa Strange – Trustee, Young Melksham who outlined Young Melksham’s bid to re-locate to the Wiltshire Council site at the King George V playing field, Melksham. It was felt that although Young Melksham needed a new home, the Melksham Campus site was not the right location for this.</p> <p>A short power point presentation was shown, highlighting the proposed site and its suitability for youth provision.</p> <p>Questions were asked regarding the potential future cost of the proposed new home for Young Melksham. Cllr Hubbard and Teresa Strange confirmed that no financial support was being requested from the Area Board at this stage.</p>

	<p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Area Board supports Young Melksham’s bid to re-locate to the Wiltshire Council site at the King George V playing field, Melksham. <p>The Vice-Chairman thanked Teresa Strange for her presentation.</p> <p><i>Note: Cllr Hubbard did not vote on the Young Melksham proposal.</i></p>
9	<p><u>Big Pledge - London Calling</u></p> <p>Rhys Schell – Community Engagement Manager introduced a short film highlighting Wiltshire Council’s Big Pledge 2017, London Calling.</p>
10	<p><u>Wiltshire Commemorates the First World War</u></p> <p>Rhys Schell – Community Engagement Manager outlined a proposal from Wiltshire Council to plant 10,000 trees to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. It was to be decided whether a large Wiltshire wood, or smaller community areas would be planted.</p>
11	<p><u>Feedback from grant funding recipients</u></p> <p>The Area Board received feedback from the following grant funding recipients on how Area Board funding had helped their group/organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowerhill Residents Action Group – new noticeboard. • Devizes and District Opportunity Centre – outdoor shelter. • Young Melksham – new disco equipment. <p>The Chairman thanked all groups for attending the Area Board meeting to give their feedback.</p>
12	<p><u>Written Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The following written partner updates were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melksham Town Council • Melksham Without Parish Council • TransWilts Cic • Melksham Bus User Group • Chamber of Commerce <p>The Chairman thanked all partners for their updates.</p>
13	<p><u>Grant Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board members are asked to consider six applications to the Community Area Grants scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keevil Parish Council awarded £1,083.00 for Kerbing in Main Street Keevil. • Steeple Ashton Guides awarded £4,000 for Steeple Ashton Guides Storage Project. • Bulkington Parish Council awarded £281.25 for 1918 Commemorative Memorial Stone. • Melksham Forest Community Centre awarded £1,797.60 for Melksham Forest Community Centre 15x tables 100x Chairs. • Devizes & District Opportunity Centre awarded £279.83 for Garden Tools. • Strange Old Things - The Mobile Museum awarded £1,000 for Strange Old Things - The Mobile Museum.
14	<p><u>Any Other Items of Public Concern</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
15	<p><u>Close</u></p>