

MINUTES

Meeting: Corsham Area Board
Place: Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Rd, Corsham SN13
9DN
Date: 7 June 2023
Start Time: 19.00pm
Finish Time: 20.10pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson (Chairman), Cllr Helen Belcher OBE (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr Dr Brian Mathew and Cllr Derek Walters

Wiltshire Council Officers

Ros Griffiths – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Louisa Young – Area Board Delivery Officer
Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer
Lisa Alexander – Democratic Services Officer
David Redfern – Director of Leisure, Culture and Community

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Sgt Michael Tripp
Corsham Town Council
Box Town Council

Total in attendance: 22

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
90	<p><u>Election of a Chairman</u></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer opened the meeting and called for nominations to elect the Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To elect Cllr Ruth Hopkinson as Chairman for Corsham Area Board for the forthcoming year</p>
91	<p><u>Election of a Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>The Chairman called for nominations to elect the Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To elect Cllr Helen Belcher OBE as Vice-Chairman for Corsham Area Board for the forthcoming year</p>
92	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Tony Clarke (Colerne Parish Council) Adam Walton</p>
93	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2023 were presented for consideration and it was:</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve and sign as a true and correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2023.</p>
94	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Dispensation – Cllr Helen Belcher (OBE) and Cllr Ruth Hopkinson both declared that they were Members of Corsham Town Council but had been granted a dispensation.</p>
95	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p>

	<p>The Chairman gave an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board:</p> <p>Five To Thrive Corsham Community Pilot</p> <p>The project provided support for those struggling with stress and/or recovering from trauma to give them a more positive outlook on life and help build resilience. The chair invited people to attend the event.</p>
96	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Board received and noted the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Healthwatch Wiltshire • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) • Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Independent Visitor Scheme Volunteers ○ Wiltshire Libraries ○ Cost of Living (March & April) ○ National Numeracy Day <p>Full details can be found in the agenda pack.</p>
97	<p><u>Partner & Community Updates</u></p> <p><u>Verbal Updates</u></p> <p>The Board received verbal updates from representatives, including:</p> <p>(a) Wiltshire Police – Sgt Michael Tripp</p> <p>In Corsham, efforts have been made to connect with the community and gather opinions on Policing in the area to help shape response, policy, and delivery.</p> <p>There have been 23 School talks and presentations to over 650 children, and 4 Engagement Sessions with Scouts, Beavers, and the Youth Rugby Club.</p> <p>It was emphasized that the delivery of Selecta DNA marking kits to victims of burglary over the last two years had been particularly successful.</p> <p>(b) Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives</p> <p><u>Corsham Town Council</u></p> <p>Following the Annual Council Meeting on 15 May 2023, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE was elected as the new Chair of Corsham Town Council. The report also noted that their work on climate change and the environment continues with their</p>

	<p>'Plastic Free Community' Scheme and Eco Fairs. The Town Council was delighted to have been able to support Corsham's Coronation activities with funding for events including a tea party and miniature concert in the town centre. Anticipation was given for the Business Leader's Lunch that took place on the 9 June.</p> <p><u>Box Town Council</u></p> <p>Box Town Council have elected a new Chair and were continuing to implement their own Climate Strategy. Work from Cotswold Wardens on Public rights of way in the area was highlighted.</p> <p><u>Written Updates</u></p> <p>The Board was asked to note the following written and online updates attached to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC updates • Campus Update <p>Corsham Climate Action</p>
98	<p><u>Corsham Health Centre Update</u></p> <p>This item was deferred item to the next Corsham Area Board Meeting on 20 July 2023.</p>
99	<p><u>Area Board End of Year Report</u></p> <p>The Board received an update from Ros Griffiths, the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager, and Lead Councillors about the progress made towards the Area Board's priorities over the last year.</p> <p>A presentation video was played for those in attendance that highlighted several achievements of the Board over the last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth engagement and positive activity opportunities (Cllr Helen Belcher) <p>The Local Youth Network had supported the completion of Wiltshire Council's Youth Needs Assessment, invested in local outreach and safe space youth provision and arranged workshops to provide local groups and individuals with opportunities to understand contextual safeguarding of young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing climate change (Cllr Derek Walters) <p>The Corsham area Climate group had facilitated site visits to local organisations and businesses to understand their sustainability programmes and had promoted local events such as Corsham's Eco Fair, Repair Café and Sustainability Breakfast. The Area Board had invested in community orchards and solar panels at Corsham RFC.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting wellbeing and reducing social isolation in older and vulnerable people (Cllr Brian Mathew) <p>The Area Board had continued to co-ordinate the Corsham Health and Wellbeing Group, supported the development of the Celebrating Age programme across the community area and worked in partnership to organise a multi-agency ‘foot health’ and slipper exchange event to promote falls prevention and the local activities offer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the local economy (Cllr Ruth Hopkinson) <p>The Area Board ‘economy’ lead had supported the Corsham Means Business networking drop ins and shared advice and opportunities for local businesses.</p> <p>The full report can be found in the Agenda Pack.</p>
100	<p><u>Area Board Priorities - Looking Ahead</u></p> <p>The Board considered the Priority Areas and the Appointment of Priority Group Representatives for 2023/24.</p> <p>It was:</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To appoint the following Councillors as Priority Group Representatives for 2023/24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth engagement and positive activity opportunities (Cllr Helen Belcher) • Addressing climate change (Cllr Derek Walters) • Promoting wellbeing and reducing social isolation in older and vulnerable people (Cllr Brian Mathew) <p>Supporting the local economy (Cllr Ruth Hopkinson)</p>
101	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Community Area Grants</p> <p>1 – Neston Memorial Hall, Solar Array Project - £5000</p> <p>Cllr Derek Walters proposed an award of £3000, this was seconded by Cllr Brian Mathew.</p> <p>It was:</p>

Resolved

To award a reduced amount of £3000 to Neston Memorial Hall for their Solar Array Project.

Reason – *The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24*

2 – Corsham Military Graves, signage collaboration project £500

Proposed by Cllr Helen Belcher OBE and seconded by Cllr Derek Walters.

It was:

Resolved

To award Corsham Military Graves £500 for their signage collaboration project.

Reason – *The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24*

Older & Vulnerable Grants:

3 – AB Initiative, Coronation Tea Party – A top-up of £166.66

(This was previously awarded SEPM delegated funding and was considered under Delegated Funding)

4 – Corsham Community Club, Funding Help 2023 - £3000

Proposed by Cllr Brian Mathew and seconded by Cllr Helen Belcher OBE

It was:

Resolved

To award Corsham Community Club £3000 for Funding Help 2023.

Reason – *The application met the Older and Vulnerable Grants Criteria 2023/24*

Youth Grants:

5 – The Portable Wellbeing Studio, Corsham Sch Project - £2980

Proposed by Cllr Helen Belcher OBE and seconded by Cllr Brian Mathew.

It was:

Resolved

To award The Portable Wellbeing Studio £2980 for their Project.

Reason – *The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2023/24*

	<p>6 – Peacock Arts Trail, Corsham Youth Zone project - £850</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Helen Belcher OBE and seconded by Cllr Brian Mathew.</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award Peacocks Art Trail £850 for their Corsham Youth Zone Project. <u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2023/24</i></p> <p>7 – The Open Blue Trust, Traveller History Month Celebration – Previously published as £351.45 however updated to £500.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Derek Walters and seconded by Cllr Helen Belcher OBE.</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award The Open Blue Trust £500 for their Traveller History Month Celebration. <u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2023/24</i></p> <p>8 – Rewired Counselling, Spark 2023 - £1383</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Helen Belcher OBE and seconded by Cllr Brian Mathew</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award Rewired Counselling £1383 for Spark 2023. <u>Reason</u> – <i>The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2023/24</i></p> <p>Delegated funding: To note that one award has been made through the SEPM delegated funding process between meetings, this was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AB Initiative, Coronation Tea Party – which was initially awarded £500, and further topped up by £166.66. <p>Information links: Area Board Grants & Grants Criteria</p>
102	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Board noted the minutes and considered the recommendations arising from the last LHFIG Meeting held on 26 April 2023.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and Seconded by Cllr Brian Walters.</p>

	<p>It was:</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To note the LHFIG minutes and approve the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-21-19 Box Market Place, Signage & lining £1875 (Box PC contribution £625) • 5-22-2 Chapel Plaister Junction Improvements - £2250 (Box PC contribution £750)
103	<p><u>Outside Bodies & Non-Priority Group Representatives</u></p> <p>The Area Board was asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Appoint Members as Lead representatives to Outside Bodies, any Non-Priority Working Groups and to the LHFIG, as set out at Appendix A; b) Note the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix B. <p>Proposed by Cllr Brian Mathew and seconded by Cllr Derek Walters it was:</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To appoint Cllr Ruth Hopkinson as lead representative to the Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) for the following year.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Brian Mathew it was:</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To appoint Cllr Helen Belcher OBE as lead representative to Pound Arts.</p>
104	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Corsham Area Board will be on 20 July 2023</p>