MINUTES

Meeting: **Melksham Area Board**

Place: **On-Line Meeting**

Date: **14 December 2020**

Start Time: **7.00 pm**

Finish Time: **8.30 pm**

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors
Cllr Jonathon Seed (Chairman), Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Nick Holder,
Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Hayley Illman and Cllr Allison Bucknell

Wiltshire Council Officers
Peter Dunford – Community Engagement Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

Attendance: 21

Agenda Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
152	**Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements** The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Melksham Area Board meeting. The Melksham Area Board members were introduced, as was Cllr Allison Bucknell - Portfolio Holder for Communities, Arts, Heritage and Tourism. The following Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted: • A350 Melksham Bypass - consultation extension to 17 January 2021 • Community Governance – confirmation of boundary changes to electoral divisions from May 2021 • Healthy Us Weight Management Programme – as per the agenda pack • Covid-19 Community Packs – as per the agenda pack
153	**Apologies for Absence** There were no apologies for absence
154	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr Hubbard declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 9 (Young Melksham grant applications) Even though the interests were non-pecuniary, in this instance he declared that he would not vote on the applications
155	**Police Update** Inspector Jill Hughes gave the police update after taking over the Melksham community area Inspector role from Inspector Andy Fee, who had recently retired from the force. Andy Fee sent his thanks to the Area Board for his time working in the Melksham community area, and the support of the Area Board Points made included: • That four youths and an adult had been charged for incidents at the Melksham skate park

		• That local teams continued to targeting organised crime in the Melksham community area • That **l**ocal area speeding checks were being carried out at Shaw, Beanacre and Atworth • That an incident of egg throwing in the town centre was being followed up by local teams The Chairman welcomed Inspector Hughes to Melksham and thanked her for her update
	156	<u>Celebrating Age project - Rebecca Seymour, Creative Producer, Celebrating Age Wiltshire</u> Rebecca Seymour gave an update on this project delivering culture and heritage events and activity in community settings, to support the wellbeing of vulnerable older people, plus details of the "Creative Conversations" pilot project in Melksham. Points made included: That the project had re-structure since Covid-19 to deliver four key strands of activity that could reach older people in multiple ways, not just digitally. These were: • On-line concerts and performances • Outdoor concerts • 1:1 Creative Conversations via telephone • Noticing Nature: Taking Art Outdoors Creative Conversations on the phone Points made included: • Pilot project funded by Wiltshire Community Foundation to work in partnership with Age Friendly Melksham • Since the launch in October we have trained 4 creative artists and 7 volunteers

	• Phillipa Huxtable, Age Friendly Melksham Co-Ordinator and Moira Conroy, Community Connector referring participants • Currently Five participants receiving weekly calls The Chairman thanked Rebecca Seymour for her presentation
157	Lockdown 2.0 - Phillipa Huxtable, Age Friendly Co-ordinator Phillipa Huxtable gave an update on Melksham Community Service activity since the last meeting, including the impact of the second Lockdown, and highlighting new Age Friendly work focussing on social isolation. Points made included: • That since March 2020 the Melksham Community Support project had helped hundreds of people with thousands of tasks as together it tackles the challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic • Continuing to tackle social isolation as part of the Creative Communications project being run by Celebrating Age • Developing the volunteer Age Friendly Companion role to provide long-term support for people in the community • Regular welfare calls allowing for early notice of deteriorating wellbeing or health • Christmas Dinners - Asking people to cook and deliver an extra portion of their Christmas dinner for those who couldn't be with their family and friends during the Christmas period • Face2Face Video Calls - Available to anyone who does not have the means or ability to make video calls to friends and family • Lots of amazing volunteering being carried out – thanks to all who had volunteered, the Melksham community had responded brilliantly • That the prescription delivery service was set to continue The Chairman thanked Phillipa Huxtable for her presentation
158	Local Area Co-ordinator update - Matt Billingham, Wiltshire Council

		Matt Billingham – Melksham Local Area Co-ordinator gave a presentation that outlined his role in the Melksham community area

Points made included:

- That the role ensured that he worked alongside all people whatever the need

- Helping communities to become inclusive, welcoming and self-supporting places

- Supporting people to stay strong and preventing a need for service intervention by building on personal strengths and by finding natural support through local relationships

- Supporting people facing crisis to get support within the context of a supportive community network around them

- Helping public services to transform so they are integrated, person centred, and co-produced with communities

The Chairman thanked Matt Billingham for his presentation |
| 159 | | Community Area Transport Group

Cllr Jon Hubbard – Chairman

The minutes and recommendations of the meeting held on Thursday 3 December 2020 were noted and agreed

To recommend to the Area Board that the following issues are now complete or can be closed:

Issue 6914 - A350 Beanacre – request for ground socket to assist SID deployment

Issue 9-19-12 – Seend Bell Hill – concerns that drivers are failing to give-way at crossroads (northbound)

Issue 9-20-6 – Seend High Street – request for access protection markings

Issue 9-19-14 – Atworth – request for Parish Boundary signs |

	Issue 6055 – Broughton Gifford - Gateways and Traffic Management measures. To recommend to the Area Board that this issue is moved to the "Other Priorities" list Issue 9-20-9 – Melksham Sandridge Road – request to improve footway link to Maple Close To recommend to the Area Board that this issue be added to the Priority Schemes list Issue 9-20-13 – Keevil Seend Road Farm – request for single track road signs To recommend to the Area Board that this issue be added to the Priority Schemes list and to allocate £400 Highways Response to Covid-19 – Re-allocation of road space To recommend to the Area Board that Sites 1, 3 and 6 be added to the Priority Schemes list: 1. Melksham Town Bridge – drop kerbs and signs 3. Farmers Roundabout – signing to promote use of shared use cycle route to and from Holt Road 6. Whitley West Hill to Top Lane – footpath Highways to commence preliminary design work to produce ball park estimates when staff resources become available
160	<u>Grant Applications</u> Community Grant Scheme **Decision** **Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee awarded £2,000 towards Atworth Village Hall refurbishment of changing room -with residual funding after the February funding round if funding is still available** **Decision** **Melksham Oak Community School awarded £407 towards Boxercise Intervention** **Decision** **Age Friendly Melksham awarded £918 towards the Face2Face Mobile**

	Video project **Decision** **Young Melksham awarded £4,950 towards disabled access to Canberra Centre** *note: Cllr Jon Hubbard does not vote* Youth Grant Scheme **Decision** **Young Melksham awarded £4,950 towards 4Youth Mentoring 2021** *note: Cllr Jon Hubbard does not vote* Councillor Led Grant **Decision** **Cllr Alford awarded £10,000 towards the provision of detached youth workers in King George V Playing Fields and Skate Park**
161	<u>Written Partner Updates</u> Written partner updates for the NHS and Healthwatch were noted
162	<u>Public questions</u> There were no public questions raised
163	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Wednesday 3 February 2021
164	<u>Close</u>