

MINUTES

Meeting: Marlborough Area Board
Place: Online Meeting
Date: 26 January 2021
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Finish Time: 9.25 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Jane Davies (Vice-Chair) and Cllr Nick Fogg MBE (Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dominic Argar (Assistant Multimedia Officer), Andrew Jack (Community Engagement Manager) and Tara Shannon (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

Partners

Wiltshire Police
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
DWFRS
Healthwatch Wiltshire
B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG

Total in attendance: 22 in the meeting and 1 watching the live stream

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
56	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained the procedure for remote meetings and invited the Councillors present to introduce themselves.</p>
57	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
58	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 3 November 2020 were presented for consideration and it was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve the minutes as a correct record.</p>
59	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
60	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Us Weight Management Programme Healthy Us was a free 12 week course open to anyone living in Wiltshire, aged 18 or over, with a BMI of 28 or above. Referrals for the virtual courses were now being taken. Please see https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-weight-adults for more information or email health.coaches@wiltshire.gov.uk. • COVID-19 Update The Chairman gave the latest COVID-19 figures for Wiltshire and advised people to stay at home and continue to follow guidelines. The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub was available to give support, please call 0300 4560100 for advice. • Census 2021 Census day would take place on March 21, but households across the country would also receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March. The census was a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. The Chairman encouraged everyone to take part.

	<p>See https://census.gov.uk/ for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Plan Review Consultation The Local Plan Review and GT consultation was taking place from Wednesday 13 January to Tuesday 9 March 2021. For more information please see page 17 of the agenda pack or go to https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review.
61	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates were received from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wiltshire Police Sgt Gareth Edwards gave an update to the meeting. Sgt Edwards gave some figures stating that there had been 72 crimes and 88 incidents in the last 2 months. In Ogbourne St George and some other small villages there had been a number of burglaries and some incidents with cars. There were a number of people who had come into the area to carry out these offences. Two of the offenders had been identified and both were now in prison. Footage from Ring doorbells (or other similar doorbells with cameras) had proved crucial in solving these crimes. Work was ongoing to apprehend those still at large. Dog thefts were mentioned as there had been a lot of social media posts regarding this. Dog thefts had increased nationally, however in Wiltshire eight dog thefts had been reported, which whilst very distressing for those involved was lower than one would think given the concerns raised. So, the figures did not support the social media commentary. People were advised to ensure working dogs were kept securely and to be extremely careful if selling a dog, for example not selling from your house or giving people your location. A new format of area board reports was discussed. In response to questions it was confirmed that COVID-19 had reduced crime across the board generally (16% down on last year) and that the rural crime team were working to tackle crimes such as hare coursing. COVID breaches were also discussed. The deputy PCC Jerry Herbert explained that a scrutiny panel which he chaired looked at all fines issued to ensure they were proportionate and reasonable. Camping at the Ridgeway was discussed, and it was explained that due to legislation surrounding byways it could be difficult to move people on so the Police and Wiltshire Council would need to work together to address the issue. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Jerry Herbert, deputy PCC gave details regarding the role of the PCC and what had been delivered by the PCC in the last year, including increased numbers of officers, a new rural crime team and investing in resources to counter cyber-crime. The PCC was proposing a raise in police precept. It was explained that the maximum increase that was allowed to the police precept was £15 a year for a band D property, which was what the PCC was asking for. This equated to a band D property seeing an increase of

£1.25 a month. It was highlighted that Wiltshire Police were the third lowest nationally funded force in the country. The extra £15 a year would help to fund an increase in officers and bolster community policing teams. The PCC was consulting on the proposals. More information could be found at www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk and the survey was located at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PNHBKSG> and was open until 2 February 2021.

- **Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue**

Dave Adamson, Station Manager for East Wiltshire gave an update to the meeting highlighting key messages from his written update in the agenda. Such as, dementia issues, boat safety and winter safety. Incidents were slightly down. An initiative called 'Laptops for Kids' was detailed, which had spread through several fire stations. The stations were acting as a drop off point for unwanted laptops and a local company was repurposing these and passing them on to local children (via schools) who required devices in order to undertake remote home learning. Cllr Davies passed on her thanks regarding the 'Laptops for Kids' initiative and highlighted a Wiltshire Council initiative providing over £1 million of funding to ensure pupils had the devices they needed.

- **Healthwatch Wiltshire**

Joanna Wittels of Healthwatch Wiltshire gave an update. Ms Wittels referred to the written update within the pack and mentioned the new board members who had been appointed. 129 comments from the public had been received during December, covering GP's, mental health services, hospitals and dentists. A number of projects were being undertaken:

- to gather the experience of health, care and community services;
- a mental health forum;
- an autism survey;
- young Healthwatch volunteers;

On their watch list were hospitals and dentists. Further details could be found online at <https://www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk>.

- **Town and Parish Councils**

- **Marlborough Town Council (MTC)**

Mayor of Marlborough, Cllr Mark Cooper gave an update to the meeting. Currently all MTC buildings were closed, but officers were working from home and contactable by email and phone, further details regarding services could be found on their website <https://marlborough-tc.gov.uk>. The Mayor thanked all the volunteers helping throughout the third lockdown. Thanks was also given to Marlborough Surgery for their efforts on the vaccination programme, and MTC had offered the Town Hall as a vaccination centre if it was required. The public were encouraged to take part in the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan consultation and the Marlborough Common consultation. A working party had been

	<p>developed to tackle climate emergency. MTC Tourism Officer was working on plans for when the lock down was lifted with the Great West Way and Marlborough had just received coach friendly status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Mervyn Hall gave an update to the meeting. The regulation 14 consultation for the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan had now started and would be open until 8 March 2021. This was important as the plan would provide legal protection against unwanted development whilst allowing for appropriate development to meet community needs. More details including the draft plan and supporting evidence could be found at https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan and residents could comment by emailing enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk.
62	<p><u>Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>The following updated were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG Gill May, (Director of Nursing and Quality and the CCG lead for the vaccination programme), and Jo Cullen, (Director of Primary Care) gave details on the vaccination rollout programme. In September plans started to be drawn up regarding the rollout, however it was not until December that the Pfizer vaccine became available. As this was delicate and unstable the focus was to give that vaccine at hospital hubs, the programme concentrated on front line staff and those over 80 years of age. As of the previous Sunday all care homes had been visited and the majority of residents vaccinated. Primary Care Networks were working to deliver the vaccine and work was now progressing on the 70 plus age group and all the priority 4 groups should be vaccinated by 14 February. Doctors in Marlborough were amongst the first in Wiltshire to start rolling out the vaccination programme in week commencing 21 December. Thanks were given by the councillors to all involved. Update from Suzy Deering of the Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership (KAMP) Suzy Deering (Communications Officer for KAMP) gave an update on the vaccine rollout. It was stated that the East Kennet Primary Care Network was working collaboratively with others to overcome logistical challenges. It was explained that the Pfizer vaccine had to be kept at -170 degrees, once it had left the freezer it had to be kept refrigerated and could only be used on days 3, 4 and 5 after leaving the freezer. Therefore, late deliveries could cause knock on issues with scheduling appointments. An enormous number of man hours were involved in the programme which had been compounded by staff isolating and shielding. Thanks were given to staff and volunteers who had helped with the rollout. Residents

	<p>were advised that they would be contacted when it was their turn to be offered the vaccine. All of those 80 plus years of age had been offered the vaccine, along with front line staff and care home residents. Details were also given of normal day to day work which had continued during the vaccine programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Jill Turner, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Group Jill Turner thanked the board for the grant application which had been approved at the last area board meeting for career support. Jill had been in discussions with the Jubilee day centre regarding a possible future grant application to help people who had been shielding or isolating with exercise programmes. <p>The Chairman passed on thanks to all for their updates.</p>
63	<p><u>Community Status Report</u></p> <p>Andrew Jack, Community Engagement Manager, gave a presentation on the Community Status Report which could be found at page 35 of the agenda. The officer explained that usually every 3 or 4 years a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) event was held to identify priorities for the area. However, the last JSNA had been cancelled due to COVID-19. The Community Status Report aimed to cover that process. It could also assess how the Marlborough area was dealing with COVID-19 and the possible future needs that it might create.</p> <p>Factual data gathered for the JSNA and the results of a community survey were combined with data from partners such as the Police, the health sector, schools, parish councils and the voluntary and community sector in order to create the report.</p> <p>It was hoped that the report could use the intelligence gathered to highlight a few key priorities for the area board to focus on.</p> <p>After launching the report at this meeting, the CEM stated he would be contacting groups with questions relating to the current situation and how things were going. The report would be updated and brought back to the March meeting to be fed back to the community. The board could then work with partners on taking the priorities identified forwards. It was noted that the process would be a continual work in progress, being updated when needed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Andrew Jack for his presentation.</p>
64	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>Cllr James Sheppard, Chairman of the CATG gave an update to the meeting. The last meeting had been very well attended and brief details were given of the five high priority schemes chosen by the Marlborough CATG. Cllr Sheppard stated that whilst the CATG was good for getting small schemes achieved, it</p>

	<p>was not so good for large schemes. Cllr Sheppard had contacted Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways regarding this and would discuss the issue further with the Area Board Members.</p> <p>At the end of the update it was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the discussions from the CATG meeting of 10 December. • To confirm the five high priority schemes agreed by CATG. • To note some schemes may need funding from area board’s Capital budget in order to proceed.
65	<p><u>Local Youth Network Update</u></p> <p>The following application for youth grant funding was considered after the applicants spoke in support of their project and it was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To award Marlborough Tennis, £2,698.00, towards supporting youth development.
66	<p><u>Update from Community Engagement Manager</u></p> <p>Andrew Jack, Community Engagement Manager gave an update detailing Wiltshire’s Area Board funding. It was stated that £1,312,718 of funding had been awarded in 2019/20 which had resulted in projects with a value of £6,112,577 being supported. This was split over 689 projects and over 40,000 people had taken part in projects funded by area boards.</p>
67	<p><u>Community Area Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>The board considered the following applications for grant funding. Representatives of the organisations applying for funding had the opportunity to speak in support of their applications and give brief details regarding the projects.</p> <p>It was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To award Froxfield Parish Council, £5,000.00, towards Froxfield Nature Reserve • To award Transition Marlborough, £500.00, towards Marlborough Community Fridge • To award the Area Board Initiative – Cllr Davies, £1,500.00, for a

	<p>Topographic survey, Forest Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To award the Area Board Initiative – Cllr Dobson, £5,000.00 for Social distancing barriers, Kingsbury St.
68	<p><u>Any Other Questions</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
69	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
70	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and announced that the next meeting of the Marlborough Area Board would be on Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 7.00pm.</p>