

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

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
152	<p data-bbox="336 376 1137 414"><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 443 1401 481">The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Melksham Area Board meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="336 517 1485 591">The Melksham Area Board members were introduced, as was Cllr Allison Bucknell - Portfolio Holder for Communities, Arts, Heritage and Tourism.</p> <p data-bbox="336 627 1485 701">The following Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul data-bbox="384 736 1469 1032" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 736 1406 775">• A350 Melksham Bypass - consultation extension to 17 January 2021 <li data-bbox="384 810 1469 884">• Community Governance – confirmation of boundary changes to electoral divisions from May 2021 <li data-bbox="384 920 1449 958">• Healthy Us Weight Management Programme – as per the agenda pack <li data-bbox="384 994 1206 1032">• Covid-19 Community Packs – as per the agenda pack
153	<p data-bbox="336 1097 663 1135"><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1164 868 1202">There were no apologies for absence</p>
154	<p data-bbox="336 1272 675 1310"><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1339 1485 1413">Cllr Hubbard declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 9 (Young Melksham grant applications)</p> <p data-bbox="336 1449 1485 1523">Even though the interests were non-pecuniary, in this instance he declared that he would not vote on the applications</p>
155	<p data-bbox="336 1592 544 1630"><u>Police Update</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1659 1485 1805">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</p> <p data-bbox="336 1841 655 1879">Points made included:</p> <ul data-bbox="384 1915 1390 1989" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 1915 1390 1989">• That four youths and an adult had been charged for incidents at the Melksham skate park

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That local teams continued to targeting organised crime in the Melksham community area • That local 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 <p>The Chairman welcomed Inspector Hughes to Melksham and thanked her for her update</p>
156	<p><u>Celebrating Age project - Rebecca Seymour, Creative Producer, Celebrating Age Wiltshire</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-line concerts and performances • Outdoor concerts • 1:1 Creative Conversations via telephone • Noticing Nature: Taking Art Outdoors <p>Creative Conversations on the phone</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phillipa Huxtable, Age Friendly Melksham Co-Ordinator and Moira Conroy, Community Connector referring participants • Currently Five participants receiving weekly calls <p>The Chairman thanked Rebecca Seymour for her presentation</p>
157	<p><u>Lockdown 2.0 - Phillipa Huxtable, Age Friendly Co-ordinator</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>The Chairman thanked Phillipa Huxtable for her presentation</p>
158	<p><u>Local Area Co-ordinator update - Matt Billingham, Wiltshire Council</u></p>

	<p>Matt Billingham – Melksham Local Area Co-ordinator gave a presentation that outlined his role in the Melksham community area</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>The Chairman thanked Matt Billingham for his presentation</p>
159	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Jon Hubbard – Chairman</p> <p>The minutes and recommendations of the meeting held on Thursday 3 December 2020 were noted and agreed</p> <p>To recommend to the Area Board that the following issues are now complete or can be closed:</p> <p>Issue 6914 - A350 Beanacre – request for ground socket to assist SID deployment</p> <p>Issue 9-19-12 – Seend Bell Hill – concerns that drivers are failing to give-way at crossroads (northbound)</p> <p>Issue 9-20-6 – Seend High Street – request for access protection markings</p> <p>Issue 9-19-14 – Atworth – request for Parish Boundary signs</p>

	<p>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</p> <p>Issue 9-20-9 – Melksham Sandridge Road – request to improve footway link to Maple Close</p> <p>To recommend to the Area Board that this issue be added to the Priority Schemes list</p> <p>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</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Highways to commence preliminary design work to produce ball park estimates when staff resources become available</p>
160	<p><u>Grant Applications</u></p> <p>Community Grant Scheme</p> <p>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</p> <p>Decision Melksham Oak Community School awarded £407 towards Boxercise Intervention</p> <p>Decision Age Friendly Melksham awarded £918 towards the Face2Face Mobile</p>

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