

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Stonehenge Area Board  
**Place:** Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Rd, Amesbury, Salisbury SP4 7HH  
**Date:** 28 March 2022  
**Start Time:** 6.35 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.30 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Graham Wright (Chairman), Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Mark Verbinnen and Cllr Robert Yuill

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Jacqui Abbott (Community engagement Manager), Dom Argar (Assistant Multimedia Officer), Tara Shannon (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

### **Town and Parish Councils**

Amesbury, Bulford, Durrington, Figcheldean, Netheravon, Shrewton, South Newton, Stapleford, Woodford

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police  
Community Speed Watch  
Army

**Total in attendance: 30**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
14	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Stonehenge Area Board, the first in person meeting since early 2020.</p>
15	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies received from Area Board Councillors.</p> <p>The following regular attendees sent apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Richard Harris - Shrewton Parish Council</li> <li>• Cllr Paul Cranch – Fittleton Cum Haxton Parish Council</li> <li>• Cllr Dot Georgeson – Fittleton Cum Haxton Parish Council</li> <li>• Cllr Burke - Chair of Netheravon Parish Council</li> <li>• Sue Lee – Our Time Project – grant applicant</li> <li>• Caroline Palmer – Shrewton Social Club</li> <li>• Irene Kohler – Silver Salisbury and Amesbury</li> <li>• Matthew Maggs – Fire Rescue Service</li> </ul>
16	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were considered and it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings on 16 December 2021 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
17	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
18	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the meeting to the written details included with the agenda for the announcements listed.</p> <p>The Chairman also made the following verbal announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Luncheon and Friendship Clubs</b> The Chairman announced that some luncheon and friendship clubs in Netheravon, Durrington and Shrewton may be affected by the funding changes but pledged that he would try to help them find funding and that the Area Board would consider any grant applications they submitted.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Area Board updates</b>            The meeting was reminded of the changes to Area Boards whereby there were 4 business meetings a year, there was also monthly clinics (except in the months where there was an Area Board) where parishes could drop in to discuss issues relevant to them. The Chairman highlighted that the Board wanted to hold meetings on topics parishes were interested in and that the meetings could be useful for networking. The Chairman stated that the Board was here to serve its residents.         </li> </ul>
19	<p><u>Open Floor</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited partners, parishes and attendees to give updates or ask questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Wiltshire Police</b>            Inspector Tina Osborn gave an update to the meeting. In addition to the report in the agenda, the Inspector highlighted that rural crime, such as tackling hare coursing, poaching and dog attacks was still a focus for the team who had increased patrols and visibility and were giving crime prevention advice to farmers. The team had also been visiting schools giving presentation on the dangers involved in county lines and how to look out for signs that people were being exploited. As the weather had improved there could be an increase in door knockers for garden work in areas with vulnerable people and these could be reported to trading standards. Speeding was still an issue and a successful session had taken place in Enford to catch speeders. There had been 1 closure order in Amesbury. The police would work in partnership with Wiltshire Council in relation to anti-social behaviour and secure closure orders were required. They were a powerful tool to combat anti-social behaviour and protect the vulnerable. Since the closure of a public house in Amesbury anti-social behaviour complaints had reduced and the police had issued an objection to a new licence being issued in particular related to the opening hours, as the police only wanted the venue open until 11.00pm, this was going to the Wiltshire Council Licensing Committee. Thanks was given to the licenced venues in town who regularly attended pub watch and worked together to reduce anti-social behaviour. Joint patrols with the Royal Military Police (RMP) were also ongoing.         </li> <li> <b>Community Speed Watch (CSW)</b>            John Derryman gave an update to the meeting in his voluntary role as CSW county co-ordinator. There were 115 teams across Wiltshire and Swindon with about 1,000 volunteers. Timothy Keely and Charles Smith were the team co-ordinators for the Stonehenge area. An aim was to have more efficient communication and to make better use of data, however there were limited resources. The Police and Crime Commissioner had authorised 2 more traffic police to be appointed in order to help enforcement. It was hoped that a database could be created         </li> </ul>

to collate information from Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) which would help to highlight where enforcement should be targeted. Another aim was to increase the numbers of volunteers as CSW was an important part of the overall road safety strategy.

The Chairman thanked Mr Derryman for his hard work and highlighted an issue the Durrington CSW team was having with communications. John stated they could discuss outside of the meeting in order to resolve the issues.

- **Army updates**

Lt Col Glyn Williams, deputy garrison commander at Larkhill gave an update to the meeting. The officer highlighted that the garrison had grown with extra regiments which had moved from Tidworth and should be based there for 20-30 years. He envisaged that these would integrate as a close community. The officer wanted to bring the regiments together so that they were seen as collective and then do the same with the local communities. The garrison had been helping with the Covid effort and some were now being deployed to Eastern Europe. The officer requested that any troubles with soldiers' behaviour in Amesbury should be reported to him.

Cllr Verbinnen stated that he attended the pub watch meetings and that the Army representative there was doing a great job and that the police were working with the RMP which was working well.

- **Netheravon Parish Council**

A representative from Netheravon Parish Council gave an update to the meeting. They thanked the Area Board for a £5,000 grant which they had received in December towards outdoor fitness equipment which was now being installed. They were also planning their Jubilee celebrations and would be having a street party and live music. A priority for them was speed reduction on the A345 which the CATG team were working on. The representative also updated on their Cheerful Cuppa mornings which were held every Tuesday morning. They proactively help those with dementia and hold as an integrated event, dogs are also welcome to attend with their owners. Lockdown had caused these meetings to stop but they started up again in October 2021 and were delighted at attendance with about 30-40 people regularly attend, from young mothers to a 92 year old resident.

- **Figheldean Parish Council**

The Vice Chairman of Figheldean Parish Council gave an update stating that they hold a coffee morning every Wednesday at 10.00am. They were looking to insulate the village hall roof and asked anyone who had any information or contacts to help with that to let them know. They were holding a raft race for the Jubilee and all were invited.

- **Durrington Town Council**

Durrington Town Council also hold a Cheerful Cuppa session on

	<p>Wednesday mornings. They were holding several events for the Jubilee including a fate, a concert and a tea party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amesbury Town Council</b> Amesbury Town Council highlighted that the work on the history centre was going well and the museum would hopefully be open in late summer.</li> <li>• <b>Area Board Priorities</b> The Chairman highlighted the Board's priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Loneliness and Isolation (Health &amp; Wellbeing group, Cllr Monica Devendran)</li> <li>○ Mental health (Health &amp; Wellbeing group)</li> <li>○ Positive activities for young people (Youth Activities, Cllr Mark Verbinnen)</li> <li>○ Digital Inclusion (Health &amp; Wellbeing group)</li> <li>○ Mitigating Climate Change / Environment &amp; re-cycling (Cllr Graham Wright / Cllr Yuill)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>More details on activities within these priorities would be given later in the meeting.</p>
20	<p><u>Positive activities for young people</u></p> <p><b>Local Youth Network</b> Cllr Verbinnen gave an update, the last meeting of the LYN had been held virtually two weeks previously and unfortunately the turnout was low. The next meeting was being held in person on 18 May at 6pm and it was hoped that more people would attend. They would discuss important issues which had been raised. The next</p> <p><b>Engagement with Schools</b> Cllr Verbinnen and the Chairman would be undertaking a tour of secondary schools and Cllr Verbinnen was joining the Governors of Stonehenge School and Avon Valley School. There were projects underway to get children looking at climate change and to develop a peace garden. There had been some really good discussions led by the young people. Cllr Verbinnen had also met with some of the primary school which went well.</p> <p><b>Rural Youth Project</b> An informative and engaging meeting was held on the Rural Youth Project which was put together by Community First and looked at how they can work with young people and what their needs were to make them feel included. The report was included at page 45 of the agenda. Whilst the area had good youth sporting activities there was always a need for more. There was quite a lot of deprivation in Amesbury and the surrounding areas but there had been good engagement from some deprived areas. Transport and getting to and from clubs and activities was raised as an issue across the area. Shrewton had lost its youth</p>

	<p>club which was raised as an issue and they were looking for volunteers, in fact more volunteers were needed in most areas. The military ran a youth club in Bulford with a great scheme of activities. These were for all children not just military children and it was hoped that this could be promoted to get the word out. The report was not yet finished and some areas were still to be consulted. Members felt it was good that the transport issue had been identified and a possible solution could be pop up activities that went to local areas so people could attend.</p> <p><b>Wessex Circus update on activities</b></p> <p>The Buzz Action foundation which was partnered with Wessex Circus updated and explained that they ran the Elements Café which was a safe space for vulnerable young people with special needs. There was also the Youth Café which was open to all 13-19 year olds. The Board was thanked for pervious grants which had been given to these activities. The cafés were gateways to positive activities for young people such as day trips and cultural events. The youth café was based outdoors at the Bowman Centre and was partnered with the youth circus. Other activities which had taken place included a week on the Isle of Purbeck, big rig arial activities at Amesbury fete, a Chamber of commerce event and a disco. Two young people who attended the activities stated that the activities were fun and they gave you something to do.</p> <p><b>Youth grants</b></p> <p>Cllr Verbinnen introduced the youth grant applications and representatives of the organisations applying for grants spoke in support of their applications. After consideration by the Board it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To grant Buzz Action Foundation CIO, £4,500 towards Amesbury Youth Café.</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant Durrington Town Council, £5,000 towards Durrington Youth Services.</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant 1st Shrewton St Marys Scout Group, £477.50 towards Scout pioneering equipment.</b></li> <li>• <b>The Element Café, £3,000 towards The Element Café.</b></li> <li>• <b>Youth Adventure Trust, £2,621.93 towards supporting disadvantaged young people in Amesbury Stonehenge.</b></li> </ul>
21	<p><u>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave an update on the CATG which was working very well, and on how projects were progressing. The notes of the meeting with all details could be seen at pages 63 – 80 of the agenda.</p> <p>The following high priority schemes, whose funding and already been approved at previous meetings, were progressing well:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-20-15 Durrington 20mph speed limit assessment</li> <li>• 1-21-3 Amesbury, London Road bus shelter replacement</li> <li>• 1-21-5 Winterbourne Stoke/Berwick St James B3083 signing improvements</li> <li>• 1-21-8 Amesbury, Redworth Drive bollard installation</li> <li>• 1-21-10/12 Woodford Valley C42 speed limit assessment</li> <li>• 1-21-17 Netheravon A345 speed limit assessment</li> <li>• Durnford speed limit assessment</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman stated that the CATG had considered a further 3 schemes for funding and recommended them to the Board for approval, brief details on the schemes were given and it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>That Stonehenge Area Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Note the discussions from the Stonehenge CATG meeting held 2 February 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>Confirm the high priority schemes as listed above</b></li> <li>• <b>Approve the following funding recommendations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>1-21-13 Great Wishford Village Gates, £4,968.49</b></li> <li>○ <b>1-21-5 Winterbourne Stoke/Berwick St James B3083 Speed Limit Assessment CATG, £1,875</b></li> <li>○ <b>1-20-15 Durrington 20mph speed limit implementation, £8,250</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
22	<p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Dr Monica Devendran as Chair of the <b>Health and Wellbeing Group</b> (HWBG) gave an update to the meeting. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new Friday morning café drop-in supported by Stonehenge Area Board taking place on Friday 29 April 10am – 12pm at Evergreen Court</li> <li>• An activities directory would be for Autumn 22).</li> <li>• The Stockport Avenue Community Garden was running drop-in sessions where all were welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tuesday’s 2-4pm</li> <li>○ Thursdays 10:30-4pm</li> <li>○ Saturdays 10:30-5pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Digital Inclusion</b> A new introduction to IT course would be running at Amesbury library on Monday 9 May .</p> <p><b>Paths 4 All</b> It was explained that Paths 4 All was an initiative to get more people walking and that funding was available for projects to help with this from Stonehenge Area Board. Areas covered so far by the initiative were Netheravon, Woodford</p>

	<p>Valley and Tilshead, and areas where the initiative was setting up were Durnford, Amesbury and South Newton.</p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing Grants</b>  Cllr Monica Devendran introduced the Health and Wellbeing grants which had all been recommended by the HWBG for approval by the Board. Representatives of organisations applying for grants spoke in support of their applications. After consideration it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To grant Our Time Project, £500, towards movement and inspire film for elders Stonehenge.</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant The Stonehenge Chamber of Trade, £300, towards the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade Easter Bunny.</b></li> </ul>
23	<p><u>Mitigating Climate Change</u></p> <p><b>Greener Durrington</b>  The Chairman advised that in Durrington certain sections of grass would only be cut once a year in order to encourage wildflowers and biodiversity. This would continue for 3 years at which point the success of the project would be evaluated and it would be decided whether to extend the idea to other areas.</p> <p><b>Better Planet Schools</b>  Two schools in the area had signed on with the Better Planet Schools project which was an excellent programme education young people on how to help the environment by simple actions such as turning the lights off or turning the thermostat down. Schools saved an average of 10% on their heating bills when they undertook simple measures such as these and the children took the ideas home to their parents. More session would be run and it was hoped more schools would sign up to take part.</p> <p><b>Amesbury Town Council (ATC) update</b>  ATC were keen to develop a path for butterflies from Salisbury Plain to Porton. The Kingsgate Development would have a county park which would include areas for exercise and wildflowers. ATC now had a Climate Committee which would meet to look in depth at Climate issues.</p>
24	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, as lead Member for grants introduced the Community Area Grant applications, explaining that all applications had been scrutinised and met the grant criteria. Representatives of the organisations applying for grants spoke in support of their applications. After consideration it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To grant Shrewton Sports and Social Club, £5,000, towards the</b></li> </ul>



	<p>replacement of the felt roof.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To grant Woodford Village Hall, £2,496.50, towards Woodford Village Hall staging.</li> <li>• To grant Durrington CE Controlled Junior School, £3,500, towards Durrington Junior School outdoor area.</li> <li>• To grant Stapleford Parish Council, £1,857 towards Stapleford playground surfacing.</li> <li>• To grant Woodford Parish Council, £1,000.00 towards Middle Woodford Play Area replacement boundary fencing.</li> <li>• To grant Figgle Fest, £944.00 towards Figgle Fest Safety Cable Covers.</li> </ul>
25	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
26	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board would be held on 9 June 2022, location to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and requested feedback. Attendees felt that the face to face meeting worked, however people did request that hybrid technology be utilised so that attendees could come in person or online. Several parishes including Figheldean, Netheravon and Woodford offered the use of their hall for one of the Area Board meetings.</p>