

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board  
**Place:** On-Line Meeting  
**Date:** 10 March 2021  
**Start Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 7.55 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Chris Hurst and Cllr Bob Jones MBE

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Rhys Schell – Specialist Manager - Community Engagement and Governance  
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

**Total in attendance: 28**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
40	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the on-line meeting of the RWB&amp;C Area Board</p> <p>The Area Board members introduced themselves</p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cricklade Leisure Centre Refurbishment</li> <li>• Fostering</li> <li>• Independent Visitor Scheme</li> <li>• Covid-19 Community Testing</li> <li>• Become a Councillor</li> </ul>
41	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mollie Groom and Jane Vaughan – Community Engagement Manager, whom the Area Board wished a speedy recovery</p>
42	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 November 2020 were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman</b></li> </ul>
43	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Bob Jones - Cricklade Heritage funding application and Cricklade Defibrillator group funding application - would not vote on these applications</p>
44	<p><u>RWB&amp;C Area Board 2017-2021</u></p> <p>Cllr Allison Bucknell introduced various speakers who gave updates since the</p>

last Area Board meeting

**Local Area Coordinator – Francis Barrone**

- That the Wellbeing Hub were now carrying out door step visits to seek out shielders who haven't been contacted by Wiltshire Council as yet
- Good collaborative working with local GP surgeries
- That local Church groups were now getting involved
- That food bank usage was now reducing in the community area
- Lots of creativity and resilience being shown by people
- Lots of Whatsapp and social media use going on
- That the virtual meeting platforms continued to be a good way for connecting up people

**Rise Youth, Supporting Young People – Danielle Blake**

- Numbers of young people a bit thin on the ground, but still delivering a service
- That many young people were worried about going back to school

**Community Safety Group**

- That the group had continued to meet – thanks to all who had taken part during the last four years

**Dementia group**

- Looking to get the group back on track when the restrictions relax

**Royal Wootton Bassett Environmental Group**

That the group had continued to meet in line with the Covid restrictions, during this time project groups had:

- Produced a residents' cycling survey and network of proposed cycle links in RWB, and engaged with RWBTC on this. They continued to engage with Wiltshire council for the long awaited cycle path to Swindon

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Researched best practice and solutions with Plant life and Dorset council. Met with Highways, Streetscene and the chair of the Wiltshire Council climate emergency taskforce in the efforts to introduce a wildflower trial in RWB</li> <li>• Supported local sustainable shops with an online Eco-Fest in 2020. Plans to launch a sustainable shopping app called Future Friendly in 2021</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates</p>
45	<p><u>Partner &amp; Parish Updates</u></p> <p>The following written partner updates contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <p>Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>NHS/Healthwatch Wiltshire</p> <p>Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council</p> <p>Cricklade Town Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Town Council were looking forward to some new councillors joining them after the 6 May local elections</li> <li>• That the Town Council were taking over new assets from Wiltshire Council included the Cricklade Leisure Centre</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates</p>
46	<p><u>Investing in our Community - An overview of Community Area Funding 2017-2021</u></p> <p>Cllr Allison Bucknell gave an overview of the 2020/21 Area Board budget</p> <p>Capital Grant scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020/21 allocation - £47,776</li> <li>• Invested to date - £4,888</li> <li>• Available for investment - £42,888</li> <li>• Balance if all requests are granted - £15,383</li> </ul>

	<p>Positive Youth Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020/21 allocation - £19,528</li> <li>• Invested to date - £335.50</li> <li>• Available for investment - £19,192.50</li> <li>• Balance if all requests are granted - £5,685</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing/Older Person Champion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020/21 allocation - £7,700</li> <li>• Invested to date - £1,700</li> <li>• Available for investment - £6,000</li> <li>• Balance if all requests are granted - £6,000</li> </ul>
47	<p><u>Grants for Local Groups</u></p> <p>Community Area Grants</p> <p><b>Cricklade Bloomers awarded £3,000 for Utility vehicle</b></p> <p><b>Cricklade Defibrillator group awarded £2,200 for Defibrillators</b>  <i>Note: Cllr Bob Jones declared an interest and abstained from the vote</i></p> <p><b>Green Machine awarded £999 for Digital Devices for home schooling</b></p> <p><b>Saxons Petanque awarded £1,750 for Pitch improvements</b></p> <p><b>Cricklade Heritage Trail awarded £2,500 for Interpretation boards and promotion</b>  <i>Note: Cllr Bob Jones declared an interest and abstained from the vote</i></p> <p><b>Cricklade Town Hall awarded £5,000 for DDA Compliant facilities</b></p> <p><b>Broad Town Parish Council awarded £4,904 for Improvements at Red Hills playing field</b></p> <p><b>Old Court Community Pre-School, Royal Wootton Bassett awarded £900</b></p>

	<p><b>for Digital devices and software</b></p> <p><b>St Sampson's, Cricklade awarded £700 for CCTV project</b></p> <p><b>St Michael's, Church Hall, Lyneham awarded £552 for Foodbank project</b></p> <p><b>Lyneham Village Hall awarded £5,000 for Lyneham Village Hall</b></p> <p>Youth Grants</p> <p><b>The Rise Trust awarded £1,232.50 for RISE YOUTH Detached Outreach – Cricklade</b></p> <p><b>Cricklade Local Youth Network awarded £3,625 for Positive Youth activities for 13-18 yr olds in Cricklade 2021 to 2022</b></p> <p><b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council awarded £8,650 for Detached Youth Work (Rise Youth)</b></p>
48	<p><u>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area working towards recovery</u></p> <p>Cllr Allison Bucknell advised that discussions had been held across the community which were helping to assess current issues and future priorities across the Community Area</p> <p>These conversations would continue across the community area and develop actions that could be taken forward by the Area Board and its partners</p> <p>Priorities were:</p> <p>Young people - Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing and Positive Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Education and Training</li> <li>• Access to Transport</li> <li>• Access to Social &amp; Cultural activities</li> <li>• Signposting to support and advice</li> </ul> <p>Older People - Isolation and access to services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Transport</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Social &amp; Cultural activities (to counter social isolation and loneliness)</li> <li>• Access and support to IT</li> </ul> <p>Vulnerable individuals and families - ongoing support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health of the whole community</li> <li>• Digital Exclusion - particularly amongst older people and those living with Learning Difficulties</li> <li>• Economically Vulnerable – ‘Just about managing’</li> <li>• Food poverty, IT poverty, Fuel poverty</li> <li>• Domestic abuse</li> </ul> <p>The Local Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of High Street and Local Businesses (esp. eco friendly)</li> </ul>
49	<p><u>Local Elections - Thursday 6 May 2021</u></p> <p>That most town and parish councils would be looking to elect new councillors, and the importance of registering to vote if you haven't done so</p>
50	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>Cllr Mollie Groom was thanked for her long service as both a local councillor and as a Wiltshire councillor and was wished a long and happy retirement</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Wiltshire Council officers for the support that the Area Board had received</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Royal Wootton Bassett &amp; Cricklade Area Board would be held on Wednesday 16 June 2021</p>