

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Calne Area Board  
**Place:** Calne Hub & Library, The Strand, Calne, SN11 0RD  
**Date:** 6 September 2022  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.30 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Chairman), Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Perry Holmes – Director of Legal and Governance  
Ros Griffiths, Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager  
Dom Argar – Technical Support Officer  
Stuart Figini - Senior Democratic Services Officer

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Bremhill Parish Council – Isobel McCord  
Calne Town Council – Mark Edwards, Robert MacNoughton  
Calne Without Parish Council – Ioan Rees

### **Partners**

Diane Gooch - Older Peoples Champion  
Glenis Ansell - Calne Community Safety Forum Update  
Danielle Blake – The RISE Youth Trust

**Total in attendance: 20**

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<b><u>Minute No..</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u></b>
33	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to Calne Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers present. In particular, the Chairman welcomed Ros Griffiths, Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager (SEPM), who would be supporting the Area Board going forward; and, Perry Holmes, Director of Legal and Governance, who would be attending future meetings to provide the link between the Council and the Area Board.</p>
34	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Tom Rounds</li> <li>• Cllr Ian Thorn</li> <li>• Cllr Alan Hill – Calne Town Council</li> </ul>
35	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>
36	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Ashley O’Neill and Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney declared an interest in relation to agenda item 10 – Area Board Grants and the grant request from the Friends of Marden Valley as they were members of the Friends of Marden Valley. Both Cllr O’Neill and Cllr Pearce-Kearney did not speak or vote on the grant application.</p>
37	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the following announcements which were noted by the Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement and Partnership Team Structure</li> <li>• Post 16 Skills and Participation Offer</li> <li>• Electric Vehicle Charging Points Webinar</li> <li>• Annual Canvas</li> <li>• Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living (Wiltshire CIL)</li> </ul>

38	<p><u>Shared Lives Wiltshire</u></p> <p>The Area Board agreed to defer consideration of this item until the next meeting on 6 December 2022 as the presenter - Mercedes Apps was unable to attend due to illness.</p>
39	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>To receive updates from the partners listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Wiltshire Police</b> The Area Board received and noted the written report attached to the agenda pack. The report provided detail about the performance of the Police over the previous 12 months to June 2022, hate crime overview, local priorities including the rise in anti-social behaviour, closure order, Calne rural patrols and anti-social behaviour in Newbury Avenue.  The Area Board noted that the issues in Newbury Avenue have now been resolved.</li> <li>b. <b>Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</b> The Area Board received and noted the written report attached in the agenda pack</li> <li>c. <b>Healthwatch</b> The Area Board received and noted the written report attached in the agenda pack.</li> <li>d. <b>Health – Integrated Care Board (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group)</b> The Area Board received and noted the written report attached in the agenda pack.</li> <li>e. <b>Calne Community Safety Forum Update</b> Glenis Ansell provided a verbal update on the work of the Forum. She reported on the reinstatement of the Safe Places Scheme, close working with the Police on anti-social behaviour and measures being taken to tackle it, update on the CCTV scheme manager, neighbourhood watch updates, road and footpath issues, discussions with Chippenham Safety Forum regarding the potential for a dog warden for Calne and Chippenham, Marden Farm footpath, and the Calne Music and Arts festival on between 7-16 October 2022.</li> <li>f. <b>Older People’s Voices Update</b> The Area Board received an update from Diane Gooch on the following matters:</li> </ul>

- The Reconnect meeting continued to increase in numbers attending and there is a need to manage the seating at meetings and various events continue to be held.
- Voices in Dementia Steering group continue to work closely with Alzheimer's support to make Calne and surrounding villages dementia friendly.

The Chairman thanked Diane for all her hard work in the community as the Older People's Champion.

g. Parish Councils

i. Bremhill Parish Council – A verbal update was provided by the Isobel McCord covering the following areas:

- Referred to the Compton Bassett consultation on the future of the local household recycling centre
- The celebrations and events for the Queens Jubilee went well over the Bank Holiday weekend.
- Work with the Friends of Marden Vale
- The environment group – Bremzero continue to meet and are currently holding farm walks with future walks being organised for the autumn 2022.

ii. Calne Without – A verbal update was provided by Eion Rees covering the following areas:

- Jubilee events were a great success
- The recent Parish Meeting was well attended and considered the Strategic Plan
- The Climate Change Group held an energy saving and nature day and purchased a number of thermal imaging cameras for residents use.
- The Parish Council provided comments to the Compton Bassett Household Recycling Centre consultation
- Considered the proposals for Calne Without Governance Review
- Considered a planning application for 20 dwellings on Chilvester Hill

iii. Hilmarton – Mel - Comments were received about the refurbishment of the play park and the expectation is that the works would be completed by the end of the year.

h. Calne Town Council – Mark Edwards provided the following update:

- 6 weeks of free School Holiday Activities, including 12 activity

sessions and over 300 free places alongside 5 hosted skate bowl sessions with ATBSkateShop

- Castlefields Park was announced as “Local Favourite” in the South West by Fields in Trust national poll.
- Calne Summer Carnival was held on 25 June 2022 which was well supported.
- Fireworks are being planned for 4 November 2022 and a Festival of Lights on 26 November 2022.

In addition, a number of queries were raised on behalf of Councillor Alan Hill (Calne Town Council), as detailed below:

- Why no apparent enforcement action regarding the unacceptable paint job on the listed property in the Curzon Street narrows? The Chair confirmed that this was a matter for Calne Town Council to investigate rather than an Area Board issue.
- Why has the link road associated with the north east development (Prince Charles Drive – Sandpit Road roundabout) not been made available for public use in accordance with the condition of the planning permission? Why has enforcement action not been taken against the developer? The Chair reminded the Area Board that S106 issues can be complex. Officers would seek a response from the Chief Planning Officer.
- The Indian Bean tree outside the Free Church was cut down because of damage resulting in disease. If this had been the case with a privately owned tree it would have had to be replaced with another one of the same type and maturity. Wiltshire Council owns that land, when is the tree going to be replaced? Cllr Hill was asked progress the issue with Cllr Thorn.
- When are negotiations regarding service devolution in and around Calne going to start? The Director of Legal and Governance explained that there was a temporary delay in the devolution of services to town and parish councils from Wiltshire Council due to the pandemic and reallocation of officer resources during that time. However, a revised policy report would be considered by Cabinet on 27 September 2022 which would aid the delivery of service devolution.
- Rubbish bins & dog poo bins around the town. We understand that WC is no longer providing or emptying these bins; surely this is a service that people pay for through Council Tax, so how can WC decide not to provide it any longer? Councillor Pearce-Kearney reported that he had received a response in relation to this matter and would forward it onto the Chair.

40	<p><u>Youth Forum Update</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered a report from Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney on the progress made in addressing the Area Board youth priorities selected for 2022/23.</p> <p>Cllr Pearce-Kearney commented on the detail of the discussions held at the most recent Youth Forum on 14 June 2022. This included an overview of the Outreach and Safe Space provision taking place in the community area, the Happy News project, the possibility of holding a joint event with the Environment Group for an Environment event in the autumn 2022 and encouraging projects promoting and supporting young people to adopt positive voices and social interactions.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. To note the discussions and actions detailed in the meeting notes.</b></li> <li><b>2. To add ‘Work with the Environment group to develop a young people’s Environment themed event in the autumn of 2022’(Action 1.6).</b></li> <li><b>3. To add ‘Encouraging projects that will promote and support young people to adopt positive voices and social interactions’ to the Youth section of the Community Area Action Plan (Action 1.7).</b></li> <li><b>4. To agree revised update to the Youth Section of Area Board Community Action Plan.</b></li> </ol>
41	<p><u>Calne Environment Forum</u></p> <p>The written update contained in the agenda pack was noted.</p>
42	<p><u>S106 Working Group - Meeting Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Tony Trotman provided an update on the work of the Section 106 Working Group and the issues discussed at their last meeting on 8 September 2022. He commented on access into Hills development land from Sandpit Road for pedestrians and cyclists, the Oxford Road improvements and Abberd Brook Phase 1.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the S106 Working Group for their input and asked for the notes of their recent meetings to be appended to these minutes.</p>

43	<p><u>Area Board Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered two applications for Community Area Grant funding, two applications for Older and Vulnerable Adults Grant and one application for Youth Grant funding. The Chairman invited a representative of each applicant to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>To approve the following application for Community Area Grants:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Calne Pocket Park - £477 towards enhancing the provision at Calne Pocket Park and Community Garden</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>To delegate the decision for the application from The Friends of Marden Valley for £931 towards an information board at Hazeland to the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Area Board members.</b></li> <li>3. <b>To approve the following application for Older and Vulnerable Adults Grants:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Wiltshire Music Centre - £1500 towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <b>Samantha Silver Swans and Seater Dance Practitioner - £500 towards equipment for older learners dance standing and seated – Application withdrawn. Grant Assessment Panel determined project ineligible for Area Board funding.</b></li> <li>5. <b>To approve the following application for a Youth Grant:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Calne Town Council - £4920 towards Calne Youth Outreach Signposting and Mentoring</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <b>To note the following application for an Area Board Initiative already awarded under the delegated authority of the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Calne Area Board, £740, towards Calne Health and Social Care Forum, Falls Prevention 1.</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol>
44	<p><u>Local Highway and Footpath Improvements Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the notes and considered recommendations arising from the LHFIGs meeting held on 28 July 2022.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>

	<p><b>a. To note the discussions and updates outlined in the report.</b></p> <p><b>b. To close issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-22-7 – Calne Tern Close</li> <li>• 3-22-11 – Calne Gregor Drive / Davy Drive; and</li> <li>• 3-22-12 – Calne The Were</li> </ul> <p><b>c. To add the following issues with funding to the Priority Schemes List:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-22-5 – Calne Bremhill View - £4,200</li> <li>• 3-22-8 – C50 South of Blacklands Crossroads - £840; and</li> <li>• 3-22-14 – Calne Prince Charles Drive / Ramsay Road - £1,750</li> </ul> <p><b>d. To add funding to issue 3-20-9 – Calne A4 Quemerford - £954.03 already on the Priority Schemes List.</b></p>
45	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p><u>A3102 – Road Surface Condition</u></p> <p>Cllr Tony Trotman raised an issue about the condition of the road surface of the A3102. It was noted that Atkins would be undertaking appropriate repairs.</p> <p>Cllr O’Neill agreed to speak with Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding about the issue.</p>
46	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next Area Board meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on xx at xx, with refreshments available from 6.30 pm.</p>