

MINUTES

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH
Date: 30 November 2017
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.15 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr John Smale and Cllr Darren Henry

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dave Roberts, Community Engagement Manager
Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councils

Amesbury Town Council – P Allen & R Allen
Durrington Town Council – S Paines & M Ward
Bulford Parish Council – J Clark
Winterbourne Parish Council – C Penn
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council – T Zacks-McGoldrick

Partners

Police – Inspector Christian Lange
Garrison Commander – James Balls

Total in attendance: 22

| <u>Agenda Item No.</u> | <u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u> |
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| 50 | <p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Mike Hewitt welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board. At the Chairman's invitation, the Councillors introduced themselves.</p> |
| 51 | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Graham Wright • Tom Broland – Fire & Rescue |
| 52 | <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>It was noted that Charles Penn from Winterbourne PC was in attendance at the last meeting, however this had not been recorded in the attendance section.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p> |
| 53 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> |
| 54 | <p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that item 9 – A303 Legacy Group would be brought up the agenda.</p> |
| 55 | <p><u>Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda and invited further updates from Town/Parish Councils and other Partners, including outside bodies. It was noted that the preferred option was for written updates, to minimise time spent during the meeting.</p> <p>New Garrison Commander for Tidworth, Netheravon and Bulford introduced himself.</p> <p>Cllr Westmoreland – noted that Larkhill Causeway had been nominated again for the archaeologist award 2018. It had been awarded second place the previous year, he urged everyone to go online and vote, so that it may win this year. Tomorrow goes live until 15th February: https://www.archaeology.co.uk/articles/larkhill-causewayed-enclosure.htm</p> |

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| | <p><u>Town and parish council events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th Dec – Amesbury Christmas lights and markets |
| 56 | <p><u>Local Youth Network Update and Youth Activities Grant Applications</u></p> <p>Cllr Darren Henry gave an update on behalf of the Local Youth Network (LYN).</p> <p>The group had found that there had not been enough attendance from the young people, so had decided to go to the schools and talk to them to engage with more young people.</p> <p>Next LYN in Jan will be combined with the Amesbury AB members, hoping to get as many young people as possible. Discussing topics of interest to the young people. This was scheduled to take place on 10 Jan at Avon Valley College.</p> <p>Some of the topics for discussion will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyber bullying • Mental health • Leisure • Diversity • Volunteering <p>Cllr Henry recommended that £500 of Youth Funding be set aside to pay for transport and refreshments associated with this event.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Amesbury Area Board set aside up to £500 of youth funding towards the Youth event on 10th January 2018.</p> <p>The Board heard from Cllr Henry on the two Youth Projects which had requested funding from the Youth Budget.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Amesbury Area Board awarded £ 4,634 to The Bridging Project towards the Durrington Youth Work Project.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Amesbury Area Board awarded £470 to Shrewton Youth Club towards the Youth Extra project.</p> |
| 57 | <p><u>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave an update from the CATG and noted the minutes of the last meeting, attached to the agenda.</p> |

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| | <p>Funding was still available for missing street signage. The Chairman urged parishes to submit their requests to the CEM. Ref in 6a typo – Salisbury street not Salisbury road.</p> <p>The Board then considered the recommendations for funding arising from the last CATG meeting as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Amesbury Area Board approved the recommendations for funding from the CATG as detailed in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,500 - 4053 – High Street/Lining works A360 Shrewton • £1,400 – 4968 – Junction of the Portway & the A338, topographical survey • £1,000 – 5739 – Boscombe Road, Bus clearway marking. • £3,000 - 5743 – Bulford Road Durrington, bollards. • £5,000 to be set aside for street nameplates. |
| 58 | <p><u>A303 Legacy Group</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced Christopher Jones, consultant to Highways England, who provided an update on the proposed work to the A303.</p> <p>There was a Government Strategy to create an expressway along the A303/A358 corridor. There had been issues including that the road would go through a world heritage site. Three schemes were being promoted on a parallel timescale.</p> <p>Following the consultation early this year, the preferred route was announced in September 2017.</p> <p>The line of the route was moved back up closer to the A303 and closer to Winterbourne Stoke. There would be two junctions either side of the World Heritage Site, with a twin bored tunnel 8 miles long.</p> <p><u>What has been happening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the preferred route • engagement with local community • discussion with land owners and other stakeholders directly affected by the scheme • Carrying out additional surveys and studies • developing the traffic model. <p><u>Next steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early 2018 – formal consultation • Feedback taken into consideration before submitting a planning application. |

- In the pre-application phase now.

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Questions:

- Would Long Barrow roundabout be a roundabout after the road was finished? Answer: No, the A303 would go under.
- Did the proposals include a plan to shut some access to the A303, east of the Solstice junction? Answer: The through road to London from the south, would not have these cross overs.
- Highways England had not yet approached the land owners and the affected farmers. Answer: They had been in contact with those directly affected.
- The Allington Track is proposed to be closed to vehicular traffic, this was detailed in the scoping paper. Answer: This was as a consequence of creating the express way.
- You are so close to going to public consultation and yet you have not yet contacted the landowners. Answer: We can have a separate conversation out of the meeting to discuss this. Before any proposals to close the track, there would need to be discussions on what affect the closure of the track would cause, and include those affected by it.
- There were genuine and deep-felt concerns relating to the Allington Track scheme. Consequence of expressway status the Allington track will have to close. Therefore, the landowners, farmers, Boscombe down have concerns. We ask that you have detailed consultation with these people. Answer: That detailed consultation will happen before the proposals are put forward.
- Those concerned with the access on the north side to Bulford, would need to be consulted on as well. When there is a grade separation junction at countess the nature of the traffic on that road will change greatly. This level of impact needs to be included in the plans. Answer: Highways England would talk to all interested parties. The traffic model would look at all of the surrounding impacts on the local road network.
- When would the traffic modelling start? Answer: The model is in hand. From February, onwards there would be a consultation where there will be ample opportunities for all of these issues to be discussed.
- Once an expressway is conceived and planned it would extend the whole length of the A303, so there would be a lot of people interested. We hope the consultation process does listen to those concerns. The Allington track is the crash gate for Boscombe Down. Needs to be fully addressed in the planning. Answer: That detail would be picked up during the consultation.

Note: Since the meeting the following additional information has been fed back, in regards to the Allington Track:

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| | <p><i>Christopher has since been in contact with the two agents who had asked about the Allington Track at the Board meeting. It had been clarified that consideration was being given, as part of the A303 Stonehenge project, to the closure of the Allington Track where it connects with the A303 to make the road safer. Those agents would be having a meeting with the project team members looking after this aspect on 12 December, where they will have the opportunity to learn more and volunteer their views on behalf of their clients.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Christopher Jones for attending to provide the update.</p> |
| 59 | <p><u>Health and Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>Dave Roberts gave an update on the work of the Group and drew attention to the notes from the last meeting as attached to the agenda.</p> <p>An exciting opportunity for the Amesbury community was the proposed 21 beds and 42 bed unit due to open spring 2018 Further details of this scheme would be available at an event in Amesbury Library tomorrow at 4pm.</p> <p>Over 100 older people had taken part in consultations and themed events. The Safer Places Scheme had started up in two areas and there were plans to start dementia friendly communities.</p> <p>Dave would be meeting with Stonehenge visitor centre, to set up Dementia Friends training for all the staff.</p> <p>There would be 6 mini buses providing transport for the older people to the event. Dave urged people to pass on the information to anyone that may be interested. Luncheon club attendees had also been invited to the event.</p> |
| 60 | <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Councillor Westmoreland, Lead member for Grants, introduced this item. The Members considered five applications for funding.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Newton Tony Memorial Hall was awarded £850 towards Refurbishment project at the hall. <u>Reason</u> - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2017/18</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Bulford St Leonards Scout Troup was awarded £1,500 towards the installation of a heating unit. With the condition that if the whole amount was not required then any remaining funds be returned. <u>Reason</u> - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2017/18</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Durrington Day Centre was awarded £968.76 towards new chairs for the</p> |

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| | <p>day centre. <u>Reason</u> - <i>The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2017/18.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Durrington Football Club was awarded £967.90 towards the floodlight expansion. <u>Reason</u> - <i>The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2017/18.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Bulford Parish Council was awarded £5,000 towards the update works of the playground. <u>Reason</u> - <i>The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2017/18.</i></p> <p>It was noted that there was an approx. £25,000 of funding remaining for the rest of the financial year, with there being two area boards left.</p> |
| 61 | <p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were none.</p> |
| 62 | <p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 18 January 2018 – Community Awards.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p> |