

MINUTES

Meeting: MELKSHAM AREA BOARD

Place: Canberra Children and Young People's Hub, 56 Spa Road, Melksham

Date: 7 March 2017

Start Time: 4.00 pm **Finish Time:** 4.50 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jonathon Seed (Chairman), Cllr Pat Aves (Vice-Chair), Cllr Terry Chivers, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr David Pollitt and Cllr Roy While

| Agenda | Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision |
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| Item No. | |
| 1 | Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements |
| | The Chairman welcomed everyone to a special afternoon meeting of the Area Board. The Meeting had been rescheduled so that normal council business could be concluded before the purdah period began, prior to the Unitary Council elections on the 4 May 2017. |
| | The following Chairman's Announcements were noted: |
| | Update on community toilet fund project. |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence |
| | There were none. |
| 3 | Declarations of Interest |
| | There were none. |
| 4 | Melksham Bus Service |
| | Graham Ellis outlined changes to the 14/15 bus service that currently services the new Melksham Oakfield sports facilities. |
| | Graham asked that the Area Board support the following proposal: |
| | That the 14/15 afternoon services which drop off near the Oakfield sports facilities, should run that way even if empty. These services could then pick up users after sports activities at the Oakfield sports facilities. |
| | The Area Board agreed to support this proposal. Emails of support were sent to Cllr Philip Whitehead – Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Wiltshire Council and Phil Groocock - Bus Network Manager, Passenger Transport, Wiltshire Council. |
| 5 | Melksham Station facilities |
| | Rhys Schell - Community Engagement Manager provided an update following the allocation of the community toilet fund to TransWilts CIC. This funding had been allocated to enable TransWilts CIC to provide a public toilet at the Reeds Hut at Melksham Station. |

The Area Board had agreed to allocate its £1000 community toilet fund to TransWilts CIC, to provide a public toilet within the current Reeds hut on the Melksham Station site. This funding was subject to a successful capital asset transfer of the 'Reeds building' from Wiltshire Council to TransWilts CIC.

Decision

 That the Community Engagement Manager updates Councillors following the meeting of stakeholders on 17 March 2017.

The Chairman thanked Rhys Schell for his update.

6 Grant Funding

The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following Grant Applications:

Decision

Bradford on Avon & Melksham Health Partnership awarded £785 for Falls Clinic in Spencers Sports Club.

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

Tourist Information Centre awarded £500 for Tourist Information Centre ticketing machine.

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

Whitley Reading Rooms awarded £430 for Whitley Reading Rooms picnic benches.

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

Shaw and Whitley Garden Club awarded £399.99 for Shaw Whitley Garden Club Data Projector.

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

Atworth on Show and Yer Tiz the Atworth Village Magazine awarded £359.98 for Atworth on Show and Yer Tiz Village Magazine.

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

The following grants were withdrawn:

Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee requesting £674.20 for Cleaning Equipment for the Atworth Village Hall.

| | Poulshot Village Trust requesting £1,800 for Green Gardens Conservation Poulshot thinning of trees. |
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| | The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following Health and Wellbeing Grant Applications: |
| | Bradford and Melksham Health Partnership – Falls Clinic awarded £215 |
| | Melksham & District Seniors Forum – Community Day awarded £1,385 |
| | Melksham Sixty Plus Club awarded £400 |
| | West Wiltshire Multi Faith Forum awarded £500 |
| 7 | Any Other Items of Public Concern |
| | Graham Ellis thanked the Area Board for their support of the Melksham Railway project. |
| | Cllr Seed thanked Rhys Schell – Community Engagement Manager and Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer for their hard work supporting the Melksham Area Board. |
| 8 | Close |