

MINUTES

Meeting: Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Place: Online Meeting

Date: 28 January 2021

Start Time: 7.00 pm

Finish Time: 10.07 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Richard Britton (Chairman), Cllr Richard Clewer (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Ian McLennan and Cllr Leo Randall

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager

Town and Parish Councillors

Representatives in attendance online

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow
OPPC – Deputy PCC, Jerry Herbert

Total in attendance: 28

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Richard Britton welcomed everyone to the online meeting of the Southern Wiltshire Area Board.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held online on 1 October 2020.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>There was a slightly unusual agenda for the meeting, in that the grant section was quite full. A larger amount of time had therefore been allocated to that section to allow enough time to give proper consideration to the applications.</p>
6	<p><u>To note the written reports and updates in the agenda pack or distributed on the night</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written reports and information items detailed in the agenda. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covid-19 update - Local Plan Review & Gypsy & Traveller Consultations • Landford Rural Needs Survey • Healthwatch Wiltshire • Clinical Commissioning Group • Current consultations: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm
7	<p><u>To note the written reports and updates in the agenda pack or distributed on the night</u></p> <p><u>Community Policing – local issues and priorities</u></p> <p>Inspector Pete Sparrow updated the Board on crime statistics for the period and current priorities of the local policing teams.</p>

Staffing overview:

There were 4 student officers coming in, which were currently in tutorship and would become independent in February. There were also 3 extra PCSOs.

Teams were working on strategies that prevent crime and to adopted the mindset of 'what can I do to stop someone else coming here to deal with the same issue again'.

Local Priorities:

- Covid patrols – Using the '4 E' approach
- Rural Crime – prevent/reduce/disrupt/detect, cross border liaison
- Road Safety - speed enforcement/CSW
- ASB - Downton & Redlynch, closure order checks, youth engagement
- Vulnerable People – making contact with those identified

Analytical tools help to identify issues. The slide showed all reported crime for Salisbury and southern Wiltshire and specifically the reduction during lockdown one and two.

The Commander control system 'Storm' showed incidents of antisocial behaviour, there were 271 incidents recorded in Salisbury over a 3 month period. The majority of the incidents were around Salisbury city.

Whilst there may be some localised clusters, figures showed a lower level of incidents in southern Wiltshire than Salisbury city.

Questions:

During lockdown had there been an increase in domestic violence?

Answer: We did see a rise during lockdown, some of that was seasonal, but the lockdown did coup people together. The message is to stay home, unless it's not safe to do so.

The Police had not been going overboard on enforcement, please remember that not everybody that is out there breaking a covid regulation is someone that has done it before. It may be accidental.

Answer: Discretion always played a part of Policing, it's the people that are regularly breaking the rules that need enforcement.

With regards to the burglary figs, were there any particular trends, or opportunist, and what could be done to take a proactive stance to prevent this?

Answer: The majority would be sheds and outbuildings some vans with tools had also been broken in to. We advise marking valuable tools to make it harder and deter these incidents. The use of signage and CCTV also helped.

There had recently been a lot of reports of dog thefts was that a particular concern?

Answer: That was more noise than actual crime, but there has been an arrest today. Last year there were a total of 22 reports of Dog theft for Wiltshire This area of crime was not as bad as people think. The prices of animals had gone through the roof, they were an expensive commodity and unfortunately with that, they were worth stealing.

Was the Bobby Van still available to come out and advise?

Answer: Yes it is.

Residents had fed back to Cllr Clewer their concerns regarding criminal damage, rural crime and the police response. Last night, cars severely damages, car burnt out, cattle grid damaged and a phone box destroyed, all what residents feel were a linked chain of events. You reported that you stopped a vehicle in Downton a week ago, these events are happening all the time. When they are happening, the Police response was for him to locate CCTV evidence. It made that person see red.

There were also repeated reports over the summer of windows and conservatories smashed at old people's residence. People have got to the point where they feel all they get from the police is a crime reference number. Things this year have not helped, and people seem to have lost confidence in the Police.

Answer: They are some of the perceptions that I hear. The important part is that incidents must be reported, if not then we do not know about them.

The issues around asking members of the public to look at CCTV, was partly down to a system where we have people on the telephones recording information. They need to distinguish which incidents they need to send the Police to.

People were more likely to know if their neighbour had CCTV and it was acceptable to ask whether they could look to see if something was captured. We need to put our resources where they were most needed.

With the issues in Downton, it was sad that people were not reporting incidents. There weren't that many offences in Downton and Redlynch.

The Chair noted that there clearly was a problem in the areas Cllr Clewer had spoken about and asked how they could be taken forward?

Cllr Clewer added that there was a theft from vans in Whiteparish, where the initial Police response was good. Then nothing was followed up.

Answer: I would be happy to take some of the detail on the incidents that were not followed up and look at that and would discuss the other matters with Cllr Clewer to take those forward.

8	<p><u>Census</u></p> <p>Jonny Corbett, Census Engagement Manager for Wiltshire, delivered a presentation on the Census 2021, its importance for Wiltshire and the key target groups.</p> <p>A survey every 10 years, owned by the Office of National Statistics. The purpose of the Census was to gather millions of data points for the government and local and parish councils.</p> <p>The Census provides information that is used to shape policies, allocate funding and resources, plan services and monitor equality.</p> <p>The Census would take place on 21 March 2021 and would be a digital first census, with paper copies available for those that required it.</p> <p>Town and Parish councils were asked to spread the word. A series of useful links for use by parishes are below:</p> <p>https://census.gov.uk/Your-Questions-Answered-Leaflet-ENGLISH.pdf</p> <p>https://census.gov.uk/What-the-census-helps-video-ENGLISH.mp4</p> <p>https://census.gov.uk/Census-is-coming-A6-Postcard-ENGLISH.pdf</p> <p>https://census.gov.uk/Census-is-coming-A6-Postcard-ENGLISH.pdf</p> <p>https://census.gov.uk/Census-is-coming-A4-Poster-ENGLISH.pdf</p> <p>https://census.gov.uk/jobs/</p> <p>https://census.gov.uk/What-the-census-helps-video-ENGLISH.mp4</p> <p>Email: jonathan.corbett70@field.census.gov.uk</p>
9	<p><u>PCC Precept proposals</u></p> <p>Deputy PCC Jerry Herbert gave a presentation on the annual Precept proposals.</p> <p>The precept was increased last year, with additional money and the additional officers that came as part of the 'Boris Bobbies' scheme, into our Rural Crime team. There would be a total of 65 additional Officers by the end of the financial year. Up to 1050 Officers in total from the 934 two years ago. A vast amount of those Officers were going into the Community Police Teams.</p> <p>Other areas of Policing which had received an uplift were Cyber-crime, dealing</p>

	<p>with crime prevention and investigation.</p> <p>A flat cash settlement from the Home Office would pay the basic costs, beyond that there would be a shortfall of around £3m, that was driven by the fact that the Home Office funding did not pay for the 50% of last years pay award which fell into the next financial year, the increased costs of running the Police Aviation service or the national Police technologies.</p> <p>The only way to keep the force running at the current level was to rise the precept. A £15 increase a year, which worked out as £1.25 a month for a band D property. Without this they would have to cut Community Policing</p> <p>It was expected that there would be an add 48 officers in the new financial year.</p> <p>The Commissioner has just launched a consultation period, running from 5 January 2021 to 2 February 2021. Please could you spread the word on the consultation as would like as may contributions as possible. It offers the chance to contribute your thoughts on what you think the local priorities should be.</p> <p><u>Questions and Comments:</u></p> <p>Was Wiltshire the lowest funded force in the country on a per capita basis?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> No, not strictly. Of the 43 forces we get substantially less.</p> <p>In general, £1.25 a month increase wasn't too much.</p> <p>The Police & Crime Panel would next meet on 4th February and had the power to veto the precept.</p> <p>Information links: Public consultation survey: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PNHBKSG PCC Precept Video: https://youtu.be/eRMtE_YxdWk</p>
10	<p><u>Area Board Work Plan</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager reported on progress towards the ambition to hand over as many detailed projects as possible to the new Area Board, post the May elections.</p> <p>Every three years the Board looked to review its workplan to ensure it was shaped to the needs of the local community.</p> <p>Looking at the latest data compiled by liaising with our partners and consulting our communities we set our priorities for the years ahead.</p> <p>At the March 2021 Area Board meeting the Board will present its updated plan, ready to hand over to the new Area Board after the May elections.</p>

	<p>Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish council mini workshop • Health & Wellbeing workshop – held last Wednesday with 25 attendees. We spoke about what the top priorities for H&W were. From that discussion we drew the conclusion that rural isolation and older peoples isolation and dementia were all big priorities <p>The Plan so far:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support and strengthen community communications 2. Facilitate collaborative working between parish councils, e.g. play areas, rights of way... 3. Support for village activities now and as we emerge from the pandemic 4. Support projects to tackle rural isolation, i.e. “Make A Friend Be A Friend”, “Silver Sunday”, new Dementia Memory Group, new youth activities and interventions with the New Forest Park Authority, and “Get Out Get Active” 5. Work closely with the new Sarum Wellbeing Collective team based at Downton and Whiteparish surgeries on initiatives to help our physical and mental health and wellbeing 6. Young People: Healthy Schools Project, Fun Days and youth engagement activities, ongoing support for youth clubs and activities, and targeted ASB interventions 7. Eco-friendly villages – produce a directory of eco-friendly projects, places, initiatives nearby 8. Online survey to clarify who is doing what, so that the area board can truly add value <p>The Chairman added that this was a huge range of initiatives and partnership work, that Karen was managing, along with her role as the CEM for the SWWAB she was thinly spread.</p> <p>From the H&W event, one thing picked up was the need to engage with schools. The board had tried this in the past, and had not been very successful in attracting them to be involved.</p> <p>The next year of scheduled Area Board meetings would include four business type meetings and a couple of event type meetings, with the possibly of a youth based one.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman moved that the Board approved the funding recommendations of the CATG as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board approved the recommendations from the CATG meeting</p>

	<p>held on 2 December 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) L&F PC , Green Lane jct Roman Rd, signage – Not to progress b) Winterslow PC, Weston Lane, SLR - £2500 (subject to a 25% PC contribution) c) L&F PC, Clarendon Park PC, Millford Mill Rd weight limit – Top 5 Priority d) L&F PC, London Rd Crossing point assessment - £1000 (subject to a 25% PC contribution) e) Whiteparish PC, The Green HV warning signs - £500 (subject to a 25% PC contribution) f) L&F PC, The Portway bus shelter – 50% contribution of £3552
12	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that some of the activities detailed in the applications may not be able to go ahead until the covid restrictions had been eased. In light of that, he advised that where there was a delay in a project taking place, there may also be a delay to the release of Area Board funds.</p> <p><u>Health & Wellbeing Funding</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Board noted a £200 award which had been made to the Salisbury Older People’s Champion from the Health & Wellbeing budget 2020/21, under CEM Delegated Powers.</p> <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Board considered 6 applications for funding, as detailed in the agenda pack. Applicants in attendance were invited to give a short summary of their projects. Followed by any questions.</p> <p><u>My Salisbury - Community Journalism & Media Training requested £4479.97</u> The applicant, Andy Munns spoke in support of the project.</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The skills set you are training them in, would the content then be used by local radio? • <u>Answer:</u> No the content they would be creating is for ‘My Salisbury’ only, if another platform wished to use those storeys that would be good. The website would be promoted through social media and other mediums, we would hope that Salisbury Journal and the Valley news etc would then write a piece on us. • What would happen if we were enthusiastic about the youth aspect but not the other bid? <u>Answer:</u> They are stand alone, not funding one would not prevent the other from happening.

- Which other Area Boards had been approached for funding?
Answer: For the youth grant applied to Southern and Salisbury.
The other project – we have already received £5K funding from SAB, we will be needing more as have now got over 50 people interested
- We would need to see the full figures before we consider this.
- There is no mention of SAB in the application or £5k coming in?
- We don't normally fund projects that only cover Salisbury, if we did fund this I would expect a guarantee that we had a number of candidates that benefitted from this in our area.
Answer: I live in your community area, outside of the city. I aim to reach the rural areas outside of the city.
I would be happy to guarantee a minimum number of spaces for those outside of the city.
- Have you spoken to the schools?
Answer: Yes have spoken to several and they are interested in workshops

The Board felt that although the project was one that met the funding criteria, it sought clarification on whether a project was able to receive more than 50% funding from Area boards, and whether that rule was individually or as a combined award from several boards.

Action: The CEM would work with the applicant to resubmit the application with the required figures.

Decision

The application by 'My Salisbury' was deferred until a future meeting.

Reason

The applicant had applied for funding from multiple Area boards and clarification was required on some of the missing data.

Devenish Bradshaw Trust – City to countryside dog trails – requested £940

The applicant, David Burton spoke in support of the project.

Questions and comments:

- The amount applied for of £940 was 100% of the project, but you are showing a surplus of £1386.
Answer: That's to manage the Watermeadows.
- What is the aim of the project?
Answer: Its about raising awareness for dogwalkers, particularly new dog owners – without causing danger to the countryside.

- Cllr McLennan - Up until the end of last year, I was a trustee of the trust, I stepped down at that point after securing the 55 acres. As said, the RBCF and the land that was beside it, was now owned by the Trust. It's about creating areas. The project is local and is able to be accessed by visitors. Happy to support this.
- There was no argument of it being a local project, however the Board is asked to fund the entirety of the project. The paperwork doesn't state that the PC gave £1000 for bins.
- Nicholas Baker – chair of L&F PC speaking for myself – there are a lot of new dog owners in the area. There have been issues with animals being damaged by dogs. As part of this the PC had sited 2 bins for this. We are covering £100 for the year to empty them.

Cllr McLennan moved the motion of awarding the full amount of £940. The Board was supportive of the project however felt that some detail was missing. As the original motion was not seconded a new motion of a £500 award was proposed and seconded.

Decision

Devenish Bradshaw Trust was awarded £500 (capital) towards the City to countryside dog trails project.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2020/21.

ArtCare – Wellbeing TV at SDH - requested £2500

The applicant Rebecca Seymore spoke in support of the project.

Questions and comments

- You have applied for 3 x Area Boards for £2500 each, could the CEM clarify whether a project could be awarded more than 50% collectively?
Answer – Karen - My understanding was that the maximum of 50% funding was to an individual AB and not collectively.

The motion to award the full amount was moved and seconded.

Decision

ArtCare was awarded £2500 towards the Wellbeing TV at SDH project.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2020/21.

1st Downton Scout Group - Hut Refurbishment – requested £4500

The Applicant, Ian Porter spoke in support of the project.

Questions and comments:

- Were costings subject to VAT and could you get them back?
Answer: We are not VAT registered and yes the sums include VAT

- You have money in reserve.
Answer: Yes the trustees have agreed to keep the operational costs as reserve.
- There was lots of support for this locally. The toilets in the hut were 50 years old. PC keen on supporting this.

The motion to award the full amount was moved and seconded.

Decision

1st Downton Scout Group was awarded £4500 towards the Scout Hut Refurbishment project.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2020/21.

Alderbury PC – Speed Indicator Device (SID) – requested £1000

The Chairman noted that he was a regular Speedwatch volunteer and was aware there was regular speeding through Alderbury.

The motion to award in full was moved and seconded.

Decision

Alderbury PC was awarded £1000 towards the SID project.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2020/21.

Downton FC – Clubhouse – requested £5000

The applicant, Luke Wordley spoke in support of the project.

Questions and comments:

- The application was short by £3k, to trigger Sports England funding.
- Would there be any sale of alcohol during the children's match games?
Answer: No, the bar area was not open during Saturday mornings, when all of the youth games took place. I can provide a copy of the Safeguarding Policy to the CEM if required.
- Luke and others had come together with a new manager running the sports centre, it was much more viable. The site was turning it into something that could be more sustainable.

The motion to award in full was moved and seconded.

Decision

Downton FC was awarded £5000 towards the Clubhouse project with the condition that a copy of the Safeguarding Policy is provided to the CEM.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2020/21.

Youth Funding Bids

The Board considered 3 bids for Youth Funding as detailed in the agenda. (The board previously voted to reserve £1200 for the Old Sarum event – that money was being drawn down, estimated at £800).

My Salisbury – Project Spark – requested £4975.

Decision

My Salisbury was awarded £4975 towards Project Spark from the Youth Budget for 2020/21.

Area Board Project – Rural Youth Outreach – requested £5000

Karen explained that this initiative had arisen from the rural CEMs in the south of county, to commission a youth provision pot of £30k.

There would be a bespoke offer of 8/9 events or initiatives to benefit young people. A Partnership Steering Group would lead it. The activities would be fairly apportioned across the areas.

Questions and comments:

- This looks as if we are being asked to fund a youth worker. I would like to see this as a presentation at an AB. Could we defer this until the next AB?
- The statement that we cannot get volunteers in our villages gives weight to this proposal.
- On the basis that it was a one year pilot project to work out what could be implemented, I would be comfortable with it as it stands.
- It should be involving the youth groups and experts in the field – a good safe project that could come up with something that could be beneficial
- A reservation was going in with other Area Boards may risk our local focus. I would have preferred a 3 month project being commissioned to produce proposals.

The motion to award in full was moved and seconded.

Decision

Area Board Initiative – Rural Youth Outreach was awarded £5000 from the Youth Budget for 2020/21.

	<p><u>Area Board Project – Healthy Schools Initiative – requested £5000</u> Karen presented the project.</p> <p><u>Questions and comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was running it? <u>Answer:</u> The CEM, Karen and the local cllrs. <p>Action: KL to provide more details and costings.</p> <p>The motion to award in full was moved and seconded.</p> <p>Decision Area Board Initiative – Health Schools Initiative was awarded £5000 from the Youth Budget for 2020/21.</p>
13	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 11 March 2021, online at 7.00pm</p> <p>You can join that meeting by using the link below:</p> <p>Join on your computer or mobile app</p> <p>Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Or call in (audio only)</p> <p>+44 1225 694894,,693586771# United Kingdom, Bath</p>