

MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Trafalgar School Downton, Breamore Road, Downton SP5 3HN
Date: 16 December 2010
Start Time: 19:00
Finish Time: 20:55

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Richard Britton (Chairman), Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Christopher Devine and Cllr Julian Johnson

Wiltshire Council Officers

Tom Bray, Community Area Manager (CAM)
Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Tracy Carter, Service Director - Waste Management
Steve Ibbetson, Technical Manager (R2)
Colin Kennerson, Technical Officer (R2)
Tony Nye – Youth .Development Coordinator

Town and Parish Councillors

Clarendon Park Parish Council – K Rodger
Downton Parish Council – J Brown, B Cornish, J Whitmarsh & R Yeates
Firsdown Parish Council – B Edgeley
Landford Parish Council – J Martin & A Westmore
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – R Champion, S Champion, D Hayes & V McLennan
Pitton and Farley Parish Council – C Purves & A Shaw
Redlynch Parish Council – E Edwards
West Dean Parish Council – H Urquhart

Partners

Extended School Services – Emma Procter

Members of Public in Attendance: 9

Total in attendance: 40

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Richard Britton welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting of the Southern Wiltshire Area Board.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Leo Randall – Board member • Mike Franklin – Wiltshire Fire and Rescue • Inspector David McMullin – Wiltshire Police 	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 14 October 2010, were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the Census paper attached to the agenda and urged people to spread the word to others in their parishes including hard to reach groups such as migrant workers and gypsies and travellers.</p> <p>In light of the recent Management Review, where several officers at the Council had been made redundant, the Chairman asked people to be patient if they were experiencing difficulty in contacting officers. He informed them that Council officers were working hard, however several were facing many changes and pressures at the moment.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Current Consultations</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the papers attached to the agenda which detailed information regarding current consultations.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Face to Face Customer Access to Council Services</u></p> <p>This item was cancelled as the speaker was no longer available to</p>	

	attend. Written handouts were circulated detailing information on the Council's Face to Face Customer Access proposals.	
8.	<p><u>R2 Funds</u></p> <p>The Board received information on R2 funding from Technical Manager, Steve Ibbetson. Some of the points he covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 106 Developer Contributions are made available to the community, via the local authority when a development does not provide certain facilities on a new site. • On smaller developments where it would not be practical to provide 24m² use of amenity land per person, so the R2 money is given instead. • Restrictions on how the money can be spent apply and there is usually a deadline for when the money must be used by. • Maintenance money could only be spent on sites which were within the development site. <p>Steve advised people that if they had a project in mind, then they should speak to an officer in his team, so that assistance could be provided, prior to submitting the paperwork.</p> <p>For R2 queries please contact Steve Ibbetson on 01380 734682 or steve.ibbetson@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>	
9.	<p><u>Community Plan Update on Tasking Groups</u></p> <p>Tom Bray, Community Area Manager explained that at the start of the new year, it would be a critical time to form the task groups and start work on the five key headings established by the Community Plan. The five headings were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Crime and Community Protection • Rural Life and Environmental Issues • Economy • Community <p>People then took part in a round table exercise to look at prioritising three issues for one of the above headings. Feedback was then received from each group as follows:</p> <p><u>Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding in Villages 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to public transport • Cycle ways and Footpaths / Reduced HGV traffic through villages <p>Crime and Community Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective policing in rural areas • Supporting Neighbourhood Watch Schemes • Supporting Youth activities to give young people a sense of community inclusion <p>Rural Life and Environmental Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Dorset and Hampshire on cross boundary issues • Working in Transition Groups • Possibility of extraction of gravel at SSSI and other cherished places • Promotion of the Areas of Special Interest <p>Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a buy-local campaign to sell local produce • Improvement of Broadband speed in rural areas • Support the retention of rural activities and amenities (post offices) <p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision for play areas and leisure activities for children • Promote the awareness of R2 funding • Improved use of community buildings, for school holiday activities <p>Tom thanked everyone for their input and urged anyone interested in taking part in one of the Tasking Groups to get in contact with him.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group Funding</u></p> <p>Tom Bray, Community Area Manager gave an update on the progress of the Community Area Transport Group, which had met on 11 November 2010 to discuss which projects to take forward. He explained that the Board were concerned that with such a small amount of funds available, there was a danger that the majority of the funding could be swallowed up by the cost of carrying out surveys and the development of the schemes up for consideration, leaving little money left over for the completion of any projects.</p> <p>Tracy Carter, Service Director agreed that some of the preparative processes required could be expensive, however there were some</p>	

	<p>essential things which needed to be carried out when developing road/transport improvement projects such as these. Tracy felt that there may be an alternative approach, where the Board could achieve a couple of the priority projects, by concentrating the funds on two or three schemes. Tracy agreed to liaise with colleagues to find a way forward.</p> <p>Councillor McLennan gave an update on the Laverstock project to create a footpath from London Road through to the schools in Laverstock. The project had been considered by Councillor Tonge. It was felt that if the Board set aside some funding towards the Laverstock project as a token gesture, then Councillor Tonge may be more inclined to agree to funding the remainder of the project.</p> <p>A Parish Councillor present commented that he had attended the CATG meeting, and was surprised that some of the schemes submitted for consideration had not come from Parish Councils, but from single members of the public. He added that in the past all such schemes would have been passed to the Parish Council for consideration and comment before going on the council.</p> <p>Tom Bray informed the Board that the officer who had attended the CATG meeting had confirmed that in future all of the schemes submitted for consideration would be passed to the Parish Council for comment.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> That Tracy Carter would meet with the appropriate officer to establish whether the following two transport projects; could be carried out for £10,000, leaving £3,000 to be allocated towards the Laverstock Project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Middleton Road, Middle Winterslow – a pedestrian crossing near Young’s Paddock. 2. The Ridge, Woodfalls – a pedestrian crossing and possible footway improvements. <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The Board felt that it would be more beneficial to allocate the funds to the completion of two projects and a contribution to the third project rather than use the funds for preliminary surveys for many projects which may never see completion, once the funds had run out.</i></p>	<p>Tracy Carter Service Director</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Community Asset Transfer</u></p> <p>The Board considered the report attached to the agenda on the</p>	

	<p>transfer of 1 acre of woodland at Lyndhurst Road, Landford, previously owned by Wiltshire Council to Landford Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Southern Wiltshire Area Board approved the transfer of 1 acre of Woodland at Lyndhurst Road, Landford to Landford Parish Council, subject to the safety work identified in the report, being completed before the facility was opened to the public.</p>	Tom Bray
12.	<p><u>Street Light Switching off/Dimming at Night across the Community Area</u></p> <p>The Board considered the report attached to the agenda, detailing the proposals for the reduction of street lighting across the community area.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Southern Wiltshire Area Board approved the proposals totalling 7 streetlights in Alderbury and 49 in Downton.</p> <p>Funds were still available, parishes were urged to contact Tom Bray if interested in submitting a proposal for their area.</p> <p>A member of Firsdawn Parish Council noted that since receiving approval for their scheme, they had heard no more on the fitting of the devices. Tom Bray assured him that the funds had been cleared, so the delay was not of a financial matter, and that he would investigate the delay with the appropriate officer, and provide feedback to the parish in due course.</p>	Tom Bray
13.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Tom Bray, Community Area Manager informed the Board that he would be working with Tracy Carter, Service Director, in the new year to push forward on some of the issues which had been on the system for a while.</p> <p>Tom agreed to look into an issue logged in November 2010, where water run-off from The Whiteway Pitton, was being discharged into a garden of Parsonage Farm.</p>	Tom Bray
14.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Board considered nine applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme. The Chairman invited applicants present to speak in favour of their project, after discussion the Board Members voted on each application in turn.</p>	

	<p><u>Decision</u> That Coombe Bissett & Homington Village Hall Management Committee was awarded £2,236 towards their project to install Insulation and Glazing to the Village Hall.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would provide improved facilities which could be utilised by the whole community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That Farley Coronation Playing Fields was awarded £2,500 towards their project to redevelop the playing area.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would provide improved facilities which could be utilised by the whole community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That the Whiteparish Memorial Ground Trust, was awarded £2,909 towards their project to install soft surfacing for the play ground.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would provide improved facilities for the young people and their families in community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That Shine in the Community was awarded £3,500 towards the cost of purchasing a vehicle to transport equipment.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would provide a means for the disadvantaged young people in the community to receive access to equipment.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That the River Bourne Community Farm was awarded £2,455 towards their project to increase community access to farm.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would provide improved facilities which could be utilised by the whole community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That Alderbury Youth Club was awarded £750 towards the purchase of entertainment equipment.</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p>	Tom Bray
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	<p><i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would provide improved facilities for young people in the community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That Old Sarum Youth Club was awarded £167 to purchase a table tennis table for the youth club and residents.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would provide improved facilities which could be utilised by the whole community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That Pitton and Farley Parish Council was awarded £500 towards their project to build a new bus shelter.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would provide improved facilities which could be utilised by the whole community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That Alderbury & Whaddon Local History Research Group was awarded £2,000 towards the production of the new publication of a local history book.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2010/11 and would promote and improve the understanding of local history.</i></p>	
15.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Southern Wiltshire Area Board will be on Thursday 3rd February 2011, 7.00pm at Winterslow Village Hall.</p>	