

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: Castle Primary School, Short Street, Ludgershall, SP11 9RB
Date: 19 September 2011
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.10 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Christopher Williams (Chairman), Cllr Mark Connolly (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Charles Howard and Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Cabinet representative)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Mary Cullen, Community Area Manager (CAM)
Alistair Cunningham, Service Director for Economy and Enterprise
Kevin Fielding - Democratic Services Officer
Lucy Murray-Brown - Campus & Operational Estate Management Lead

Town and Parish Councillors

Tidworth Town Council – A Birch, H Jones
Ludgershall Town Council – M Betteridge, J White & O White
Enford Parish Council – S Bagwell, K Monk
Everleigh Parish Council – D Bottomley

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector C Lange
Garrison – Col P Tabor
Community Area Partnership – T Pickernell
CAYPIG – W Higginson

Total in attendance: 45

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements, Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board and introduced Andy Bridewell, Head Teacher of The Castle Primary School.</p> <p>The Chairman then invited all in attendance to introduce themselves to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p>That around £800,000 of European Union money had been set aside for incubation funding at the Castledown Business Park, the point was made that the proposed waste transfer station at the Castledown Business Park may be off putting to any prospective users of the incubation development.</p> <p>Core Strategy Consultation</p> <p>The Chairman handed over to Alistair Cunningham,(Service Director), who advised that there had been a good response to the consultation, and that alternative sites are being considered. Wiltshire Council's cabinet will be discussing the proposals at its November meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Williams advised that he had passed the "No2Waste" petition to Cllr Toby Sturgis, (cabinet member for Waste, Property and Development Control Services). Cllr Williams would attend the November cabinet meeting if required when the waste site would be discussed.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>David Wildman - Chamber of commerce. Godrey Tilney – Castledown Business Park.</p>
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Agenda Item No.12 Cllr Initiated Grant – Castledown Radio. Cllr Mark Connelly – Personal interest, school governor- Wellington Academy.</p>
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>a. Decision That the minutes of the meeting on 18 July 2011 were approved and</p>

	<p>signed as a correct record.</p> <p>b. 2012 Olympics & Jubilee Projects – two bids received so far.</p> <p>Participatory budgeting to form the theme of the January meeting, looking for projects from local youth groups etc.</p> <p>It was agreed that the January meeting would start at 6pm as it would be youth themed.</p>
5.	<p><u>Cabinet Member Questions</u></p> <p>Stuart Wheeler – cabinet member for Campus Development and Culture (including Leisure, Sport and Libraries) gave an overview of his portfolio and answered questions that were raised.</p> <p>Libraries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new automated service had now been rolled out and had been well received by library users. • Wiltshire Council were looking at expanding the opening hours of smaller libraries. • Wiltshire Council was pleased that it had not had to close any of its libraries. <p>Leisure & Sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good partnership working going on in Tidworth. • Looking to encourage all ages and abilities to get involved in sport. <p>Culture and the Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good museums being supported across the county. • Grant funding given to the Salisbury Play House, Wiltshire Music Centre and the Pound Arts Centre. • Chippenham History Centre, well worth a visit. <p>Questions raised from the floor:</p> <p>Q. Netheravon library is well supported by its volunteers but does need a library</p>

	<p>co-ordinator, could this post be funded by Wiltshire Council? A. <i>This could be looked into.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Wheeler for his overview.</p>
6.	<p><u>Community Area Campus - Update</u></p> <p>Lucy Murray-Brown - Campus & Operational Estate Management Lead, Wiltshire Council outlined to the meeting the proposals for the development of community campuses across the county and the plans for the local area.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A campus is a building, or buildings, in a community area that will provide the services the local community needs in an accessible location. • Local community involvement critical to the success. • Reduces the long term financial, environmental and operational pressures on operating aging, low quality buildings. • Potential to co-locate with partner and voluntary organisations. • Encourages the council to explore wide ranging innovative management and operational arrangements. • Core criteria to all campus buildings include shared reception, community space, accessible IT provision, personal care facilities and catering facilities. • Wiltshire Council was proposing to build twenty campuses across the county. <p>Developing a campus in Tidworth - Indicative generic sequence of events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Area Board meeting – September 2011. • Audit and research work – Winter 2011. • Community consultation phase one – Spring 2012. • Community consultation phase two – Summer 2012. • Area Board consideration – Autumn 2012. • Wiltshire Council Cabinet consideration – Winter 2012.

- Campus development – 2013/14.
- Community Campus in place – 2014/15.

Shadow Community Operations Board – (SCOB) would need to be set up to oversee and take decisions on the direction of any proposed Tidworth community area campus, the SCOB would have eight members comprising Area board members, key partners, town, parish and community representatives.

Questions raised from the floor included:

- Funds for a new Ludgershall library were ring fenced by the old Kennet District Council, are these funds still available for this project?
 - a. Funds for this were tied into the construction of a new village hall, in the mean time Wiltshire Council came into being, the village hall construction had not begun and so the ring fenced funds for the library were withdrawn.*
- Could the Tidworth community area have a campus in Tidworth and Ludgershall?
 - a. No, the campus would be based in one town, but with multiple buildings across the community area.*
- There are concerns that residents with no transport, who live in the parishes would struggle to get to the campus.
 - a. Wiltshire Council is looking at this issue and how it would affect residents in rural areas.*
- Community input is vital if the campus is to be successful.
 - a. Good community input is needed, residents are encouraged to get involved and give their input into the consultation.*

Decision

- **That the Tidworth Area Board agrees to set up a Shadow Community Operations Board – (SCOB) to oversee and take decisions on the direction of any proposed Tidworth community area campus.**
- **That Cllr Chris Williams would act as the interim Area Board representative on the SCOB, the remaining membership to be decided.**

	<p>The Chairman invited expressions of interest from the attendees to join the SCOB and thanked Lucy Murray-Brown for her presentation.</p> <p>Application forms were available at the back of the room, further copies can be obtained from the Community Area Manager, Mary Cullen on 01722 434260</p>
7.	<p><u>Youth Activities - Update</u></p> <p>Wendy Higginson – Youth Development Service presented a DVD which showed some of the many youth activities that had taken place over the summer throughout the community area.</p> <p>Points made by Wendy Higginson included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 200 young people had been involved in activities over the summer period. • That it was looking likely that due to cuts in spending, budget for future summer activities programmes will be lost. • Excellent multi-agency working had made the summer programme reality. • Good work had been carried out in the rural areas, with young people from these areas getting involved in the youth programme. <p>Questions raised from the floor included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much does it cost per young person for the summer activities programme? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Around £5,000 without staff costs.</i> <p>The Chairman thanked Wendy Higginson for her presentation and made the point that the Tidworth Area Board fully supported the work of the Youth Development Service and would oppose any youth centre closures.</p>
8.	<p><u>Action For Children - Update</u></p> <p>Betty Dobson – 4 Children gave the Board a presentation of the work that was being carried out with local families and advised that 4 Children were a child-centric organisation dedicated to the care, education and personal development of children.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Children had recently received a satisfactory Ofsted grading.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation was facing a reduced budget for the next two years, so its services needed to be focused on the most vulnerable to ensure value for money. • Good partnership working with the health service and midwives. • There was low take up of services in the Ludgershall area, vulnerable families should be made aware of the services available. <p>The Chairman thanked Betty Dobson for her presentation.</p>
9.	<p><u>Community Evidence Event - December 2011</u></p> <p>Mary Cullen – Tidworth community area manager briefly outlined a proposed community planning event to be held at the Wellington Academy on Monday 5 December 2011. The event would focus on bringing together key partners to look at the community area profile, the JSA and identify priorities for the area board and community area plan.</p>
10.	<p><u>Update on Issues Raised</u></p> <p>Mary Cullen – Tidworth community area manager advised that she had received four issues since the last meeting in July, several concerning various footpaths in the Enford area and a request for speed watch at Cadley Road, Collingbourne Ducis. Site visits had been carried out at the footpaths concerned and action was identified. Cadelu Rd can join the Community Speedwatch area of operation subject to a metrocount assessment in this area.</p> <p>Question raised from the floor:</p> <p>When was the waste site at the Castledown business park first proposed? <i>a. It was agreed that Alistair Cunningham would follow this up.</i></p>
11.	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils, the Police, the Army, NHS, TCAP and other Partners</u></p> <p>Police – Inspector Christian Lange The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.</p> <p>Inspector Lange introduced himself and was welcomed to the Area Board by the Chairman.</p> <p>Points made by Insp Lange included:</p>

- The introduction of the new Police 101, non-emergency number.
- Graffiti in the Tidworth area, neighbourhood teams were now investigating these incidents.
- Change of structure – Police response teams would now be based out of four main hubs.

Questions raised from the floor included:

- Can the public still e-mail neighbourhood policing teams and could e-mails be acknowledged?
 - a. Yes you can still contact the teams and an out of office type reply would be set up on their e-mails in the future.
- Andover comes under Hampshire Police, but what if residents want Wiltshire Police, will the new 101 number know this?
 - a. Yes, the system would give an option to select Wiltshire Police.

Garrison – Colonel Paddy Tabor

Gave an update on recent and forthcoming events, which included:

- Some two hundred army houses had now been refurbished at Bulford garrison.
- This year's Christmas fair would be held in the grounds of Tidworth House.
- The Battalion Fire Work display would be held on Thursday 3 November.

Questions raised from the floor included:

- Residents of Ludgershall are experiencing excessive noise from Army helicopters, how long is this expected to carry on for?
 - a. Col Tabor advised that this had been an issue, he would ensure in future that town and parish councils were briefed of an future exercises, and would try to get helicopters taking part in exercises to fly over the plain rather than Ludgershall.

TCAP – Tony Pickernell

Gave an update for the Community Area Partnership:

- Thanks to all involved with the recent Blue Light Day, including the

MOD Police , Royal Military Police and the Civilian police also The British Forces Broadcasting Service, thanks also goes to The Wiltshire Fire Service.

- The community area plan is now ready to go on to the website.
- TCAP would be publicising the new community area plan by travelling around the community area.
- The Proms concert would be on 19th October 2011.

Wellington Academy – Andy Scofield

Gave an update:

- The Academy would be the first state funded boarding school.
- The sports centre re-fit had now been completed.
- The Academy were proud that nine former pupils would be the first from their respective families to go on to university.

Tidworth Town Council

- The town council was working with developers on land at the Eastern quadrant, with the conditions of contributions for community buildings as part of any developments.

Community Speed Watch – Stan Bagwell

- Community Speed Watch Scheme now has approximately 54 Community Speed Watch Group Teams operating within the Wiltshire Community Areas.
- Enford Community Speed Watch group team had been reduced to 40% of their effectiveness operations due to the Unipar Camera sharing scheme, and that there was a lack of equipment to do the job.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates.

12.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>1. The Wiltshire Councillors considered four applications seeking 2011/2012 Community Area Grant Funding:</p> <p>Decision King George’s Field, Chute awarded £500 towards play area fencing, but with a view to a further grant application.</p> <p>Reason <i>The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for places where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages.</i></p> <p>Decision Chute Cricket Club awarded £500 towards a sight screen, with a further £470 made up as a member initiated project.</p> <p>Reason <i>The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for places where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages.</i></p> <p>Decision Collingbourne Short Mat Bowls Club awarded £784 towards a bowling mat.</p> <p>Reason <i>The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for places where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages.</i></p> <p>Decision Skills for Health awarded £5,000 towards cookery courses.</p> <p>Reason <i>The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 health and Social Care Theme through promotion of good nutrition and healthy lifestyles.</i></p> <p>2. Cllr initiated project – Castledown Radio awarded £8,827. A further request for an air conditioning unit would be considered once costings were submitted to the community area manager.</p>

13.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on Monday 21 November 2011 at the Phoenix Hall, Netheravon.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stan Bagwell Core Strategy Statement</u></p> <p>At the 18 July 2011 Tidworth Area Board meeting, Stan Bagwell, (Enford Parish Council) read out a statement regarding the core strategy document and its lack of inclusion of the A345. The statement was omitted from the hard copy of the 18.07.11 minutes that formed part of the 19.09.11 agenda, this statement is now attached to the back of these minutes.</p>	

TIDWORTH AREA BOARD MEETING 18TH JULY 2011.

WILTSHIRE CORE STRATEGY 2011-2026 : THE A345 FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

Chair.

With regard to the A345 and Wiltshire Councils Core Strategy on Transport 2011-2026.

It might not be recognised by all here tonight, that the A345 does not come into the Councils Core Strategy as any kind or type of highly used Highway North to South through Wiltshire County and this will be for the next 15 years.

A collective response to this lack of traffic information held by Wiltshire Council is being prepared and all Town and Parish Councils and others who are affected by this problem of Through Traffic North to South from the A303/M3 through to the A4/M4.

There are great concerns by all these Councils (listed below) along the A345 through the Pewsey and Avon Valleys, in that Wiltshire Council has seen it necessary to omit the A345 from every part of this New (Vision) Core Strategy regarding Highway Transportation across Wiltshire..... The Question is WHY?

The Councils who have very great concerns are.

Durrington Town Council.

Figheledan Parish Council.

Netheravon Parish Council.

Enford Parish Council.

Upavon Parish Council.

Manningford Parish Council.

Pewsey Parish Council.

Wilcot/Huish/Oare Parish Council

Marlborough Town Council.

There is firm evidence that the A345 is being used by ALL SORTS of vehicular and Heavy Goods traffic along this small fragile unsuitable Drovers Road as a short cut North to South across Wiltshire. The Council must either recognise this situation or declassify this "A" road to a "B" road and remove the large HGVs signs (Going North) at Manningford and Sharcott which are at present directing all Heavy Goods Vehicles through Pewsey Village up to the A4 at Marlborough and beyond. Then they should Re-sign the Road at the A303 Countess Roundabout Amesbury and the A4 at Marlborough as being Unsuitable for LARGE Heavy Goods Vehicle use.

The file on this situation will be submitted by e-mail to the Wiltshire Spatial Core Strategy Team on the 28th July 2011.

Thank you for listening.

Stan. W. A. Bagwell Enford Parish Council (Highways)
Chair. Transport and Road Safety Sub Group. Pewsey Community Partnership.