

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** TIDWORTH AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Wellington Academy, Tidworth Rd, Ludgershall, SP11 9QD  
**Date:** 20 January 2014  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.50 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Charles Howard and Cllr Jane Scott

### Wiltshire Council Officers

Mary Cullen - Community Area Manager (CAM)

Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

Laurie Bell - Associate Director (Communications and Communities)

### Town and Parish Councillors

Tidworth Town Council – Humph Jones & Ann Birch

Ludgershall Town Council – Owen White & Janet White

Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council – K Cockerton

Chute & Chute Forest Parish Council – Carolyn Wall

Everleigh Parish Council – Denis Bottomley

### Partners

Wiltshire Police – Insp Christian Lange

Police & Crime Commissioners Office – Clive Barker

Tidworth Garrison – Col James Denny

Tidworth Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell

Youth Services – Wendy Higginson

**Total in attendance: 34**

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<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 Wellington Academy for the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board. He thanked staff and students of Wellington Academy for entertaining the audience during the pre-meeting refreshments and reminded those present at the meeting to take a moment to view the art work on display.</p> <p>All attendees at the meeting were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.</p> <p>The following Chairman's announcement contained in the agenda pack was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Army Rebasing.</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire.</li> <li>• JSA Event.</li> <li>• Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).</li> </ul>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Michael Mead – parish newsletter and Anthony D'arcy-Irvine – Enford Parish Council.</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
4	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of Tidworth Area Board meeting held on Monday 18 November 2013.</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
5	<p><u>Parish Focus - Wellington Academy</u></p> <p>Mike Milner Principal of Wellington Academy updated the Area Board on recent developments at the academy and showcased student achievements including</p>

	<p>both academic and musical.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Academy was continuing to develop its standards, objectives and ethos.</li> <li>• That the Academy had strong links to the local community.</li> <li>• That its students were a brilliant asset.</li> <li>• An exciting time with the new Sixth Form and Wellington Primary Academy projects.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Mike Milner and his students for an entertaining and informative presentation.</p>
6	<p><u>A lasting legacy for Wiltshire: looking forward to 2014</u></p> <p>Cllr Jane Scott – Leader of Wiltshire Council and Laurie Bell - Associate Director (Communications and Communities), Wiltshire Council outlined Wiltshire Council’s “Legacy for Wiltshire”, which highlighted events which had been supported since 2012 and what events were planned for 2014 in Wiltshire to bring communities together including the big pledge, cycle Wiltshire and WW1 commemorations.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Tidworth Area Board’s big pledge would be to work towards a ‘Dementia Friendly’ Tidworth community area ..</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Scott and Laurie Bell for their presentation.</p>
7	<p><u>Police and Crime Precept</u></p> <p>Clive Barker – Chief Finance Officer, Wiltshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner gave a presentation to highlight the Police and Crime precept consultation.</p> <p>Funding for the police had reduced and main government grants had also reduced. Following the precept freeze in 2010-2011 the commissioner was now considering lifting the freeze and raising council tax payments by £3.15 per household in order for the police to continue to be funded adequately.</p> <p>Clive Barker presented statistics explaining that funding for Wiltshire compared to the rest of the south west was the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest. Since 2010-2011 there had been reductions in the police force which has been offset with partnerships and collaborations.</p>

	<p>It was noted that there would be a consultation running from 6th January until the 3rd February and any comments would be welcomed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Clive Barker for his presentation.</p>
8	<p><u>Shadow Community Operations Board (SCOB) - update</u></p> <p>Cllr Chris Williams presented the SCOB update that was tabled at the meeting. Cllr Williams advised that Rachel Goff – Tidworth Campus Delivery Manager would be at the next Tidworth Area Board meeting to present the SCOB update.</p> <p>SCOB update</p> <p>The SCOB had been consulting with local people, groups and organisations about what local facilities and services are wanted and needed in the local area.</p> <p>The SCOB are in the process of looking at the detail of the consultation returns and from this information, looking at what might form part of a campus for the Tidworth community area and are looking at separate provision to meet the needs of communities in Tidworth and in Ludgershall. This will include a variety of spaces to support local communities including personal care facilities and other items Included in the core specification for every campus.</p> <p>Feedback from the parishes had highlighted that as the SCOB expected, transport would be particularly important to help people access campus services and facilities in both Tidworth and Ludgershall.</p> <p>The SCOB would continue to develop this over the coming weeks but the needs initially identified for each part of the campus include;</p> <p><b>Ludgershall</b></p> <p>Affordable sports, fitness and socialising activities for young people.</p> <p>Activities for children e.g. crèche or soft play sessions.</p> <p>Improved library facilities.</p> <p>Hot desking for Wiltshire Council staff and councillors, as well as neighbourhood policing team.</p> <p>Ludgershall Town Council had expressed a strong interest in being involved in the campus and the SCOB would like to work with them to explore options – this could include council offices as well as space that could be used as a council chamber.</p> <p>Access to Wiltshire Council advice, as well as access to other voluntary and community sector and advice services such as credit union.</p>

	<p><b>Tidworth</b></p> <p>Affordable sports, fitness and socialising activities for young people.  Activities for children e.g. crèche or soft play sessions.  Hot desking for Wiltshire Council staff and councillors, as well as neighbourhood policing team.  Access to Wiltshire Council advice, as well as access to other voluntary and community sector and advice services such as credit union.</p> <p><b>Next steps</b></p> <p>The next step is for the SCOB to further develop and to assess options for delivering the needs identified for each area and to develop a working proposal for a campus in each area.</p> <p>It would then consult with local people about our working proposals. It hoped to launch the consultation at the March Area Board meeting.</p> <p>It would also like to explore if there are any other partners who may wish to be involved in the campus.</p>
9	<p><u>Youth Advisory Group (YAG) - update</u></p> <p>Wendy Higginson – Youth Service, Wiltshire Council gave a brief update.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That due to a break in at the youth centre the planned YAG meeting had been cancelled, it would now take place at the end of February.</li> <li>• That the YAG were working on a campaign to make adults think before they swore in front of young people.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Wendy Higginson for her update.</p>
10	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils, the Police, the Army, NHS, TCAP and other Partners</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Police – Insp Christian Lange  The written update tabled at the meeting was noted.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Police team were working with the local farmers, carrying out high visibility patrols.</li> </ul>

- An increase in local social clubs and the like being broken into, Police are currently working on this issue.
- Local officers had been carrying out speeding checks at Collingbourne Ducis, around 100 tickets had been issued to speeding motorists.

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service  
The written report was noted.

Tidworth Garrison – Col James Denny  
Points made included:

- That all troops had now returned from Afghanistan.
- The next Army 20/20 meeting would be held on Wednesday 29 January 2014.
- That 300+ houses for army personnel were to be build on land at Area 19.
- The pedestrian/cycle link path proposals for Perham Down – Wellington Academy had now been included as part of the Army 20/20 plan, the project should be started during 2014.

Tidworth Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell.

Points made included:

- The Schools band concert held on Wednesday 18 December 2013 had been well received with over 500 children from across the community area attending.
- There would be a Health Fayre on Thursday 6th February 2014 at the Tidworth Leisure Centre.
- That TCAP and English Heritage were working together to provide a guide listing local historical sites.

Tidworth Town Council – Humph Jones  
Points made included:

- The Tidworth carol concert and outdoor ice rink had proved very popular during the Christmas period.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That gel bags, (reusable sand bags) were available from Wiltshire Council for residents to borrow should they be concerned about local flooding.</li> </ul> <p>Ludgershall Town Council – Owen White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That a meeting with Andover Town Council was to be held to discuss plans to re-institute the heritage railway.</li> <li>• The new Ludgershall Town Council hub was being decorated and was expected to operational during February 2014.</li> </ul> <p>Everleigh Parish Council – Denis Bottomley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Christmas carol service and village curry lunch had been very popular.</li> <li>• There are plans to walk the parish boundary during May 2014.</li> </ul> <p>Chute &amp; Chute Forest Parish Council – Carolyn Wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are looking to make improvements to the local play area and pavilion.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates and reminded the Towns and Parishes that they should be thinking about any World War 1 events that may require Area Board funding.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board members were asked to consider the following grant applications:</p> <p>Member led application</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Baden Powell Scouts, Ludgershall, purchase of archery equipment, sponsored by Cllr Chris Williams – awarded £1400.</b></p> <p>Community Area Grant Applications</p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Chute Village Hall management committee, replacement and installation of central heating boiler – awarded £2500.</b>  <b>Reason</b></p>



	<p><b><i>The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2013 – 2023 under the Housing and Built Environment and Culture and Leisure themes in that it:-</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>- improves an existing community hall used by most of the local population.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>- encourages community use of the facility.</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>King George Pavilion Chute, replacement of pavilion flooring – awarded £1475.</b></p> <p><b>Reason</b>  <b><i>The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2013 – 2023 under the Housing and Built Environment and Culture and Leisure themes in that it:-</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>- improves an existing community facility used by the local population.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>- encourages community use of the facility.</i></b></li> </ul> <p>The Community Area Manager advised that there was still money available in the Community Area grants pot for funding local projects.</p>
12	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on Monday 17 March – Tidworth Garrison Theatre.</p>