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Wiltshire Council

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2014 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Desna Allen, Cllr Glenis Ansell, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Nick Blakemore, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Liz Bryant, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Chris Caswill, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Terry Chivers, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp (Chairman), Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Dennis Drewett, Cllr Peter Edge, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Keith Humphries, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Simon Killane, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Magnus Macdonald, Cllr Alan MacRae, Howard Marshall, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jemima Milton, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Paul Oatway, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Helen Osborn, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Linda Packard, Cllr Mark Packard, Cllr Sheila Parker, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Nina Phillips, Cllr David Pollitt, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Jane Scott OBE, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Ian Tomes, Cllr Dick Tonge, Anthony Trotman, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Nick Watts, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Ian West, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Graham Wright

28 Election of Chairman 2014/15

The Chairman, Councillor Christine Crisp called for nominations for the position of Chairman of Council for 2014/15.

Councillor Roy While was proposed by Councillor Alan Hill and seconded by the Chairman. Councillor Ian West was proposed by Councillor Mark Packard and seconded by Councillor Graham Wright.

There being no further nominations and on being put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

That Councillor Roy While be elected Chairman of Wiltshire Council for the municipal year 2014/15.

The Chairman read out and signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman of the Council witnessed by the Monitoring Officer.

Councillor Roy While in the Chair

Councillor Christine Crisp reflected on her time in office as Chairman of the Council highlighting key events she had attended on the Council's behalf and chairing meetings of the Council. She commented that it had been a privilege to represent the Council in such a distinguished manner and she wished the newly elected Chairman all the very best.

Group leaders thanked Councillor Crisp for her services as Chairman of the Council and her services to local government generally. The Leader expressed her gratitude to Councillor Crisp for having been a great ambassador for the Council.

29 Election of Vice-Chairman 2014/15

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of Council for 2014/15.

Councillor Richard Britton was proposed by Councillor Bridget Wayman and seconded by Councillor Julian Johnson.

There being no further nominations and on being put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

That Councillor Richard Britton be elected Vice-Chairman of Wiltshire Council for the municipal year 2014/15.

The Vice-Chairman read out and signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman of the Council witnessed by the Monitoring Officer.

30 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bill Moss, Chris Hurst, Nick Fogg, Howard Greenman and Helena McKeown.

31 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

32 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 February 2014 were presented.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 25 February 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to an amendment at minute no. 21 (c) – Council Tax Resolution with the inclusion of Councillor Josie Green's name as those voting in favour of the motion.

33 Announcements by the Chairman

(a) Royal Visits

The Chairman reported that the County had been fortunate to have had two Royal visits in recent months.

In April, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal visited Coombe Castle Creamery in Melksham to formally open their new premises and to present them with the Queen's Award for Enterprise for International Trade. She then went on to Devizes where she presented the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, visited the Wiltshire Museum to formally open their new galleries, and then attended a Save the Children Reception for volunteers in the Town Hall.

In early May, Their Royal Highnesses The Earl & Countess of Wessex made a full day visit to Wiltshire. Their visit began at the new Visitor Centre at Stonehenge and the Stones before attending the rededication of Airman's Cross, now relocated at the top of the path to the Visitor Centre. They then journeyed to Salisbury to open the new Wessex Gallery in Salisbury Museum and visit St. Thomas Church in the City centre. His Royal Highness then attended to a Duke of Edinburgh Award event held at St. Edmund's Girls' School in Laverstock where he present badges to Gold Award winners; whilst Her Royal Highness visited the Wiltshire South Guide Centre in Berwick St. James in her capacity as President of Girl guiding. The day ended at the Royal Wessex Yeomanry where a Reception was held with employers and reservists followed by a dinner with representatives from both the Royal Wessex Yeomanry and the Wiltshire Yeomanry.

All the organisations involved were delighted to be able to welcome the Royal visitors to their events and it was good to be able to welcome them to Wiltshire.

(b) Cycle Event May Bank Holiday

Cycle Wiltshire proved to be a big success on 3rd and 4th May with more than 500 people taking part in a sportive cycle ride from Five Rivers Leisure Centre. lots of people also took part in the many activities that were available at the Cycle Wiltshire Village with many commenting on the special atmosphere.

The following day saw an elite cycle race start and finish in Wilton with more than 120 riders competing and a big congregation of people in the Market Square to cheer them on. Cycle Wiltshire was part of Wiltshire Council's a legacy for Wiltshire Partnership.

(c) The Care Bill – Members' Briefing 10 June

The Care Bill (soon to be an act) had been described as one of the most important pieces of legislation since the establishment of the NHS in 1948. It would radically extend the Council's responsibilities and bring our social care staff in contact with a much larger proportion of the local population. As such it would have a clear impact on the Council's long term financial and workforce planning.

Given its significance, the Chairman invited all Councillors to attend a briefing on the Bill, in the Council Chamber, at 3pm on the 10 June. The briefing would finish by 5pm and allow opportunities for questions and interactive discussions on the implications for Wiltshire. The Chairman urged Councillors to attend.

34 **Public Participation**

The Chairman reported that Mr Bernard Aslett had registered to address the meeting. Mr Aslett spoke to draw Council's attention to his concerns over the state of the highways in various parts of the County. Councillor John Thomson, Cabinet member with responsibility for Highways responded to Mr Aslett's concerns.

35 Petitions

A report by the Democratic Governance Manager was presented which gave Council details of the six petitions received for the period since the last report to Council.

Resolved:

That Council note the report, the petitions received and the actions being taken in relation to them, as set out in the Appendix to the report.

36 Notices of Motion: Recognition of Trade Union Rights - Councillors Jeff Osborn and Terry Chivers

The Chairman reported receipt of the above mentioned motion from Councillors Jeff Osborn and Terry Chivers.

Accordingly, Councillor Jeff Osborn moved the following motion which was duly seconded by Cllr Terry Chivers:

"In the tendering of any future contracts for services provided by this Council, a clear condition should be made that the Council will only enter into a contract with organisations that make a clear and public commitment that they fully recognise trade union rights for their employees and that they will continue to do so."

To assist Council in its consideration of the motion, a report was circulated via the Agenda Supplement for the meeting which provided legal advice on the implications of adopting such a motion. Council was therefore asked to consider the motion in light of this legal advice.

For Council's ease of reference the rules on how a motion is dealt with at Council, taken from Part 4 of the Council's constitution was presented.

Councillor Jeff Osborn presented his motion and in so doing requested that the motion be deferred to the next meeting to allow for thorough consideration of the legal advice presented.

Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet member explained that time had been taken to formulate the legal advice to enable Council to properly consider the motion. He further explained that what the motion was seeking was effectively illegal and as such could not see that anything would be gained by deferring it. Councillor wheeler emphasised advice in the report which stated that in terms of any future contracts, it would not be possible within the current statutory framework to use as evaluation criteria a public commitment to recognise Trade Unions for collective bargaining purposes. Such a proposal could also deter smaller companies from tendering and therefore discriminating against them.

Having been moved by the Chairman and seconded and being put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

That the motion be debated.

The Chairman invited Group Leaders to speak on the motion before opening the debate to other members. A discussion ensued during which a number of members spoke in favour and against the motion.

Councillor Gordon King moved the following amendment which was duly seconded by Councillor Jon Hubbard:

'That the motion be referred to the Staffing Policy Committee to consider the legal implications of the terms of the motion and to ensure maximum protection to employees wherever possible.'

On being put to the vote, the above amendment was CARRIED and it was

Resolved:

That the motion be referred to the Staffing Policy Committee to consider the legal implications of the terms of the motion and to ensure maximum protection to employees wherever possible.

(note: the motion was considered by the Staffing Policy Committee at its meeting on 9 July 2014 – link to meeting <u>http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=140&Mld=8032&Ver=4</u> Item 39 refers)

37 Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups and Appointment of Committees

- 37a) Appointment of Committees and Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups
- 37b) Appointment of Councillors to Committees

37c) Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of Committees

38 Appointment to the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

The Chairman referred Council to the various items on the agenda on appointments – numbered 10 (a), (b) and (c), and 11, reports on which were presented. He explained that unless anyone had any comments to make on the individual items, he intended to take them together. The Chairman noted that Group Leaders had been consulted on the principles of what was being proposed.

In relation to item 10 (a) – Appointment of Committees, the Chairman reminded Councillors on the Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee that they had been convened to meet on the rising of this meeting in order to elect its chairman and vice-chairman and establish the Pewsey Area Board and Tidworth Area Board. It was noted that all Area Boards would be asked to elect their respective chairmen and vice-chairmen at their first meeting in accordance with the arrangements set out in the constitution.

The Leader moved a composite motion in respect of the appointments to be made as tabled at the meeting and this was duly seconded. The Leader drew attention to a proposed change to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board whereby the opposition group member would now become a voting member taking one of the 4 voting places. This was welcomed by Councillor Jon Hubbard, opposition Group Leader. For the avoidance of doubt, the list of membership of committees was displayed on screen and each Group Leader confirmed its accuracy for their respective group.

On being put to the vote, the Leader's motion was CARRIED and it was;

Resolved:

- (a) To note this report and the legal requirements.
- (b) To re-appoint the following committees with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution:-

Strategic Planning Area Planning – East, North, South and West Licensing Standards Overview and Scrutiny Management Children's Select Health Select Environment Select Audit Appeals Staffing Policy Officer Appointments Pension Fund Police and Crime Panel

- (c) To reappoint the Health and Wellbeing Board with the terms of reference and membership as set out in the Constitution subject to the opposition member (CIIr Ian Thorn) now being given voting rights.
- (d) To appoint those Area Boards, constituted as area committees as set out within the Constitution and to appoint those members representing electoral divisions to their respective area boards as set out in Appendix 1.
- (e) To approve the aggregate number of committee places available to members of the Council being 174 and the number on each committee as follows:-

Committee	Total Number of Places for Elected Members	Conservative Group Allocation	Liberal Democrat Group Allocation	Labour Group Allocation	Independent Group Allocation	UKIP
	Weinberg	(59 seats)	(24 seats)	(4 seats)	(10 seats)	(1 seat)
Strategic Planning	11	7	3	-	1	-
Area Planning Committees						
North South East West	11 11 8 11	7 6 7 7	3 2 - 2	- 2 - -	1 1 1 2	
Licensing	12	7	3	-	2	-
Overview and Scrutiny Management	15	8	4	1	2	-
Children's Select	13	8	3	1	1	-
Environment Select	13	7	4	1	1	-
Health Select	13	7	3	1	2	-
Standards	11	7	3	-	1	-
Police and Crime Panel	7	4	2	-	1	-
Audit	11	6		-	1	1
Appeals	8	5	2	1	-	_
Staffing Policy	9	5	3	-	-	1
Officer Appointments	5	3	1	-	1	-
Pension Fund	5	4	1	-	-	-
TOTALS:	174	105	42	7	18	2

(f) To approve the nominations of Group Leaders, as set out in Appendix 2 for the appointment of councillors and substitutes, to

serve on committees in accordance with the agreed scheme of committee places, until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.

(g) To reappoint the following co-opted non-voting members to the Standards Committee:

Mr John Scragg Miss Pam Turner Mr Paul Neale Mr Philip Gill MBE, JP

(h) To appoint the following non-elected members to the Children's Select Committee:-

Non-Elected Voting Members	Representing
Mrs L Swainston	Church of England
Dr M Thompson	Clifton Diocese Roman Catholic Church
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary- maintained)
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary – academy)
Mrs A Kemp	Parent Governor (Special Educational Needs)
Mr K Brough	Parent Governor (Primary)
Non-Elected Non-Voting Members	
(Up to Five)	School, Children and Young People representatives
Mrs D Dale	Further Education Representative
Miss S Busby	Secondary Schools Headteacher Representative
Miss T Cornelius	Primary School Headteachers Representative
Mr J Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Mr K House	Children & Young People's Representative

(i) To appoint the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice Chairman</u>
Area Planning Committee – Western Licensing Committee Standards Committee Audit Committee Staffing Policy Committee Officer Appointments Committee Pension Fund Committee Health and Wellbeing Board	A Davis C Howard T Trotman F Westmoreland C Newbury P Ridout J Johnson A Deane A Bucknell J Scott T Deane J Scott	A Trotman M Connolly P Hutton C Devine J Knight D Allen J Noeken R Britton J Smale JThomson C Howard delegated to the
Board	0 00011	

- (j) To note that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the Select Committees and the Police and Crime Panel will be asked to elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen at their first meeting following the annual meeting of council.
- (k) To appoint the following councillors to serve on the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority for 2014/15

Conservative (6)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (1)
C Devine	H Marshall	E Clark
G Payne	B Jones	
M Groom		
C Newbury		
B Wayman		
J Knight		

39 Constitutional Changes Recommended by the Standards Committee

It was noted that a briefing session for members was held on 6 May 2014 to go through the detail of the proposed changes to the constitution as recommended by the Standards Committee.

Cllr Julian Johnson, Chairman of the Standards Committee presented a report which detailed the proposed changes together with the necessary documents from the constitution with tracked changes for ease of reference. Cllr Johnson moved the proposed changes and this was duly seconded.

The changes proposed were in respect of the following areas of the constitution:

- Part 4 in relation to Petitions
- Part 9 Financial Regulations and Procedure Rules
- Part 12A in relation to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel

Councillor Johnson drew Council's attention to the updated details of the document relating to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel circulated in Agenda Supplement No. 1.

Resolved:

(a) To approve changes to Part 4 of the constitution in relation to petitions and Part 4A, the Petition Scheme, as shown in the tracked change documents at Appendix 3 of the report presented subject to the following amendment concerning the eligibility criteria to sign a petition:

Those eligible to sign a petition to include those from the age of 13 upwards who live, work or study in Wiltshire for petitions to full Council and those who live in the appropriate community area for petitions to the area board.

- (b) To approve changes to Part 9 of the constitution as shown in the tracked change document at Appendix 5 of the report presented.
- (c) To approve changes to Part 12A of the constitution to include details of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel of the as shown in the tracked change documents as circulated in Agenda Supplement No. 1.

40 Annual Report on Executive Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency

Council received an annual report as required by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) Regulations 2012 concerning decisions taken by Cabinet under the Special Urgency procedure. The report related to the period since the last such report to Council in November 2013.

The Leader confirmed that no decisions had been taken by Cabinet using the Special Urgency procedure during this period.

Resolved:

Council to note the report presented and that no decisions had been taken under the special urgency provisions since the last report to Council.

41 Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 2013/14

Councillor Simon Killane, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee presented the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2013/14 which had been previously circulated electronically to all Councillors. Cllr Killane highlighted the work carried out during the year and particularly the development that had taken place in response to the Peer Challenge Review Report. He pointed out that the overview and scrutiny work programme was better aligned to the key actions in the Council's Business Plan following consultation with Cabinet members and partners. He was confident that the Management Committee was increasing its influence over how overview and scrutiny was perceived particularly by focusing on supporting policy development through the use of task groups.

Cllr Killane then gave the opportunity to the chairmen of the select committees to comment on relevant key activities during the year for their respective committees.

Health Select Committee – Councillor Christine Crisp referred to the new NHS structures and the work being done in partnership to hold providers to public account. She referred to the enormous amount of working being undertaken by the Committee and wide ranging subjects covered by task groups.

Children's Select Committee - Councillor Jon Hubbard had had a very effective year with its work on safeguarding being nationally recognised. He thanked committee members in particular the vice chairman, Councillor Jacqui Lay and those involved in task groups. Councillor Hubbard paid tribute to the excellent support provided by Henry Powell, Senior Scrutiny Officer.

Environment Select Committee – Councillor Alan Hill referred to the challenges in major areas such as highways and waste and thanked all those members involved for their hard work.

In conclusion Councillor Killane thanked those councillors and offices who had engaged and supported overview and scrutiny during a year of transition.

Resolved:

To receive and note the Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny for 2013/14.

42 Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel 2013/14

Councillor Laura Mayes introduced this item.

The role of the Corporate Parenting Panel was to secure Councillor involvement and commitment throughout the Council to deliver better outcomes for children and young people who were looked after. All Councillors were reminded of their responsibilities as a "corporate parent" for children and young people who were looked after in Wiltshire.

Councillor Alan Macrae, Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding presented and guided Council through the Annual Report on the Corporate Parenting Panel. A slide show was presented which showcased initiatives and activities held in support of looked after children.

A presentation was made by Miss Tara Hall, a care leaver who read a very inspiring speech she had previously given at a national conference in October 2013. The speech captured her own personal experience of her education prior to and on becoming looked after by Wiltshire Council. The speech was very well received by members prompting a standing ovation.

Resolved:

To receive and note the Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel and ratify the improvements required to strengthen Corporate Parenting in Wiltshire.

43 Minutes of Cabinet and Committees

The Chairman moved that Council receive and note the following minutes as listed in the separate Minutes Book and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman:

Cabinet	18 March , 22 April 2014
Cabinet Capital Assets Committee	18 March 2014
Cabinet Transformation Committee	18 March 2014
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	4 March, 29 April 2014
Children's Select Committee	25 March 2014
Health Select Committee	11 March 2014
Environment Select Committee	18 February, 15 April 2014
Licensing Committee	17 March 2014
Northern Area Planning Committee	12 March, 2 April, 23 April 2014
Eastern Area Planning Committee	20 February, 3 April 2014
Southern Area Planning Committee	20 March, 10 April 2014
Western Area Planning Committee	5 February, 19 March, 9 April 2014
Strategic Planning Committee	12 February, 12 March 2014

Standards Committee Audit Committee
Officer Appointments Committee
Staffing Policy Committee
Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Board
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Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee
Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel
Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

The Chairman then invited questions from members on points of information or clarification on the above minutes and gave the Chairmen of those meetings the opportunity to make any important announcements on the work of their respective Committees.

Resolved:

That the above mentioned minutes be received and noted.

44 Dates of Council meetings 2014/15

On report by the Chairman, it was

Resolved:

To approve the Council meetings for the remainder of 2014/15 as follows:

2014

29 July

21 October

2015

3 February (if required)

24 February (budget meeting)

12 May (Annual Council)

45 Councillors' Questions

The Chairman reported receipt of questions from Councillors Terry Chivers, Jeff Osborn, Graham Payne and George Jeans, details of which were circulated in Agenda Supplement No. 1 together with responses from the relevant Cabinet member. Details of questions and responses are attached as Appendix 3.

Questioners were permitted to each ask one relevant supplementary question per question submitted and where they did so, the relevant Cabinet member responded.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – membership of Area Boards Appendix 2 – membership of Committees Appendix 3 - Councillors' questions

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.55 pm)

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Appendix 1

Area Boards: Electoral Divisions

Amesbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Amesbury East Amesbury West Till & Wylye Valley Durrington & Larkhill Bulford, Allington & Figheldean Bourne & Woodford Valley Members John Noeken Fred Westmoreland Ian West Graham Wright John Smale Mike Hewitt

Bradford on Avon Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4 Holt & Staverton Winsley & Westwood Bradford on Avon North Bradford on Avon South

Members Trevor Carbin Magnus Macdonald Rosemary Brown Ian Thorn

Calne Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Calne Rural Calne North Calne Chilvester & Abberd Calne Central Calne South & Cherhill

Members Christine Crisp Glenis Ansell Tony Trotman Howard Marshall Alan Hill

Chippenham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 10

By Brook Chippenham Cepen Park & Derriads Chippenham Cepen Park & Redlands Chippenham Hardenhuish Chippenham Monkton Chippenham Queens and Sheldon Chippenham Hardens and England Chippenham Lowdon and Rowden Chippenham Pewsham Kington

Members

Jane Scott Peter Hutton Nina Phillips Nick Watts Chris Caswill Desna Allen Bill Douglas Linda Packard Mark Packard Howard Greenman

Corsham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Box and Colerne Corsham Pickwick Corsham Without & Box Hill Corsham Town

Devizes Area Board

Electoral Divisions 7

Bromham, Rowde and Potterne Devizes & Roundway South Devizes East Devizes North Roundway The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Urchfont & The Cannings

Members Sheila Parker Alan Macrae Dick Tonge Philip Whalley

Members

Liz Bryant Simon Jacobs Peter Evans Sue Evans Laura Mayes Richard Gamble Philip Whitehead

Malmesbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Brinkworth Malmesbury Minety Sherston Members Toby Sturgis Simon Killane Chuck Berry John Thomson

Marlborough Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Aldbourne & Ramsbury Marlborough East Marlborough West West Selkley Members James Sheppard Stewart Dobson Nick Fogg Jemima Milton

Melksham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Melksham Central Melksham North Melksham South Melksham Without North Melksham Without South Summerham and Seend Members

David Pollitt Pat Aves Jon Hubbard Terry Chivers Roy While Jonathon Seed

Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee

Electoral Divisions 6

Pewsey Vale Pewsey Burbage & The Bedwyns The Collingbournes & Netheravon Ludgershall & Perham Down Tidworth

Members

Paul Oatway Jerry Kunkler Stuart Wheeler Charles Howard Chris Williams Mark Connolly

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Cricklade and Latton Lyneham Purton Royal Wootton Bassett East Royal Wootton Bassett North Royal Wootton Bassett South Members Bob Jones Allison Bucknell Jacqui Lay Mollie Groom Mary Champion Chris Hurst

Salisbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 8

Members

John Walsh

Village Salisbury Bemerton Salisbury Harnham Salisbury St Edmund & Milford Salisbury St Francis & Stratford Salisbury St Mark's & Bishopdown Salisbury St Martin's & Cathedral Salisbury St Paul's

Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton

Ricky Rogers Brian Dalton Helena McKeown Mary Douglas Bill Moss Ian Tomes Richard Clewer

South West Wiltshire Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Members Jose Gree

Fovant & Chalke Valley Mere Nadder & East Knoyle Tisbury Wilton & Lower Wylye Valley Jose Green George Jeans Bridget Wayman Tony Deane Peter Edge

Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Alderbury & Whiteparish Downton & Ebble Valley Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum Redlynch & Landford Winterslow

Members

Richard Britton Julian Johnson Ian McLennan Leo Randall Christopher Devine

Trowbridge Area Board

Electoral Divisions 9

Hilperton Southwick Trowbridge Adcroft Trowbridge Central Trowbridge Drynham Trowbridge Grove Trowbridge Lambrok Trowbridge Park Trowbridge Paxcroft

Members Ernie Clark Horace Prickett Nick Blakemore John Knight Graham Payne

Jeff Osborn Helen Osborn Dennis Drewett Steve Oldrieve

Warminster Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Waminster Without Warminster Broadway Warminster Copheap and Wylye Warminster East Warminster West

Members

Fleur de Rhe- Philipe Keith Humphries Christopher Newbury Andrew Davis Pip Ridout

Westbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4 Ethandune

Westbury East Westbury North Westbury West

Members

Jerry Wickham Gordon King David Jenkins Russell Hawker

Appointment of Committee Members Agreed by Annual Council 13 May 2014

Strategic Planning Committee (11)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (7)	Democrat	. (0)	(1)	
	Group (3)			
A Davis	G Ansell	-	T. Chivers	-
S Dobson	D Jenkins			
C Howard	G Wright			
W Moss				
C Newbury				
A Trotman				
F Westmoreland				
Substitutes:				
J Shepherd	B Douglas		E Clark	
M Douglas	H Marshall		D Drewett	
P Oatway	N Watts		G Jeans	
J Wickham	I West			

Area Planning Committee – East (8)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (7)	Democrat	(0)	(1)	
	Group (0)			
M Connolly	-	-	N Fogg	
S Dobson				
P Evans				
R Gamble				
J Kunkler				
P Oatway				
C Howard				
Substitutes:				
E Bryant			T Chivers	
J Sheppard			E Clark	
P Whitehead			D Drewett	
C Williams			J Osborn	

Area Planning Committee – North (11)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (7)	Democrat	(0)	(1)	. ,
	Group (3)			
C Crisp	H Marshall	-	S Killane	-
M Groom	C Hurst			
P Hutton	M Packard			
S Parker				
T Sturgis				
A Trotman				
P Whalley				
Substitutes:				
C Berry	D Allen		E Clark	
M Champion	G Ansell		T Chivers	
H Greenman	B Douglas		D Drewett	
J Lay	N Watts			

Area Planning Committee – South (11)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (2)	Labour Group (2)	Independent (1)	UKIP (0)
R Britton	B Dalton	I McLennan	G Jeans	-
R Clewer	I West	I Tomes		
C Devine				
J Green				
M Hewitt				
F Westmoreland				
Substitutes:				
A Deane	P Edge	J Walsh	T Chivers	
L Randall	H McKeown	R Rogers	E Clark	
J Smale	G Wright		D Drewett	
B Wayman	M Macdonald			

Area Planning Committee – West (11)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (7)	Democrat	(0)	(2)	
	Group (2)			
A Davis	T Carbin	-	E Clark	-
J Knight	M Macdonald		D Drewett	
C Newbury				
H Prickett				
P Ridout				
J Seed				
R While				
Substitutes:				
J Wickham	N Blakemore		T Chivers	
F de Rhé	R Brown		J Osborn	
Philipe				
K Humphries	S Oldrieve		R Hawker	
G Payne	G King			

Licensing Committee (12)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (7)	Democrat	(0)	(2)	
	Group (3)			
A Bucknell	D Allen	-	G Jeans	-
S Evans	N Blakemore		D Drewett	
J Green	N Watts			
M Hewitt				
S Jacobs				
L Randall				
P Ridout				
Substitutes:				
E Bryant	G Ansell		N Fogg	
A Davis	B Douglas		E Clark	
H Greenman	T Carbin		J Osborn	
W Moss	H Marshall			

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (15)

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Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (8)	Democrat	(1)	(2)	
	Group (4)	. ,		
C Crisp	J Hubbard	J Walsh	J Osborn	-
S Dobson	G King		S Killane	
A Hill	M Packard			
J Lay	lan Thorn			
P Ridout				
B Wayman				
P Whalley				
J Noeken				
Substitutes:				
M Douglas	G Ansell	R Rogers		
H Greenman	T Carbin		G Jeans	
P Oatway	D Jenkins		H Osborn	
C Berry	N Watts		E Clark	

Children's Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (8)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (1)	Independent (1)	UKIP (0)
M Champion	P Aves	R Rogers	H Osborn	-
M Douglas	J Hubbard			
S Evans	C Hurst			
J Lay				
S Jacobs				
W Moss				
C Crisp				
P Whalley				
Substitutes:				
C Berry	T Carbin	J Walsh	T Chivers	
J Shepherd	P Edge		D Drewett	
A Davis	I Thorn		J Osborn	
S Dobson	H Mckeown			

Environment Select Committee (13)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (7)	Democrat	(1)	(1)	
	Group (4)			
P Evans	L Packard	I McLennan	D Drewett	
J Green	B Dalton			
M Groom	P Edge			
J Lay	M Macdonald			
C Newbury				
J Sheppard				
B Wayman				
Substitutes:				
A Deane	B Jones	I Tomes	T Chivers	
M Hewitt	T Carbin	R Rogers	N Fogg	
E Bryant	R Brown		G Jeans	
P Whalley	I West		J Osborn	

Health Select Committee (13)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (7)	Democrat	(1)	(2)	
	Group (3)			
M Champion	B Jones		J Osborn	
C Crisp	G King	J Walsh	C Caswill	
M Douglas	H Mckeown			
J Noeken				
J Knight				
N Philips				
P Ridout				
Substitutes:				
C Berry	T Carbin	I McLennan	D Drewett	
S Evans	D Jenkins	R Rogers		
J Johnson	N Watts		H Osborn	
P Evans	P Aves		T Chivers	

Standards Committee (11)

Conservative Group (7)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	UKIP (0)
A Bucknell	D Allen		T Chivers	
H Greenman	T Carbin			
J Johnson	R Brown			
J Noeken				
P Oatway				
H Prickett				
S Parker				
Substitutes:				
M Douglas	G Ansell		E Clark	
J Wickham	M Macdonald		D Drewett	
P Ridout	H Marshall			
J Smale	B Jones		G Jeans	

Police and Crime Panel (7)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (4)	Democrat	(0)	(1)	
	Group (2)			
R Britton	G Ansell	-		
C Howard	T Carbin		C Caswill	
P Hutton				
J Johnson				
Substitutes:	B Dalton		E Clark	
C Berry	L Packard			
S Evans	I Thorn		N Fogg	
T Trotman	H McKeown		J Osborn	

Audit Committee (11)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (1)
Group (6)	Democrat	(0)	(1)	
	Group (3)			
R Britton	R Brown	-	H Osborn	D Pollitt
A Deane	S Oldrieve			
S Dobson	L Packard			
J Johnson				
S Parker				
J Sheppard				
Substitutes:				
P Evans	H McKeown		T Chivers	
M Hewitt	I West		N Fogg	
J Lay	M Packard		G Jeans	
J Noeken	D Jenkins		J Osborn	

Appeals Committee (8)

Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (5)	Democrat	(1)	(0)	
	Group (2)			
C Berry	H Marshall	I Tomes	-	-
A Bucknell	B Douglas			
A Davis				
A Deane				
S Parker				
Substitutes:				
M Hewitt	P Aves			
J Knight	P Edge			
P Oatway	G Wright			
F Westmoreland	D Allen			

Staffing Policy Committee (9)

Conservative Group (5)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (0)	UKIP (1)
A Bucknell	B Jones	-	-	D. Pollitt
M Hewitt	D Jenkins			
J Scott	G Wright			
J Smale				
S Wheeler				
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Substitutes:				
F de Rhé	D Allen			
Philipe				
P Evans	M Packard			
W Moss	N Blakemore			
A Trotman	S Oldrieve			

Officer Appointments Committee (5)

Conservative Group (3)	Liberal Democrat Group (1)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	UKIP (0)
F de Rhe Philipe	J Hubbard	-	N Fogg	-
J Scott				
J Thomson				
Substitutes:				
K Humphries	P Edge		T Chivers	
L Mayes	B Jones		D Drewett	
J Seed	G King		G Jeans	
S Wheeler	H McKeown		J Osborn	

Pension Fund Committee (5)

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Conservative	Liberal	Labour Group	Independent	UKIP (0)
Group (4)	Democrat	(0)	(0)	
	Group (1)			
A Deane	M Packard	-	-	-
C Howard				
S Parker				
R While				
Substitutes:				
F de Rhe	C Hurst			
Philipe				
C Newbury	I Thorn			
P Whitehead	B Jones			
	G King			

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From Councillor Terry Chivers, Melksham Without North Division

To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste

Question 1

At the Strategic Planning Committee, on 16th April, the Conservative Group voted on block to refuse the application for a solar farm at Sandridge.

Can you assure me and the residents of Wiltshire that applications aren't being decided on party lines, and every application is decided solely on planning issues?

Response

I attended the meeting on 16th April and I can give the assurance that for the Conservative Members on the Committee, every application is determined solely on planning issues.

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From Councillor Jeff Osborn, Trowbridge Grove Division

To Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene and Broadband

Question 2

Please can I be told that why after all the promises made, BBLP have once again failed to provide the residents of my division with a decent and reliable grass cutting service?

Response

As you are aware WC officers and BBLP spent a lot of time earlier in the year producing definitive maps of all grass cutting areas and issued these to the town and parish councils so that they too would have a definitive record.

From these definitive maps BBLP were tasked with producing grass cutting schedules and identifying the resource they would apply to each area. BBLP did this, showing the levels that would be applied to each area, north, south, east and west. During our regular service meetings with BBLP we expressed concern about the resource being allocated to the West, and to a lesser extent the South. We made it clear to BBLP that we did not think enough resource was being applied to the West.

However, this is a service contract, and we can only determine the outcome of the service not the input. We therefore monitored the situation through the first cut of the year and into the second cut of the year.

Because of our concerns about resource levels, and through our regular weekly review meetings, we elicited a number of response measures that would be invoked if BBLP were to fall behind the agreed schedules.

At the end of cut 1 BBLP were on schedule in the East and the North, but behind in both the West and the South. However the situation was redeemable so we did not invoke the special measures agreed.

During the last week of April our concerns increased re the West falling further behind so on 30th April we requested that the special measures be invoked immediately. Additional teams were employed over the bank holiday weekend at the start of May and by 7th May an additional 3 teams of grass cutters, 9 personal, were allocated to the West to bring it back to schedule. This additional resource will be

provided for the foreseeable future to support grass cutting across the county to ensure appropriate standards are maintained.

The impact of these additional teams could be seen immediately and we will remain until the schedules and all back on time.

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To Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene and Broadband

Question 3

Will Balfour Beatty Living Places publicly apologise to the residents of Trowbridge for repeated failures to provide an effective grass cutting service?

Should this aspect of the overall Balfour Beatty contract be curtailed?

Response

BBLP apologise, both to Trowbridge residents, and to the Council for any inconvenience caused by any service shortfall in grass cutting in and around Trowbridge. We have now trebled the resources in the area, and are totally committed to providing an excellent service to Wiltshire Council. We will continue to invest more time, more people and more machines until the end of the season.

My comments:

The grass cutting element is a very small part of the contract. Grass cutting in many areas has been delivered in line with the contractual requirements. The implications of changing the grass cutting service arrangements would have considerable financial and contractual implications to the council. The contract has processes and procedures to manage services not delivering to the contract requirements. Corrective action is the most appropriate action to take when issues arise. Balfour Beatty Living Places have given assurances that the grass cutting arrangements will be delivered in line with the contractual requirements across the county.

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From Councillor Graham Payne, Trowbridge Drynham Division

To Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene and Broadband

Question 4

Do you think that Trowbridge will win the "Dandelions in Bloom" competition this year or is it your viewpoint that it would be better for the Town to be entered in the "Best Kept Roadside Verge" category?

Response

By the time judging takes place the Dandelions will no longer be there so we suggest collecting as many as possible now and using one of the following recipes:

Dandelion Wine (2)

- 2 qts dandelion flowers
- 3 lbs granulated sugar
- 4 oranges
- 1 gallon water
- yeast and nutrient

This is the traditional "Midday Dandelion Wine" of old, named because the flowers must be picked at midday when they are fully open. Pick the flowers and bring into the kitchen. Set one gallon of water to boil. While it heats up to a boil, remove as much of the green material from the flower heads as possible (the original recipe calls for two quarts of petals only, but this will work as long as you end up with two quarts of prepared flowers). Pour the boiling water over the flowers, cover with cloth, and leave to steep for two days. Do not exceed two days. Pour the mixture back into a pot and bring to a boil. Add the peelings from the four oranges (again, no white pith) and boil for ten minutes. Strain through a muslin cloth or bag onto a crock or plastic pail containing the sugar, stirring to dissolve. When cool, add the juice of the oranges, the yeast and yeast nutrient. Pour into secondary fermentation vessel, fit fermentation trap, and allow to ferment completely. Rack and bottle when wine clears and again when no more lees form for 60 days. Allow it to age six months in the bottle before tasting, but a year will improve it vastly. This wine has less body than the first recipe produces, but every bit as much flavour (some say more!).

Dandelion Fritters

For the fritters you only need the tops which are very easy to pick. Do pick them in the sunshine when they are open, and when you have time to make the fritters right after gathering. Bring your basket of flowers inside, find a bowl, and mix together one egg and one cup of milk. Stir in a cup of flour and your fritter batter is ready to go. (If you like your fritters sweet you can add a little maple syrup or honey.)

Now, prepare a skillet on the stove with gently warmed olive oil – keep it over medium heat. Take one of the flowers and hold it by the greens at the base of the flower petals. Dip the petals into the batter and twirl until the flower is covered.

Drop it into the skillet, flower side down. Continue dipping and dropping flowers, checking the first ones every once in a while to see if they are brown. When they've lightly browned, flip them over and brown them on the other side. When they're brown on both sides remove them from the skillet and drain the excess oil on paper towel.

For a sweet treat, drizzle them with maple syrup, honey, jam, or powdered sugar. For savoury fritters try dipping in mustard or adding some savoury herbs to the batter.

Enjoy!

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From Councillor Graham Payne, Trowbridge Drynham Division

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council

Question 5

Could you outline the recent successes of the Local Enterprise Partnership together with a report on the strategy to take this organisation forward? What specific benefits have accrued for Trowbridge as a result of LEP activities?

Response

The Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (S&WLEP) is one of 39 Local Enterprise Partnerships established by business and local authorities and approved by government. The Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership comprises of 8 private sector board members and the 2 Local Authority Leaders, plus a representative from the Higher Education/Further Education sector and the military (43 Wessex Brigade).

To date the S&WLEP has delivered the Growing Places Infrastructure Fund, a £10 million revolving fund that is currently supporting the delivery of 3 Wiltshire projects: Gateway to Growth, a £1 million fund to provide business support including a web based portal and intensive support for growth, focusing on development of; new markets, products and processes, leadership and management capacity. In the first round, 4 local businesses were provided with support, and further rounds are available. Additionally, Wiltshire Council and S&WLEP are working to deliver 'The Enterprise Network', providing incubation space and business support for local businesses.

Currently, S&WLEP is working to develop its Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), setting out the schemes and infrastructure necessary to deliver economic growth through Swindon and Wiltshire. From this, the S&WLEP will negotiate with government its allocation of the Local Growth Fund which constitutes a competitive £10bn funding source for strategic infrastructure projects delivered between 2015 and 2021. As part of this, work is ongoing to establish the governance procedures, including the democratic mandate of the two Local Authorities which is being developed from the initial proposition outlined in the bid to establish S&WLEP, submitted in 2011.

While many schemes as mentioned above are LEP-wide, some bring specific benefits to Trowbridge including:

- Gateway To Growth, which has selected Trowbridge based Wessex Chamber of Commerce as its delivery partner

- White Horse Business Centre at Ashton Court Trowbridge, which is one of the centres in The Enterprise Network. Currently 4 businesses are utilising space at the centre, and through the support scheme 96 businesses have been supported across the 4 centres.

In addition, the Strategic Economic Plan, with reference to Trowbridge specifically, sets out the LEPs bid for £8.74million of Local Growth Funding to support essential transport infrastructure across Trowbridge. These projects seek to ensure that the Trowbridge transport network is developed sustainably to accommodate the future growth of the town and will help lever in an additional £8.84million in private sector contributions. In particular, proposed improvements to the West Ashton/Yarnbrook junctions are expected to create around 1470 jobs, opening up land for employment and housing. The SEP also makes provision for strategic improvements to both the local road network, sustainable transport network and the local rail network, supporting the sustainable development of Wiltshire as a whole up to 2026. These projects collectively amount to over £36million of Local Growth Fund matched by over £35million of private sector contribution.

Details of what this will comprise will be available once negotiations are concluded, but the first version of the Strategic Economic Plan is available at: <u>http://www.swlep.biz/docs/1</u>

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From Councillor George Jeans, Mere Division

To Councillor Jonathon Seed, Cabinet Member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding

Question 6

I am confused about Area Board Funding for 2014-15.

I am proud of what Area Boards have achieved as I know many Councillors would be. I welcomed the impression during the Budget debate that the Area Board Funding would be maintained at the same level as 2013-14.

However I find that SWWAB has been allocated £56,800 (Capital & Revenue) this year, the similar figure for 2013-14 was £96,467 i.e the amount is reduced by some £40K this year.

I have taken last years' amount from the summary attached to the delegated decision reference ACCH-001-13.

The Budget book for this year has the same amount of £1,027,000 as the prior year for Capital Funding, how can this be?

Would it be possible to have the breakdown of Area Board Funding in a similar format to that produced in Spring of 2013 as part of the delegated decision at the time, as it appears that Administration has substantially reduced the base monies of Area Board funding for this year.

Response

The total funding allocated to Area Boards is £1 million in line with Council's budget setting process. However Area Board funding varies from year to year for a number of factors. Last year's allocation included some one off grants for youth funding initiatives, Rural Support Funding and Digital Literacy Funding as well as one off funding for CATG Community Speed initiatives This year further funding may be allocated following the conclusion of the Youth Services Review when that has been considered by Cabinet. The allocations per Area Board for this year are as follows

2014 Allocation :

Area Board	Capital	Revenue	CATG	Total
Amesbury	57,519.51	£10,151	17,731	85,401
Bradford on Avon	32,922.54	£5,810	10,062	48,795
Calne	38,536.98	£6,801	12,465	57,803
Chippenham	78,525.62	£13,857	18,087	110,470
Corsham	34,938.68	£6,166	10,951	52,055
Devizes	58,551.41	£10,333	15,751	84,635
Malmesbury	34,527.87	£6,093	13,360	53,981
Marlborough	35,437.57	£6,254	13,615	55,307
Melksham	47,438.90	£8,372	13,225	69,035
Pewsey	29,392.01	£5,187	12,377	46,956
Royal Wootton Bassett &				
Cricklade	49,892.98	£8,805	14,205	72,903
Salisbury	75,926.93	£13,399	14,758	104,084
Southern Wiltshire	37,335.35	£6,589	13,676	57,600
South West Wiltshire	48,299.52	£8,523	17,079	73,902
Tidworth	38,300.43	£6,759	11,757	56,816
Trowbridge	75,942.18	£13,402	15,354	104,698
Warminster	44,968.33	£7,936	15,226	68,130
Westbury	31,543.19	£5,566	10,320	47,430
TOTALS	850,000	150,000	250,000	1,250,000