

MINUTES

Meeting: BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD
Place: Westwood Social Club, Lower Westwood Road, Westwood, BA15 2AP
Date: 15 July 2015
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.15 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Magnus Macdonald and Cllr Ian Thorn

Wiltshire Council Officers

Peter Dunford – Community Engagement Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer
Emma Coombs - Community Youth Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Bradford on Avon Town Council – John Potter & Pam Hyde
Holt Parish Council – Andrew Pearce
Limpley Stoke Parish Council – Margaret Field
Monkton Farleigh Parish Council – Matthew Midlane
Westwood Parish Council – Alan Wheals & John Bishop

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Chris Chammings
Local Youth Network – Skye May & Cherry Riley

Total in attendance: 35

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Westwood Social Club.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced the Area Board members and the Wiltshire Council officers present.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Mike Franklin – Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the Bradford on Avon Area Board meeting held on 13 March 2015 were signed as the correct record. • The minutes of the Local Youth Network Management Group held on 22 June 2015 were signed as the correct record. • The minutes of the Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group meeting held on 1 June 2015 were signed as the correct record.
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements and Updates</u></p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcements were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services to the Elderly Workshop, 16 July • LEADER funding • Changes to Street Lighting • Public Transport Review • Bradford on Avon Cycling Festival, 5/6 September (with thanks to John Potter) • Superfast Broadband – Cllr Trevor Carbin

	<p>The following Updates contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police • Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service • Healthwatch Wiltshire – June update <p>Youth Advisory Group – verbal update and Youth Funding</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Bradford on Avon Area Board agrees that £2,000 is allocated for Summer Youth Activities. <p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good youth attendance at the recent Magna Carta celebrations in Salisbury. • The Youth group were currently decorating manikins as part of the Bradford on Avon Fringe Festival. • The group were looking for volunteers to help run the youth centre. • Looking to get more young people involved in the group by organising a wider Local Youth Network event. <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p>
6	<p><u>The work of the Community Area Transport Group and the need for enhanced funding</u></p> <p>Peter Dunford - Community Engagement Manager informed the meeting that due to restraints on the budget the Area Board needed to try and obtain greater contributions from the Parish Councils towards future CAT-G projects in order to do more with limited resources.</p> <p>A report contained in the agenda pack showed a large number of projects that were still awaiting funding before they could be carried out.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Bradford on Avon Area Board agrees to transfer £15,000 from the Community Grant funding budget into the Community Area Transport Group budget.

7	<p><u>Community Grant Scheme applications</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors were asked to consider three applications seeking 2015/16 Community Area Grant funding:</p> <p>Decision Westwood PCC awarded £5,000 towards the Parish Room Transformation. Reason <i>The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.</i></p> <p>Decision Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust awarded £700 towards the re-opening of the Culver Close toilet in Bradford on Avon. Reason <i>The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.</i></p> <p>Decision Wiltshire Music Centre awarded £4,973 towards an equipment upgrade. Reason <i>The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.</i></p>
8	<p><u>Westwood Issues</u></p> <p>Alan Wheals – Chairman, Westwood Parish Council welcomed the Area Board to Westwood and thanked the Area Board for its support to Westwood.</p> <p>John Bishop - Westwood Parish Council outlined Westwood’s Community Speedwatch scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That 20mph Zones were now in place. • More than 20,000 vehicles had been monitored by Community Speedwatch volunteers during their first year of operation. • That Westwood receives good support from the local Neighbourhood Police Team. <p>The Chairman thanked Alan Wheals and John Bishop for their updates.</p>
9	<p><u>Priorities for the Area Board moving forward</u></p> <p>Cllr Magnus Macdonald outlined a number of priorities for the Area Board moving forward including those that had been flagged up during the last Joint</p>

	<p>Strategic Assessment workshop. It was agreed that in order to have any impact a small number of priorities should be set where the Area Board can add value and lever in additional resources maybe.</p> <p>The Area Board members were given the opportunity to discuss and list possible future priorities:</p> <p>Cllr Ian Thorn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy, business and tourism • Cycle ways & paths • Engaging groups who do not currently attend the Area Board <p>Cllr Rosemary Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality • 20mph zones • Further support for the Local Youth Network <p>Cllr Trevor Carbin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Youth Network • Air quality • Community projects <p>Cllr Macdonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passenger Transport • Health and Social Care • Tourism Promotion
10	<p><u>Engaging the Parish Councils in the work of the Area Board</u></p> <p>Cllr Magnus Macdonald was concerned at the limited attendance at board meetings from the parishes and wanted to make the work of the board more relevant to the villages. With Peter Dunford he had been visiting all the parish councils to hear about rural issues and to discuss how the Area Board might be able to help with common problems.</p> <p>Priorities raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deterioration in the street scene, including pavements, pot holes, grass verges. • Loss of services e.g. village shops and post offices • Neighbourhood Plans – support for local planning policies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic and parking related issues. • Traffic and volume of traffic through Bradford on Avon. <p>The comment was made that the Area Board is neither a place dedicated to community consultation nor to key decision making, and until its role was clarified it would always struggle to perform a useful task and to engage the masses.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Parishes for their input.</p>
11	<p><u>Next Meeting and Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 16 September 2015, St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon.