

MINUTES

Meeting: BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD
Place: St Margarets Hall, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DE
Date: 13 January 2016
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 9.00 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

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 - Alison Craddock & John Potter

Holt Parish Council – Andrew Pearce

Partners

Bradford Community Area Partnership – Jim Lynch

Local Youth Network – Cherry Riley

Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Naji Darwish

Total in attendance: 85

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Re-opening of Tourist Information Centre and 2016 calendar of events</u></p> <p>Cllr John Potter – Bradford on Avon Town Council welcomed everybody to St Margarets Hall and the Bradford on Avon Area Board Tourism event.</p> <p>Cllr Potter gave a short presentation that outlined the re-opening of the Tourist Information Centre and 2016 calendar of events planned for Bradford on Avon.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Potter for his presentation.</p>
2	<p><u>Brand Positioning of Bradford on Avon and its community area</u></p> <p>Roger Pride - Consultant, Heavenly gave a presentation that outlined his vision for the brand positioning of Bradford on Avon and its community area.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Roger Pride for his presentation.</p>
3	<p><u>LEADER funding opportunities for business and tourism development</u></p> <p>Alan Truscott - Programme Manager, Vale Action gave a short presentation that highlighted funding through the LEADER Funding scheme.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Alan Truscott for his presentation.</p>
4	<p><u>Clean for The Queen; 90th Birthday Street Parties; The Big Pledge</u></p> <p>Peter Dunford – Community Engagement Manager informed the Area Board of Wiltshire Council’s plans for its the Legacy campaigns for 2016 which would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean for The Queen. • Queen’s 90th Birthday Street Parties. • The Big Pledge Road to Rio. • Getting Active- Walking and Cycling activities in Wiltshire.
5	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>

6	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Matthew Midlane – Monkton Farleigh Parish Council.</p>
7	<p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner - Precept Consultation</u></p> <p>Naji Darwish - OPCC outlined the Precept Consultation.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>Crime and Public Confidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime increased by 12% from December 2014 to November 2015. • 7th lowest crime rate nationally with 50.7 crimes per 1,000 population. • Public confidence measured by the OPCC Survey in 2015 is 83.7%, and had been consistently high since 2012. • Victim satisfaction to October 2015 is 84.3% which is around the national average. <p>A good HMIC Assessment of Wiltshire Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance is regularly assessed by Her Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary. Overall Wiltshire Police are rated as “good”. • Our constabulary remains one of the best in the country. <p>Central Funding Announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This years provisional settlement shows central funding reduce from £63.7m to £63.4m, a £0.3m reduction. • This will be the fifth straight year of central funding reductions. • Whilst this reduction is lower than previous years the loss of £0.3m with cost pressures (national wage agreement £0.8m, national pensions change impact on national insurance £2.0m) will result in significant savings still being required.

What is the budget?

- A £3.12 increase in Council Tax will give a budget of £105.695m compared to £103.956m for the current year. This would lead to a funding gap of £2.6m for policing in Wiltshire.
- The Commissioner was committed to investing additional income from council tax in local policing.

How about the long term?

- The Chancellor's Autumn Statement promised a cash neutral position for policing however no detail per force is available. With no council tax increases the funding gap against the national average would grow. With small council tax increases the resources available for local policing are better protected.
- The Area Board was assured by the Commissioner that local money would be spent on local policing.

Question raised from the floor included:

Why do you have to increase your precept when you received no cuts in Central Government funding at the last budget?

a. There was still a slight reduction in funding as well as the force having to budget for extra National Insurance contributions and investing heavily in new technology.

The Chairman thanked the Naji Darwish for his presentation.

8 Community Asset Transfer: Culver Close

The Area Board was asked to consider an application submitted by Bradford on Avon Town Council for the transfer of Culver Close Recreation Ground.

Decision

- **That the Bradford on Avon Area Board approves the transfer of the Culver Close Recreation Ground to Bradford on Avon Town Council.**

9 Youth Grants, recommended for approval by LYN Management Group

The Bradford on Avon Area Board were asked to consider four applications for youth funding:

Decision

Dorothy House Children and Young People's Service Project awarded £2802.00

Decision

Continuation of the Young Curators Programme awarded £1600.00

Decision

Bradford on Avon Youth Centre – Dance back to 1914 Project awarded £2750.00

Decision

Bradford on Avon Youth Centre awarded £5,000

The Chairman thanked the LYN for bringing the four applications to the Area Board for approval.

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Chairman's Announcements

The following Chairman's Announcements were noted:

- Closure of BoA Childrens' Centre – ongoing discussions, looking at how to deliver an outreach service using the Library or the Youth Centre.
- Consultation on Public Transport Review – written report.
- Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme – written report.
- Your Care Your Support Wiltshire – written report.
- Bradford on Avon Transport and Accessibility Forum at St.Margaret's Hall on Wednesday 10 February.

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Partner Updates

The following Partner Updates were noted:

- Wiltshire Police – written report.
- Healthwatch Wiltshire Update – written report.

12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHS/ CCG Update – written report. <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 11 November 2015 were signed as the correct record.• The minutes of the Local Youth Network Management Group held on 7 December 2015 were signed as the correct record.• The minutes of the Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group meeting held on 2 November 2015 were deferred for detailed consideration.
13	<p><u>Close</u></p>