

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** DEVIZES AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Devizes Sports Club, London Road, Devizes SN10 2DL  
**Date:** 26 January 2015  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.43 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Liz Bryant, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Simon Jacobs (Chairman), Cllr Laura Mayes and Cllr Philip Whitehead (Vice Chairman)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager)  
Libby Beale (Democratic Services Officer)  
Sally Willox (Community Youth Officer)  
Wendy Higginson (Community Youth Officer)  
Fiona Rae (Business Support Officer)  
Sarah Hanks (Highways Officer)

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Devizes Town –Nigel Carter, Andy Geddes, S Fisher, Judy Rose  
Bromham - Jean Collens  
Easterton – R Bulson  
Erlestoke –Stan Jonch, Chris Saunders  
Roundway – Andy Geddes, Ivon Beig  
Rowde – Jackie Bawden, Rebekah Jeffries  
Urchfont – Nicky Mitchell, Helen Gibb  
West Lavington - Mike May  
Worton – Richard Wiltshire

**Partners**

Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner's Office -Kieran Kilgallen

Wiltshire Police –Inspector Matt Armstrong

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Devizes Community Area Partnership- Ian Rose, Tony Aldridge , Philip Mackie

Devizes Chamber of Commerce

Devizes School- Malcolm Irons

**Total in attendance: 57**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from: Jon Baldwin, Dr Helen Osborne and Dr Sanfordhill.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2014 and the Special Meeting held on 1 December 2014.</b></p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of disclosable interests.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to documents in the agenda pack which detailed a public consultation on the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Management Plan 2015 and a performance management report from the Clinical Commissioning Group.</p> <p>The Chairman explained the role of Healthwatch Wiltshire in monitoring dementia services in the local area.</p> <p>The Canal and River Trust were looking for interested groups to 'adopt' sections of the Kennet and Avon Canal.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead announced a petition had been received calling for super-fast broadband in the All Cannings Exchange. The Councillor expressed his support for the petition and the business necessity of high-speed broadband; it was confirmed Wiltshire Council was currently surveying the All Cannings Exchange.</p> <p>Jasper Selwyn, Devizes Passengers, updated that Community First would be funding a consultant to assist the development of a new bus timetable between Devizes and Pewsey.</p> <p>The Chairman encouraged businesses in Devizes to subscribe to CCTV</p>

	<p>supported by Devizes Development Partnership as it was helping to reduce crime in the area.</p>
6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Inspector Matt Armstrong, Wiltshire Police, updated that PC Helen Clarke would shortly be replaced by PC Andy List and Community Messaging would be launched on 5 February 2015. An overview of local crime levels was provided and was praised by Cllr Gamble.</p> <p>Mike Franklin, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, advised that consultation on the merger with Dorset Fire and Rescue Service was ongoing until 28 January 2015. If the merger was approved, the service would be Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and it's Board would consist of 15 members from each county.</p> <p>Cllr Nigel Carter, Devizes Campus Team, updated that a potential site for Campus development had been submitted to Wiltshire Council for consideration.</p> <p>Malcolm Irons, Devizes School, updated on recent activity at the school and encouraged those present to buy tickets for its performance of Oliver due to start on 28 January 2015.</p>
7	<p><u>Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner- Precept consultation</u></p> <p>Kieran Kilgallen, Chief Executive (OPCC) explained there was likely to be an increase to the precept from 2015 of 1.9%. It was emphasised the increase was not an increase in the Council Tax by Wiltshire Council and was needed as the Police Service would receive a 5% cash reduction in its funding from central government. The consultation on the precept increase would be running until 4 February 2015. During a question and answer session it was confirmed that strategic alliances with Avon and Somerset Police, the sharing of buildings and reductions in back-office funding would cover the remaining funding shortfall.</p> <p>Members discussed Wiltshire Council's precept and members of the public agreed it would be reasonable for the Council to increase it's precept due to reductions in funding.</p>
8	<p><u>Devizes Community Area Partnership</u></p> <p>Philip Mackie, DCAP, gave an overview of work undertaken by the organisation.</p>

	<p>In particular the group had been promoting 'Devizes means business' and had produced three films to promote the town</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To grant DCAP approximately £1,997 for outstanding funding following the production of three films to promote business in Devizes.</b></p>
9	<p><u>Gulls Working Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Laura Mayes updated the Area Board on the progress of the working group examining the gull problem in Devizes. A plan to prevent breeding had been developed and would need to be implemented for three years. Thanks were given to Roundway Parish Council for its £5,000 contribution to the project; Devizes Town Council and Public Protection at Wiltshire Council would also be asked to contribute.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To grant approximately £3,200 towards a project to prevent the gull problem in Devizes.</b></p>
10	<p><u>Area Board Projects</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager, Richard Rogers explained projects the Area Board was championing in response to local priorities identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA):</p> <p>The Area Board would be running a Volunteering day on 4 May 2015 in partnership with the Lyons Club. The event would aim to produce 750 more hours of volunteering in the Devizes area.</p> <p>SPICE credits were to be launched in the Community area, the credits would be a currency to encourage volunteering; hours spent volunteering would be exchanged for activities nationally and locally.</p> <p>'Beat the Street' was Championed by Cllr Philip Whitehead; the project would be launched in Summer 2015 and encourage local people to walk rather than drive in Devizes. The aim was to help people be more active, reduce traffic in the town and improve air quality.</p>

	<p>Funding for films to document experiences of young people with SEND had already been approved by the Area Board and filming was due to start in July.</p> <p>Margaret Bryant had worked to organise career and mentoring sessions at Devizes School in the 2014-15 school year, the project had proved very successful and would run again in 2015-16. The scheme would now be accredited, it was hoped this would encourage even more students to participate.</p> <p>The Area Board considered two Member Initiatives:</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To grant £2,000 to support a volunteering day in Devizes.</b></p> <p><b>To grant £2,500 to undertake mentoring and promote apprenticeships.</b></p>
11	<p><u>Local Youth Network</u></p> <p>Sally Willox, Community Youth Officer, highlighted the young peoples' priorities in the Devizes area she had identified through consultation. In many instances activities identified by young people were already being catered for in the area, in these cases the officer would work to link young people with existing providers. It was highlighted that grants were also available from the Area Board to develop new opportunities for young people. The Area Board was updated on recent LYN projects, in particular the group was considering establishing a young persons' cafe.</p> <p>The Area Board considered recommendations from the Community Youth Officer.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To note the minutes of the LYN Management Group meetings.</b></p> <p><b>To approve the Membership of the LYN Management Group as detailed in the agenda pack.</b></p> <p><b>To agree the transfer of £2,600 agreed expenditure from the Area Board general budget to the Area Board Youth Funding budget, for funding a film for SEND young people in the Devizes Area.</b></p> <p><b>To grant £250.17 from the Youth budget for a young person's art competition and exhibition.</b></p>

### Community Area Grants

Applicants to the Community Area Grant Scheme were invited to speak to their application and describe the community benefit of previous grants they had received:

Thanks to a previous Area Board grant Urchfont Village Hall had been able to improve its kitchen to make it suitable for catering. A new funding application for a secure reception area would allow a satellite doctors surgery to continue at the hall.

Bishops Canning Cricket Club thanked the Area Board for previous funding which had allowed them to coach more children. A new application was made to improve storage facilities at the club which needed upgrading.

West Lavington BMX track was in need of re-building and expansion following much use. An error in the agenda pack was corrected, £2,468 of Area Board funding was applied for by the Young Club in order to rebuild and expand the track.

Devizes Bowls Club required funding to improve drainage and build a veranda following damage from storms in 2014.

Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts, thanked the Area Board for previous funding permitting the purchase of a confetti canon. The group was now responsible for Devizes Carnival and required more equipment.

John Thomson, Chairman of Devizes Sports Club, explained work to improve the washrooms at the club would help the venue to be let for occasions thus generating income to keep subscriptions down.

The Area Board considered applications for funding from the Community Area Grants scheme

#### **Resolved:**

**To grant Urchfont Village Hall £5,000 for improvements to the hall and to allow a local surgery.**

**To grant Bishops Canning Cricket Club £5,000 for a safe hut for storage.**

**To grant West Lavington Village Hall (Youth Club) £2,468 to rebuild and expand the BMX track.**

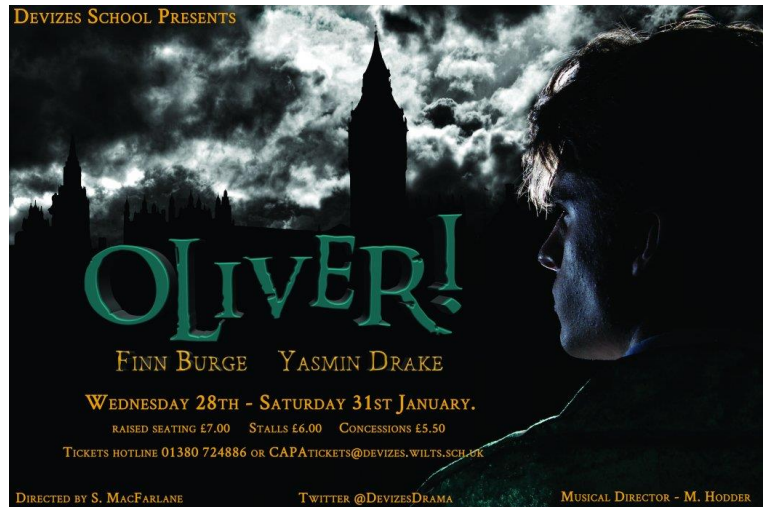
**To grant Devizes Bowls Club £5,000 to build a verander and improve drainage.**

	<p><b>To grant Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts £1928.40 for equipment.</b></p> <p><b>To grant Devizes Sports Club £5,000 for improvements to the club.</b></p>
13	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Members considered recommendations arising from the last Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting held on 12 January 2015.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To grant approximately £1,000 for an initial survey to examine pedestrian count and practicalities of three crossings proposed by Potterne Parish Council.</b></p> <p><b>To grant approximately £200 for signs being erected on the A360.</b></p> <p>Members received a report from Highways and Transport on the progress made on implementing road resurfacing and safety schemes in 2014/15; it was explained Wiltshire Council now had more funding available to maintain highways.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To note the report.</b></p> <p><b>To approve the list of proposed highway maintenance schemes in the Devizes area for 2015/16.</b></p>
14	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next ordinary meeting of the Area Board would be on 23 March at Devizes Sports Club.</p>



### Oliver!

This year's Devizes School musical is Oliver! There are 5 performances from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January (matinee performance on Saturday as well as an evening). This will be another school spectacular following in the footsteps of other sell-out hit productions in recent years – Billy Elliott, Grease, Hairspray, The Wizard of Oz as well as performances at Disneyland, Paris last year. Tickets for Oliver have been on sale since just before Christmas and are already sold out on most nights.



### 6<sup>th</sup> Form News

- A level results last year were **again outstanding**.
  - A\*-B = 49%
  - A\*-C = 80%
  - Av pts score per entry 226pts
  - This is the 5th year of outstanding results in the sixth form, placing us in the top flight of sixth forms in the country.
- The new sixth form centre, built almost two years ago remains a shining and inspirational asset to the school and for the young people of Devizes and surrounding area. We therefore actively encourage all Year 11 students in our own school and surrounding schools to apply for places in our sixth form. Applications for the next academic year are due in the next few weeks.



### New Applied Learning Centre Open

The newly refurbished D block is now our modern, IT-rich, light and spacious "Applied Learning Centre". It consists of 9 large classroom spaces and two Food Technology labs and a Textiles specialist classroom. It also contains part of our Specialised Learning faculty. All of the new classrooms contain full class-sets of computers and the whole block is designed to make the most of modern learning and studying methods. It's called the Applied Learning Centre because it mainly houses applied subjects such as Business Studies, IT, Media, Physical Education, Life Skills and Design Technology.



## Solar Power on the roof

At the beginning of November last year we officially switched on our new solar powered roof. The entire roof of the Science block and the Applied Learning Centre is covered with 200 solar panels supplying the school with carbon-free electricity all year round. The whole scheme was supplied in partnership with Kennet Community Energy Limited (KCEL), a Community Benefit Society developing renewable energy for the benefit of the communities in north and east Wiltshire. The installation is expected to generate 44,500kWh of energy and save about 24 metric tons of carbon dioxide on an annual basis.



## Reaching out for disadvantaged students – Pupil Premium funding – Closing the Gap

Like nearly all schools in the country, we receive targeted funding to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children. Nationally there is a gap between the attainment of these disadvantaged young people and the rest of the school population. The government's mission is to try to close this gap to help build a more equal society.

At Devizes School we take this challenge very seriously and we are making excellent progress in developing strategies and practical interventions that are designed to overcome the disadvantages that many of our students face. 28% of our students are deemed to be disadvantaged by either their circumstances or financial background.

We have joined a national scheme called "Challenge the Gap" and a more locally organised scheme coordinated by Wiltshire Council.

Excellent progress is being made measured by:

- improving attendance,
- better parental engagement,
- improved progress and attainment,

for this significant minority in our school.

## Proposal of a support group for young people

A small group of students have identified a need for a support group for young people in the Devizes community area. Sally Willox (Youth Development Officer) and a member of staff at school have been approached and meetings are taking place to try to develop this idea.

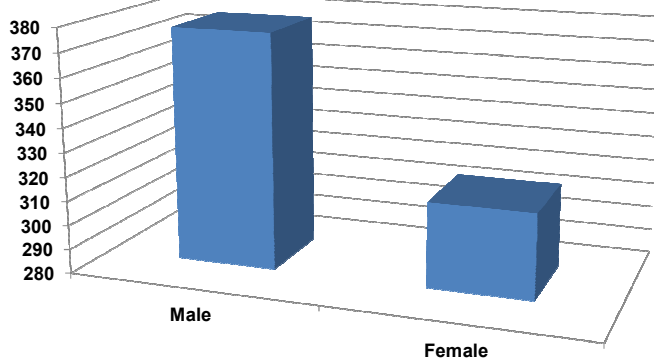
## Invictus Games

As part of our fund-raising activities and the ongoing work of the PE department on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> January we hosted Andy Philips who won a gold medal for team GB in the Archery competition at the Invictus Games in September last year. All students had the opportunity to take part in events such as Wheelchair basketball, Seated Volleyball, Indoor Athletics, Blind football, Weightlifting/Rowing, Goalball, New Age Kurling and Boccia. Almost £300 was raised for "Help for Heroes".



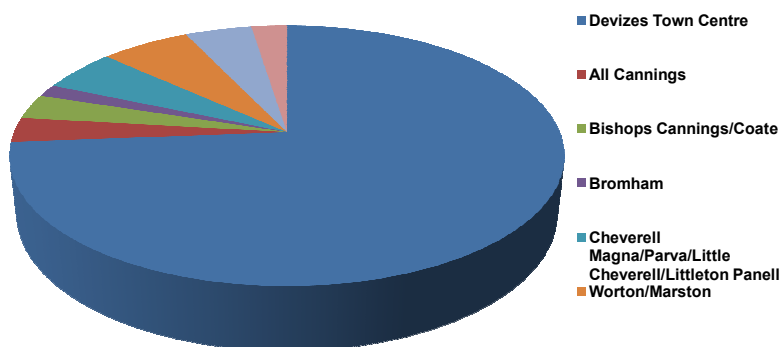
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### Needs assessment-Data Analysis-young people from Devizes Community Area aged 12-19 (up to 25 SEND)



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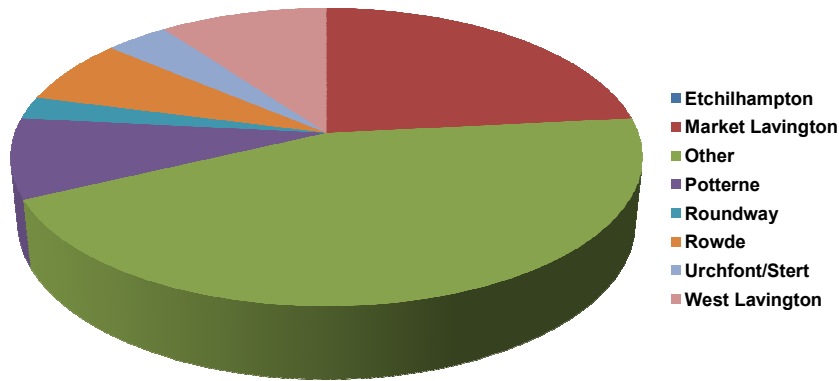
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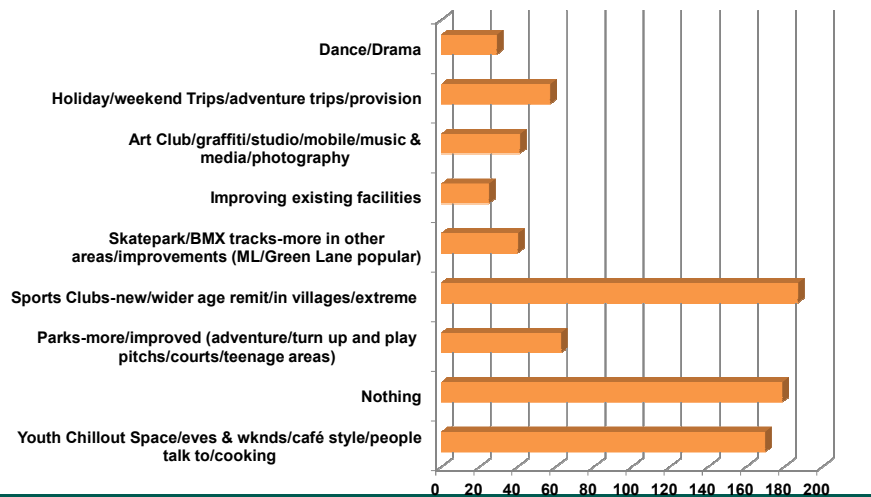
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## Where young people consulted live in the Devizes Community Area



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## Top priorities identified by young people



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## **The plan-positive activities overview for Devizes Local Youth Network**

- **What next**, after the needs assessment (this is still ongoing but approximately quarter young people consulted to date). This overview is in the agenda pack.
- Secure provision for young people-approach local community, work in partnership to develop existing provision, establish new groups. Encourage & support Youth Grant funding applications to meet young people's needs. Reduce duplication by community mapping.
- Engage young people in all stages-champion their voice
- Produce strategic plan through LYN management group

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## **Why ensure diverse, needs led provision is in place?**

- To ensure children and young people's achieve the best possible outcomes for themselves
- To ensure they can access early help and intervention when needed
- To ensure children and young people are safeguarded from harm. Adopt an inclusive, accessible approach
- To help children and young people achieve, be healthy, happy and resilient
- To enable young people & their communities to come together to develop responsive, locally driven positive activities

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## Local Youth Network Management Group Meeting and wider LYN

Management Group meeting will take place February 2nd  
5.30pm Estcourt Rooms, Estcourt Crescent .

There will be a wider Local Youth Network event primarily for young people 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015. There will be a wider local youth network event at a later date.

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