

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: Tidworth Garrison Theatre, St Andrew's Road, Tidworth, SP9 7EP
Date: 21 September 2015
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.50 am

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Chris Williams, Cllr Mark Connolly and Cllr Charles Howard

Wiltshire Council Officers

Marc Read – Community Engagement Manager (CEM)

Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Enford Parish Council – Anthony D'arcy-Irvine

Everleigh Parish Council – Denis Bottomley

Fittleton Parish Council – Mary Randle

Ludgershall Town Council – Owen & Janet White

Netheravon Parish Council – Roger Hayward

Tidworth Town Council – Humph Jones, Chris Franklin & Corby Kemp

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Insp Christian Lange & Sgt Andrea Faircloth

Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Angus Macpherson

Tidworth Garrison – Col James Denny

Tidworth Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell & Reia Jones

Youth Services – Wendy Higginson

Healthwatch Wiltshire – Paul Lefever

Total in attendance: 48

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Announcements and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Garrison Theatre for the Tidworth Area Board.</p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcements were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School place planning. • Army Rebasing – update.
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Alistair Cunningham – Wiltshire Council Mike Franklin – Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service David Wildman – Chamber of Commerce</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Agenda item No.11 Tidworth War Memorial Committee, community area grant application - That Cllr Mark Connolly had attended the last meeting of the Tidworth War Memorial Committee as an observer.</p>
4	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 July 2015 were confirmed as the correct record. <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Tidworth community area Emergency Planning Workshop would be held on Wednesday 14 October, hosted by Tidworth Town Council at the Tidworth Community Centre. • Footpaths – Nick Cowan – Rights of Way Officer, Wiltshire Council would be at the next Tidworth Area Board meeting. • Older Persons Champion – It was hoped that the job description would be available by the next Tidworth Area Board meeting.
5	<p><u>Child Poverty Profiles</u></p>

	This presentation was deferred to a future meeting.
6	<p><u>Shaping the Future of Children's Centres in Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Lucy-Anne Bryant - Lead Commissioner, Joint Commissioning, Wiltshire Council gave a presentation that highlighted changes to the way Wiltshire Council would run Children's Centres across the county.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>What are Children's Centres?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with Government requirements Wiltshire created 30 designated Sure Start children's centres between 2006 – 2011. • The initial centres were located within areas with the highest levels of deprivation and additional centres were set up in areas with a higher population of children aged under five. <p>Their Core Purpose was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support good early child development and school readiness. • To raise parenting aspirations and improve parenting skills. • To improve child and family health and life chances. <p>Why are we consulting on the future delivery of children's centre services?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire's children's centre services are delivered by four of voluntary and community sector organisations and these contracts finish in June 2016. • Wiltshire Council wants to maximise support for families living in the most deprived areas whilst retaining countywide service coverage. • The Council has less funding to deliver these services and so we need to find ways to ensure that the money spent has the greatest positive impact on young children's development. <p>Proposed future delivery model for Wiltshire</p> <p>From July 2016, it is proposed that children's centre services are delivered from 15 key buildings based in four geographical clusters – North, East, South and West.</p> <p>The proposals on where children's centre should be located in the future are based on the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the level of deprivation in each area. • the number of children aged under five living in the area. • the suitability of current buildings to deliver children's centre services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the potential to expand childcare provision. <p>Proposed children’s centre buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North children’s centre buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cricklade; Royal Wootton Bassett; Chippenham (The Rise); Chippenham (Spring Rise); Calne. • South children’s centre buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Salisbury City; Salisbury (Little Folly); Bulford; Tisbury. • East children’s centre buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tidworth (Windmill Hill); Pewsey; Devizes South. • West children’s centre buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Trowbridge (Studley Green) – Westbury (White Horse) – Melksham (Canberra) <p>What do these proposals mean for the delivery of help for families with young children?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s centre staff will continue front line delivery of services and support in a wider range of locations through more use of other community buildings. • Proposed children’s centre buildings will be used as a base for staff in each of these areas • Families with young children will continue to access support through more increased partnership working with Midwives and Health Visitors. • Areas with the greatest levels of need and more young children will continue to have access to a designated children’s centre building in or very close to their local community. • There will be greater availability of childcare places in communities where more provision is needed. <p>The Chairman thanked Lucy-Anne Bryant for her presentation.</p>
7	<p><u>Julia's House - building a children's hospice for Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Liz Froud – Julia’s House gave a short presentation to raise awareness of the charity and how it could be supported in its bid to open a Hospice in Wiltshire.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Liz Froud for her presentation and wished the Hospice project well.</p>
8	<p><u>PCC Annual Report & Police and Crime Plan 2015 - 17</u></p>

Angus Macpherson – Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner gave a presentation that outlined the Annual Report on the outcomes of the previous Police and Crime Plan and to present the new Plan for 2015 – 17.

Points made included.

Achievements: 2014/15

- 2.7% reduction in crimes (885 fewer than last year).
- 4.2% reduction in anti-social behaviour incidents.
- Wiltshire Police rated Good by HMIC in PEEL.
- 95% of people feel safe during the day.

Aim

- Keep Wiltshire and Swindon as one of the safest places in the country.

Three commitments to the public

- Neighbourhood teams are at the centre of policing in Wiltshire.
- Neighbourhood policing will be protected by shifting resources to the front line.
- Any increase in police element of council tax will be used to reduce the impact of central funding reductions on neighbourhood policing.

Four Priorities

Priority 1: Prevent Crime and anti-social behavior.

Priority 2: Protecting the most vulnerable in society.

Priority 3: Putting victims and witnesses at the heart of everything we do.

Priority 4: Secure high quality, efficient and trusted services.

Question from the floor included:

Do you intend to increase the number of officers covering rural areas?

a. Better technology, with increased remote working now meant that officers could spend more time on their beats, rather than tethered to a desk at a Police station.

Are you looking to recruit more special Police officers?

a. Yes, most definitely. The force recently held a recruitment day to promote this aspect of policing.

The Chairman thanked Angus Macpherson for his presentation and commented that the Neighbourhood Policing Teams were doing excellent work across the community area.

9	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN) update and Grant Funding</u></p> <p>Youth Grant Funding</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The Tidworth Area Board agreed the following Youth Grant applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LYN Zorb Football awarded £630 • LYN Youth Shelter awarded £1,020 <p>Wendy Higginson advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 30+ young people had enjoyed the recent zorb football, and now are looking to do it again! • That a 6 week project was planned to start during November at the Wellington Academy. • Graffiti and mountain biking projects currently in the pipeline. • Looking to employ a youth worker. <p>The Chairman thanked Wendy Higginson for her update.</p>
10	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) - update</u></p> <p>CAT-G Funding</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>That the Tidworth Area Board agrees the following funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,000 awarded for pedestrian crossing for Pennings Road between Connolly Way and the Hill Top estate to Wellington Academy Primary School. <p>Cllr Mark Connolly advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next CAT-G meeting on Monday 28 September. • It was agreed that the Community Engagement Manager would draft a letter on behalf of the Tidworth Area Board to the Cabinet member for Highways, Wiltshire Council requesting an explanation as when highway repairs were due to commence on the A338. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Connolly for his update.</p>

11	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors were asked to consider two applications seeking 2015/16 Community Area Grant funding.</p> <p>Decision Tidworth War Memorial Committee awarded £5,000 for construction of Tidworth war Memorial.</p> <p>Reason <i>The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.</i></p> <p>Decision Ludgershall Memorial Hall Committee awarded £1,215 for installation of a fire alarm system.</p> <p>Reason <i>The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.</i></p>
12	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils, the Police, the Army, NHS, TCAP and other Partners</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Police – Inspector Christian Lange The written update was noted.</p> <p>Tidworth Garrison – Col James Denny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army Rebasing – some delays now in the expected time frame. • That building had started on the cycle/pedestrian footpath linking the Wellington Academy to Perham Down. <p>Healthwatch Wiltshire – Paul Lefever The written report was noted.</p> <p>Tidworth Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proms concert with the Artillery Band on Monday 26 October. • Primary Schools pantomime on Thursday 3 December at the Garrison Theatre. • TCAP had meet with Spice to discuss a way forward with the Time Credits scheme.

	<p>Tidworth Town Council – Corby Kemp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the refurbished Military Chapel was now open on Saturdays. <p>Ludgershall Town Council – Owen White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That this year’s Remembrance wreath laying was expected to have some 300 troops parading through Ludgershall. <p>Everleigh Parish Council The written report was noted.</p> <p>Several concerns were raised by attendees at the meeting re Wiltshire Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceived slow/poor service when phoning. • Departments not answering or acknowledging emails. • Recycling service. <p>The Chairman advised anyone with an issue relating to Wiltshire Council services to speak with their Area Board member.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p>
13	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be on Monday 16 November 2015 at the Pheonix Hall, Netheravon.</p>