

MINUTES

Meeting: TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD
Place: The Cotswold Space - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: 16 July 2015
Start Time: 6.45 pm
Finish Time: 9.10 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Nick Blakemore, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve (Chairman), Cllr Helen Osborn, Cllr Jeff Osborn and Cllr Horace Prickett (Vice Chairman), Cllr Philip Whitehead

Wiltshire Council Officers

Libby Beale (Senior Democratic Services Officer)
Rachel Efemey (Community Area Manager)
Mary Cullen (Community Engagement Manager)
Sarah Holland (Community Youth Officer)
Adrian Hampton (Head of Local Highways)
Jo Pattison (Parking Administrator)

Town and Parish Councillors

Trowbridge Town Council- Bob Brice
Hilperton Parish Council- Pam Fisher, Wosley Jameson
North Bradley Parish Council- R. Evans

Partners

Wiltshire Police- Sgt Jim Suter, Sgt Gill Hughes, Angus MacPherson, Chris Chamings
NHS Wiltshire- Dr Toby Cookson
Trowbridge Community Area Future- Margaret Howard

Total in attendance: 45

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Feedback session</u></p> <p>The Board received feedback from previous grant recipients explaining how their funding had been used to support the community.</p>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dennis Drewett and Graham Payne.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To confirm and sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2015.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Ernie Clark declared himself a member of Hilperton Parish Council.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the written updates available in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Cllr Helen Osborn advised that she had received an update on the Court Mills building at Full Council, the property would soon go on the market for a 3 month marketing period.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Rachel Efemey for all of her hard work supporting the Area Board during her time as Community Area Manager and welcomed Mary Cullen as the new Community Engagement Manager for Trowbridge. Mary's role would be more strategic and community facing, working on the development of the Trowbridge campus.</p> <p>A local resident, raised concerns over a developing gull problem in Trowbridge. Cllr Philip Whitehead advised that Devizes had experienced the same problem and would pass on details of how it had been tackled.</p>
6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Attention was drawn to the written updates available in the agenda pack and the</p>

	<p>following verbal updates were given:</p> <p>Chris Chammings, Sector Commander Wiltshire Police, introduced the Trowbridge report which highlighted that Antisocial Behaviour in the area had reduced and more people were coming forward to report domestic abuse. Following questions from the Area Board, it was confirmed that more Police resource was being deployed to the frontline to ensure greater presence in the town.</p> <p>A representative from Trowbridge Community Area Future updated that the group had been conducting a survey to identify local priorities and drew attention to the cultural strategy for Trowbridge it had developed.</p> <p>Dr Toby Cookson and Steve Lock advised that the development of the new Trowbridge Health centre was making progress and was expected to be operational by early 2017.</p>
7	<p><u>Outside Body Updates</u></p> <p>David Baker, Transforming Trowbridge, advised that the group was changing to be more business led and had opened dialogue with more local businesses and would be marketing the town. The Trowbridge Business Improvement District (BID) was due to commence shortly to raise money for local businesses to spend it on what they wanted.</p> <p>Colin Kay, from the Shadow Community Operations Board, updated the Board that the group had met with consultants last week and hoped to report back at the September Area Board meeting. It was discussed that although the health element of the campus was considered achievable, the leisure aspect would be expensive. It was noted that a Task Group had been set up to examine Campus developments across the county.</p>
8	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>Sarah Holland, Community Youth Officer, explained she would be holding a networking event in the atrium at County Hall in August to promote the funding available locally to support positive activities for young people. The officer had been meeting with young people in Broadmead and the skate park and working with Friends of Trowbridge Park to set up a youth shelter. The Area Board was asked to agree to £490 spent to cover costs for venue hire and refreshments for meetings. It was noted that a report would be needed for the following Area Board meeting to detail this expenditure.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To agree in principle to the expenditure of £490 to support youth activities in Trowbridge, subject to a full report and ratification at the next meeting.</p>
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	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the applications for community area grant funding.</p> <p>Laura Fenson, Alzheimer’s Support, spoke in support of their application to make their current premises more wheelchair and frame friendly. Councillors spoke in support of the care centre as an impressive facility.</p> <p>Pam Fisher spoke on behalf Hilperton Parish Council’s application for funding towards a community orchard. Area Board members commented they would like to see traditional English trees in the orchard. Cllr Ernie Clark abstained from the vote.</p> <p>Debbie Martindale from Hope Nature Centre requested funding towards purchase and installation of inclusive play equipment for disabled children.</p> <p>Kawel Jeddi, from Trowbridge Mosque asked the Area Board for funding towards a food festival on 12 September 2015. Members fully supported the application and the work of the Mosque to aid integration of different cultures in the town.</p> <p>Rachel and Jenny, Busy Bees Pre-School, introduced their application to enable the group to relocate to a new premises and expand their capacity.</p> <p>An application from Trowbridge Town Council was considered and members commented that they would usually expect applicants to attend to speak to their item.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant Alzheimer’s Support £1000;</p> <p>To grant Hilperton Parish Council £964;</p> <p>To grant Hope Nature Centre £4,737.50;</p> <p>To grant Trowbridge Islamic Trust £800;</p> <p>To grant Busy Bees Pre-School £5000;</p> <p>To grant Trowbridge Town Council £2,207.90</p>
10	<p><u>Trowbridge's new surgery</u></p> <p>Dr Toby Cookson updated the Area Board earlier in the evening under item 6 on the agenda.</p>
11	<p><u>Yerbury Street Residents</u></p>

	<p>Jill Annil and Julie Chowne, Yerbury Street Residents, presented on the process they followed to organise a residents parking scheme where they live. It was commented that although the pilot scheme was very successful, it had been a slow process and could have benefitted from a single point of contact within the council for residents to liaise with.</p> <p>The Area Board thanked Jill and Julie for all of their hard work and feedback. Adrian Hampton, Head of Local Highways, recognised the points raised by the group and would take these into consideration for future schemes.</p>
12	<p><u>Visiting Cabinet Representative</u></p> <p>Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport, was invited to update on priorities within the service area. The Councillor advised that Highways was suffering from budget cuts and consequently tackling additional problems, such as littering, was a challenge. The Council was currently working to prevent littering through education in schools. Following previous years of lesser investment in highways and winter flooding the road network was considered in a poor state but was now being resurfaced according to priorities. Budget restraints were also affecting passenger transport and alternatives, such as community transport, were being investigated.</p> <p>During a question and answer session the meeting was advised that the tender for the T1 bus between Trowbridge and Hilperton had only had one response so far. It was confirmed that the central approach to tackle littering was through prevention and residents commented that littering in local school grounds was high. A local resident expressed concerns over the proposal for a 50mph speed limit on the Hilperton relief road on the basis this could endanger riders and horses. The Cabinet member advised that the speed limit was suitable for the road, with enough visibility and a proposed Pegasus crossing for use by horses.</p>
13	<p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner update</u></p> <p>Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire explained to the meeting that he was currently reviewing the Police and Crime Plan and this was available for public comment until the end of July.</p> <p>Members of the public were then invited to ask questions and the officer explained that he was working with the Youth Parliament and schools to relay key messages to children about keeping safe and to engage with children at an earlier ages. Additionally, Police Cadets would soon be launched in the community area for young people to join. The public were reassured that, despite budget pressures, frontline Police services in Wiltshire would be protected. Questions were raised over Police surveillance and attitudes to multiculturalism and the officer confirmed he aspired for a Police Service to reflect multiculturalism and that surveillance was only used when proportional and lawful.</p>

14	<u>Urgent items</u> There were no urgent items.
15	<u>Close</u> The next meeting of Trowbridge Area Board was to be held on 17 September 2015.