

MINUTES

Meeting: ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT AND CRICKLADE AREA BOARD
Place: Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association (the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground), Brinkworth Road, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 8DS
Date: 20 January 2016
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.05 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Bob Jones MBE and Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Alexa Smith – Community Engagement Manager
Pete Smith – Community Youth Officer
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer
Vicky Oates – Road Safety Officer

Town and Parish Clerks/Councillors

Broad Town Parish Council – Veronica Stubbings
Cricklade Town Council – Mark Clarke
Lydiard Millicent Parish Council – Deborah Bourne
Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council – John Webb
Purton Parish Council – Geoff Greenaway
Tockenham Parish Council – Diana Kirby

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Sgt Donna West
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Kieran Kilgallen
Royal Wootton Bassett Arts Festival – John Davies

Total in attendance: 48

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Gerald Buxton Sports Ground and to the meeting of the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced the councillors and officers present.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mary Champion – Wiltshire Council, Johnathan Bourne – Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council and Andrew Harris – Lydiard Millicent Parish Council.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 November 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5	<p><u>Wiltshire - The Wider Picture</u></p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcement was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Passenger Transport Review.
6	<p><u>Spotlight on Partners and Parishes</u></p> <p>Updates were received from the following Partners, Towns and Parishes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police - the written report was noted. • Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service - the written report was noted. • NHS Wiltshire - the written report was noted.

- Healthwatch Wiltshire - the written report was noted.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association- the written report was noted.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council - the written report was noted.

The Chairman thanked all partners for their updates.

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Strengthening our Communities

Road Safety in the Community Area

Vicky Oates - Road Safety Officer, Wiltshire Council gave a short presentation on road safety in the community area.

Points made included:

- Metro Counts
- Community Speedwatch
- Speed Indication Devices
- Driver training for both young and older drivers.

It was agreed that Vicky Oates would circulate a guide as to how Metro Counts were carried out and where they could be sited etc once it has been completed.

Police and Crime Commissioner – Precept Consultation

Kieran Kilgallen - Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, outlined the Precept Consultation.

Points made included:

Crime and Public Confidence

- 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.

A good HMIC Assessment of Wiltshire Police

- 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.

Central Funding Announcement

- 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 Kieran Kilgallen for his presentation.

Legacy Campaigns Presentation 2016

Alexa Smith – Community Engagement Manager informed the Area Board of Wiltshire Council's plans for its the Legacy campaigns for 2016 which would include:

- Clean for The Queen.
- Queen's 90th Birthday Street Parties.
- The Big Pledge Road to Rio.
- Getting Active- Walking and Cycling activities in Wiltshire.

Working with our Working with our Young People to Provide Positive Leisure Activities

Update and youth grant funding applications from Pete Smith – Community Youth Officer, Wiltshire Council.

Update

Royal Wootton Bassett - The Monday After school cafe and the Friday youth group continue to be successful. A programme of issue based work compliments activities and social time

Lyneham - The Wednesday Lyneham group in St Michael's church hall over the winter is well attended

Cricklade - The local Barista cafe continues to offer a discounted time for teenagers after every school day. The Leisure centre offers a discounted youth gym session and occasional climbing programmes.

The Sunday afternoon youth gym, sports hall and social opportunity for teenagers has completed its pilot and wishes to continue with a regular gym session only and explore further opportunities on a taster basis.

The local churches continue to offer an after school youth group for years 6 – 8 at Jenner hall

The CYO and Connecting youth have submitted a grant bid to pilot a youth club session in the town for ages 12 plus.

Purton - The CYO and Connecting youth have submitted a grant bid to pilot a community cafe project that will provide an after school session for young people. The CYO intends to use this group in developing further ideas for the area.

Purton young people will be able to attend four 'Fun in the Sun' sessions during the summer break

General Update - In all areas, there is a demand for sport, social time, art, parkour and self defence.

We are always looking for organisations to deliver these with our support.

Grant Funding Applications

Decision

Cricklade and District Community Association awarded £375

Decision

Connecting Youth Wiltshire awarded £1885

Supporting Community Projects and Facilities

Grant funding and financial statement – Alexa Smith – Community Engagement Manager, Wiltshire Council.

Grant funding

The Councillors were asked to consider seven applications seeking 20015/16 Community Area Grant Funding:

Decision

Group of Local Residents awarded £282.00 for Cricklade Long Close Hedging Flora Fauna.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

The Memorial Hall, Royal Wootton Bassett awarded £719.83 for 3rd Party Contribution for the Memorial Hall Royal Wootton Bassett.

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Purton Volunteer Footpath Team awarded £1,000 for Purton Parish public footpath maintenance.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Tiddlywinks Childminding Group & Hook Village Toddler Group awarded £1,000 for Tiddlywinks Childminding Group storage Crafts Toys.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Purton Amateur Dramatic Society awarded £1,228.48 for Purton Amateur Dramatic Society Lighting Rig.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Cricklade Preschool Playgroup awarded £1,000 for Outdoor wooden caravan for educational play.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Cricklade Bowls Club awarded £1,000 for Cricklade Bowls Club Security Fence.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Financial Statement

Capital Budget – as correct at start of meeting:

Area Board Budget £57,648.00

Digital Literacy Budget £1,500.00

Awarded £32,766

Balance: £26,382.27

The Chairman thanked everybody for their presentations.

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Task Group Reports and Decisions

Community Area Transport Group – Cllr Bob Jones

The Area Board agreed the following Priority One Issues for CAT-G funding:

Issue 2015 Lydiard Green, Proposed footway - Road closure programmed for February. Works are programmed for February. Balfour Beatty currently contracted to deliver, risk that they will not in which case work will be undertaken after April by new term contractor. This is linked to issue 3469.

Issue 3469 Lydiard Millicent re design build- out by the church - Proposed closure programmed for February. Linked to issue 2015, work planned to be completed at the same time.

Issue 4412 Traffic management / speeding/ parking at North Wall, High Street junction Cricklade – Resubmitted issue, new nr 4412. Old issue number 3006 closed incorrectly. Metro Count installation supported.

Group agreed to re submit issue, on account of dangerous junction, cars travelling in middle of road. It is not clear how the original was closed without a solution being implemented/recorded. At a previous meeting before being closed the issue was attended by 60 residents.

Issue 4018 Speed reduction from 60 to 40 requested, C414. B4553 - Purton. Purton to Greenhill Crossroads - Reduce limit from 60mph to 40mph.

Speeding /sharp bends/ vehicles coming off road/ reduction In speed; solution Only section with no speed limit. Approx £3k to introduce speed limit. PC have made a commitment to Parish, and approved by PC.

Recommendation to Area Board – CATG Group Agreed at 50%/50% PC/ CATG funding for speed review.

Cllr Jones also highlighted two Traffic management schemes in Cricklade and Brinkworth that had been selected by the CAT-G which would be put forward to Wiltshire Council for possible funding if selected.

Neighbourhood Planning Working Group (NEW-V)

It was noted that Purton were no longer part of this group. The group would meet during February 2016 to discuss its options and would report back to the Area Board.

Wrap Up

North Wall verge – damage caused by HGVs. Cllr Bob Jones to follow up.

Railway Bridges resurfacing – concerns were raised re the proposed resurfacing of the road from the Town Hall to Station Road in Royal Wootton Bassett and the congestion that this would cause. Cllr Chris Hurst to follow up.

Well done to the Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association for their superb club house and for hosting the meeting.