

MINUTES

Meeting: MELKSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Semington Village Hall, High Street, Semington
Date: 13 April 2016
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.15 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Terry Chivers, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr David Pollitt, Cllr Jonathon Seed and Cllr Roy While

Wiltshire Council Officers

Rhys Schell – Community Area Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer
Ceri Evans – Community Youth Officer
Phil McMullen - Area Board Community Project Support Officer

Town and Parish Councils

Keevil Parish Council – Myra Link
Melksham Town Council – Bruce Sanders
Melksham Without Parish Council – Mike Sankey & Paul Carter
Semington Parish Council – Paul Bowyer
Steeple Ashton – Geoff Hyatt

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Nick Mawson
Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Angus Macpherson
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Darran Gunter
Melksham Community Partnership – Colin Goodhind

Total in attendance: 40

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Area Board.</p> <p>Angus Macpherson – Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Darran Gunter – Chief Fire Officer, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service were introduced.</p> <p>The following Chairman’s Announcement was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Highways Investment Fund 2014-2020.
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There was none.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2016 were agreed as the correct record.
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There was none.</p>
5	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN) - update and grant funding</u></p> <p>Ceri Evans – Community Youth Office and representatives of the Youth Management Group (Maisey and James) gave a brief update.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That twelve young people took part in the “Clean for the Queen” on the 12 March. • That young people had taken part in a “Sport Relief” event which challenged members of Melksham Police to take on the Canberra youth centre in several sports events. The event was supported by local businesses and was a great success.

- Future events – Party in the Park & River Festival.

The Chairman thanked Ceri Evans, Maisey and James for their update and thanked all the young people for attending the meeting.

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Wiltshire and Dorset Fire and Rescue Service update

Darran Gunter - the new Chief Fire Officer, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service gave a presentation on the progress of the new combined Fire Service and an update on the future role of the Service in working with partners to address those vulnerable in terms of safety, health and wellbeing.

A film was shown which outlined the combination of the new Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Points made included:

- That both Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Services faced significant funding pressures.
- That both services were not currently well funded.
- That by combining services, Dorset and Wiltshire would save around 6.5m.
- That a local chief officer would attend future Area Board meetings.

Questions raised from the floor included:

Would the new combined service re-introduce the co-responders scheme?

a. Yes, discussions were already underway with the Ambulance Service, with a view to looking at co-responding in the more rural areas.

That Melksham was well served by its local firecrews, with good response times to incidents.

The Chairman thanked Darran Gunter for his presentation.

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Making Melksham a Dementia Friendly community

Sheila Ashley - Alzheimer's Support gave a presentation that outlined how Melksham could become a more Dementia Friendly community and showed a short film.

Points made included:

Why do we need Dementia Friendly Communities?

Dementia Report 2012

- 77% of people with dementia feel anxious or depressed.
- 67% do not always feel part of their community.
- 44% have lost friends since their diagnosis.

What is a Dementia Friendly Community?

- People with dementia feel supported to take part as fully as possible in everyday activities.
- A high proportion of people, including customer-facing staff, are dementia aware.
- There is recognition that what is good for people with dementia is good for everyone.

The Chairman thanked Sheila Ashley for a very thought provoking presentation.

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Introducing your Melksham Health trainers

Laura Cunningham and Dave Payne – Health Trainers, Wiltshire Council gave a presentation that highlighted the work of the Wiltshire Council health trainers.

Points made included:

Why have health trainers?

- To tackle health inequalities.
- To help people take responsibility for their own health and well being.
- To be healthier for longer.
- To help people help themselves.

Helping adults to:

- Improve general well being.
- Build confidence and motivation.

- Eat healthily and be a healthy weight.
- Reduce or stop smoking.
- Be more active.
- Drink less alcohol.

Where do Health Trainers work?

- Libraries.
- Leisure centres.
- Children's centres.
- Some health centres.
- Community venues.

The Chairman thanked Laura Cunningham and Dave Payne for highlighting a very worthwhile initiative.

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Wiltshire leisure services

Louise Cary – Head of Leisure Services, Wiltshire Council gave an update on local sport development and highlighted what was coming up at the local leisure centres.

Points made included:

Background

- Leisure Services integrated into Public Health – Feb 2014.
- Head of Service – Leisure Strategy.
- Head of Service – Leisure Operations.
- 23 Leisure Centres: 9 managed in-house
11 managed by Places for People Leisure Ltd
3 managed by community groups
- Sports Development and Community Infrastructure.
- Health and Physical Activity.
- Play and Open Spaces.

- Approx. 700 internal staff.

Leisure Services

Vision for Public Health and Leisure:

- Help people in Wiltshire to live longer, healthier lives, while addressing health inequalities.

Objectives:

- Contribute to health improvement and reduction in health inequalities.
- Increase participation in community sport and physical activity and reduce inactivity.
- Develop a strong sporting infrastructure to improve the health, well-being and skills of people and communities.
- Identify opportunities that will inspire people to take part in sport, active recreation and health related activities.
- Identify opportunities to increase the volunteering workforce.

Delivered through universal and targeted activities and services

- Reflects strategic documents and demonstrates Leisure's contribution to relevant aims and objectives.
- Sustainability of service – ability to deliver against cross-cutting themes/service areas.

Questions from the floor:

Could the Melksham Blue Pool remain open on bank holidays.

a. All Wiltshire Council Leisure centres were closed on bank holidays, historically foot fall had been low. If there was a need then Wiltshire Council would consider it.

The Chairman thanked Louise Cary for her presentation.

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Healthy Schools project

Cllr Hubbard and Nick Bolton – Personal Education Adviser, Wiltshire Council

outlined a project which would make Melksham the first community area to have all schools engaged in the Wiltshire Healthy Schools Programme.

Points made included:

Background to project

In September 2015 public health specialists presented data to the Area Board on child poverty and childhood obesity.

- **Key findings for the Melksham community area:**

26.4% of children are obese/overweight in Reception Year
29.9% of children are obese/ overweight in year 6

The Melksham Area Board wanted to take positive action on these figures, which were higher than the Wiltshire average.

Why Healthy Schools?

Following research and discussion, a project that provided support to the schools within the Melksham community area to participate in the Healthy Schools programme was proposed. The benefits of this approach are:

- A breakdown of barriers for schools to participate (currently 3 out of 12 in Melksham are engaged).
- It will engage with a very high percentage of the children within our community area.
- It will help schools to support one another to deliver best practice around a wide range of topics including healthy eating, physical and mental wellbeing.
- Melksham would be the first community area to have all schools working together on a healthy schools programme.

Project proposal

- To work in partnership with the twelve Melksham schools, facilitating two dedicated sessions for them with the healthy schools team.
- To enable schools to provide support to one another through funded school teacher time for sharing of best practices and collaborative working.

- To develop a local action plan for Melksham.

Decision

- **That the Melksham Area Board agrees to support the Healthy Schools Project.**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hubbard and Nick Bolton for their presentation.

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Health and Wellbeing funding for 2016/ 2017

Cllr Pat Aves

Health and Wellbeing funding for 2016/17

That devolved funding has been made available to Area Boards following the de-commissioning of the Good neighbours scheme which ended on 31st March.

Melksham Area Board is proposing to set up a group that would:

- Establish health and wellbeing priorities for the area.
- Use the funding to help isolated and vulnerable people within the community.
- Work collaboratively with older people, health organisations, town and parish councils and existing community groups.

Local Older Persons Network

If approved by the Area Board, the key actions would be to:

- Form the working group.
- Research and review local issues for vulnerable people using current data and input from professional groups and people.
- Establish key objectives and local priorities.
- Use funding to act on the objectives and local priorities.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Aves for outlining the proposals.

Your Area Board 2015/2016

Cllr Jonathon Seed and Rhys Schell – Community Engagement Manager highlighted the impact of the Melksham Area Board during 2015/16.

Points made included:

- During the 2015/16 period there have been 6 Area Board meetings, with an average attendance of 88 and a high of 160.
- Also delivered the Emergency Planning workshop in December 2015, very strong representation from the parishes and plans are started to be created.
- The Melksham Area Board has awarded 43 community grants this year with the allocated funding of £56,673. These grants have enabled community groups to undertake projects totalling £209,230.
- 10 new community transport related projects approved and funded by the CATG in partnership with the Area Board and Parish/ Town Councils.
- A few of the priorities:
 - Improvements to Zebra Crossing on Bath Road, Atworth
 - Melksham Kenilworth Estate – 20mph speed limit
 - Seend High St traffic management within narrow section (successfully bid for substantive funding to enable this project to take place)
- The CATG also successfully coordinated the installation of a school path at the new Forest and Sandridge School
- A Well established LYN management group with varied stakeholder representation.
- The Melksham LYN was one of the only groups across the county who deployed their full allocation of funding during 2015/16.
- Helped to provide support funding for Young Melksham, Melksham and Wiltshire Canoe Club, Bowerhill Scouts and Genshin Kai School of Martial Arts amongst others.
- The Melksham Area Board have worked closely with Wiltshire Council, partners and the community to agree the Market Place improvements and finalise the accommodation schedule for the Health and Wellbeing Centre.
- The new home for Melksham Football Club and Melksham Rugby Club at Woolmore Farm is due to be ready for August 2016.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported partners to engage with the Clean for the Queen campaign with over 100 volunteers taking part and more than 200 bags of litter collected. • Bowerhill and Hampton Park Business Initiative going from strength to strength and the 2nd newsletter to businesses set for release. • The Health and Wellbeing group continues to engage with local health
13	<p><u>Update on Grants awarded during 2015/16</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager introduced Mike Rogers - AFC Melksham Disabled Football, Norman Drake – The Riverside Club, Melksham and John Cox – West Wilts Scout Group. All had received successful grant funding from the Melksham Area Board during 2015/16.</p>
14	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) - update</u></p> <p>Cllr Roy While outlined the recommendations to the Melksham Area Board from the CAT-G meeting held on the 24 March 2016.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>That the Melksham Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes all updates from the minutes and issue closurers. • Issue 3715 Melksham Tower Rd, Devonshire PI shared use footpath link - agrees allocation of £1379.00 from CATG funds for topo survey. • Issue 4533 Request for funding of new batteries for SIDs –agrees allocation of £300 from CATG funds for SID batteries. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr While for his update.</p>
15	<p><u>Champion Updates</u></p> <p>Children and Young Peoples Network - Cllr Jon Hubbard</p>

- Covered under the LYN update.

Economy – Cllr Roy While

- That the second edition of the Hampton Park Industrial Bulletin was shortly to be distributed.

Health and Wellbeing Network - Cllr Pat Aves

- That the group had met on Tuesday 12 April.

Transport - Cllr Terry Chivers

- Nothing to update at moment.

Read Easy Project - Cllr David Pollitt

- That the group had just held its first AGM, and now had ten trained coaches.

Older Persons Champion – Chris Pickett

- That Senior People's Forum would be holding an open meeting on Monday 25 April at the Melksham United Church.

The Chairman thanked all members for their updates.

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Written Partner Updates

Written updates from the following partners were noted:

- Melksham Community Area Partnership
- Wiltshire Police
- Melksham Town Council
- Melksham Without Parish Council

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Grant Funding

The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following Grant Applications:

Beanacre & Melksham Cricket Club requesting £2,420 for BMCC Field Mower – application deferred.

Bowerhill Residents Action Group requesting £2,301.50 for Bowerhill Village Hall Projector and Sound System – application deferred.

Decision

West Wiltshire Model Railway Circle awarded £700 for Disabled Access Improvement.

Reason

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

Banfield Recreation Trust awarded £542 for Banfield Recreation Ground.

Reason

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

Semington Village Hall Management Committee awarded £1,500 for Semington Village Hall Kitchen Modernization Enlargement.

Reason

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

Poulshot Cricket Club awarded £2,500 for Re-generation of Poulshot Cricket Pitch.

Reason

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

Semington Parish Council awarded £530 for Semington Village Information Board Project.

Reason

The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.

Decision

The Shed Melksham requesting £2,000 for the Shed Melksham - Purpose

18	<p>Built Premises. Reason <i>The grant meets the 2016/17 grants criteria.</i></p> <p><u>Councillor Initiative</u></p> <p>Decision Cllr Pat Aves and Cllr Jon Hubbard awarded £4,488 for Melksham Healthy Schools Project.</p>
19	<p><u>Any Other Items of Public Concern</u></p> <p>There was none.</p>
20	<p><u>Close</u></p>