

## **Trowbridge Area Board – Thursday 17 March 2011**

### **Chairman's Announcements**

#### **Stallard Street Playbuilder Update**

Playbuilder was funding from the previous government as part of The Children's Plan. Wiltshire Council invited parish bids for the funding and put those into a matrix alongside the Wiltshire Council sites and were scored on several criteria including rurality, space restraints, needs of local children etc. Stallard Street is a Wiltshire Council site and came high on our list

Stallard Street was awarded £75k from Playbuilder and £20k from Aiming High for Disabled Children. Local schools were sent email consultation forms and a day booked for a consultation within the park too. Leaflets were distributed to all homes adjacent to the park to advertise this. At that point the new government withdrew funds and all consultation had to be cancelled. The new government then de-ringfenced the funds and gave back a proportion only. Wiltshire Council could have then spent the funds on anything but decided to support our community commitments.

We quickly had plans drawn up for Stallard Street based on the school children's feedback and put them on display in the library. We kept the community informed of progress with posters on the park gates.

The Playbuilder project was for two years and we will have built 33 new or improved play spaces during that time.

An agenda item on the progress with the Stallard Street play area will be given at the 5<sup>th</sup> May Trowbridge Area Board meeting.

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