

MINUTES

Meeting: CORSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Corsham Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 0EZ
Date: Tuesday 8 December 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 8.40 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Dick Tonge (Chairman) and Peter Davis (Vice Chairman) ,

Cabinet Representative – Lionel Grundy (Schools, Children, Families and Youth)

Service Director

Siân Walker (Adult Care)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dave Roberts (Community Area Manager) and Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

Town and Parish Councillors

Corsham Town Council - Allan Bosley (Chairman), Nikki Kenna, Issy Langsford and David Martin (Town Clerk)

Box Parish Council – Jennie Hartless

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Kate Pain and Sergeant Alex Reid

Corsham Chamber of Commerce – Ian Storey (Chairman)

Corsham Civic Society – N Duckworth, Sally Fletcher and Dr N House

Corsham Rugby Football Club – Jill Beavis, P Coombs and Paul Simons

Corsham Station Campaign – Anne Lock

Gazette and Herald – Rachel Allen

MoD – Stuart Little

Pickwick Association – Chris Johnson, Jean Prosser and Mike Prosser
The Pound Arts Trust – Michael Caines and Ian Maran
Transcoco – Adam Walton
Westlea Housing Association – Chris Davies
Wiltshire Scrapstore – Dilys Fisher

Members of Public in Attendance: 17

Total Number in Attendance: 48

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Wiltshire Councillors and Officers.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Macrae and Councillor Parker. The Chairman explained that because the meeting was inquorate, decisions would be dependent on approval by a third member of the Committee in the week following the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2009 were recommended for approval and would be signed as a correct record, dependent on approval by a third member of the Committee.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcement</u></p> <p>The Chairman spoke about the Wiltshire Performance Reward Grant Scheme. At the October Area Board meeting, Transcoco shared a vision for an integrated Transport Plan for the Corsham Community Area. Transcoco asked the Area Board for support and a bid was made to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme Panel on 18 November 2009.</p> <p>Unfortunately the bid was rejected. The Panel felt that transport planning was core Wiltshire Council business and needed to be looked at in a wider view across the county. The Chairman underlined Corsham Area Board was sorry to hear this news and would continue to support the vision of a more sustainable Community Area.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Cabinet Representative - Lionel Grundy</u></p> <p>Lionel Grundy introduced his responsibilities as Cabinet</p>	

	<p>Representative for Schools, Children, Families and Youth. Councillor Macrae and Councillor Parker also worked for this service. Councillor Grundy described his District Council background and the steep learning curve involved in moving to a unitary Wiltshire Council. He answered the following questions from the floor:</p> <p><i>Could Councillor Grundy confirm the statutory level of education received by children excluded from school?</i> Each case of a child excluded from school was addressed individually. Wiltshire Council did not lose responsibility for these children and they would receive as good a level of education as possible outside the regular system of school provision.</p> <p><i>How many children were educated at home and what resources were put into this?</i> Councillor Grundy would find out the figures and respond to the enquirer. Home education was not appropriate in all circumstances and each case would be assessed on its suitability.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Role of the Service Director</u></p> <p>Siân Walker, Service Director (Operations) for Adult Social Care, gave a presentation on her area of responsibility and her role on the Area Board.</p> <p>Adult Social Care today was about people's lives and not services, helping people to manage their own lives in the community as independently as possible. It was the duty of the department to assess needs and provide or signpost people to appropriate support from a large range of options.</p> <p>The department comprised a large staff group across the County, including Customer Advisers, Customer Coordinators, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and Resource Specialists, based in four area teams.</p> <p>The department also directly provided a range of respite care and day services for people with learning disabilities, as well as a Reablement Service supporting people, for example after discharge from hospital, to regain their independence at home.</p> <p>The department's approach to customer service had improved greatly over recent years and one of the ways this had been delivered was by ensuring those customers with an assessment of need now had one person (one point of contact with the department),</p>	

	<p>a designated Customer Coordinator, responsible for co-ordinating services and ensuring the right person responded to customer needs.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Wiltshire Council's Spending Priorities</u></p> <p>Siân Walker, Wiltshire Council Service Director, introduced a DVD which provided information about the Council's budget consultation. The DVD included the following main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where Wiltshire Council funding came from; • How Wiltshire Council spent funding; • Challenges faced by the county; • Plans for the future; • Savings resulting from the transition to One Council; and • Challenges faced by the Council. <p>Those at the meeting were invited to complete a voting card which would be used to inform the budget setting process. Voting cards could be returned to the Freepost address below if more time was wanted to complete them: Wyman-Dylan, FREEPOST (BS 7607), Bristol, BS35 3YA.</p> <p>Further information on this subject was available from Martin Donovan, the Service Director for Finance and Procurement: Tel: 01225 703600, E-mail: martin.donovan@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>	
9.	<p><u>Funding and Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to two funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p>Paul Simons addressed the meeting on behalf of Corsham Rugby Club.</p> <p>Dilys Fisher addressed the meeting on behalf of Lacock Scrapstore.</p> <p>a) <u>Decision</u> Corsham Rugby Club – Award £899 to purchase a scrummage machine, dependent on approval by a third member of the Committee.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The above application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and providing sporting facilities encourages people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family.</i></p>	

<p>b)</p>	<p><u>Decision</u> Lacock Scrapstore – Award £1,000 towards giving a second life to waste materials, producing shapes with a machine that could be used in creative activities by adults and children, dependent on approval by a third member of the Committee.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The above application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and gives a good example to children and adults of how waste can be re-used in creative ways.</i></p> <p>If any community groups were in need of new fabric, please contact Lacock Scrapstore on 01249 730011.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that the Area Board had £20,000 of its budget still available and that grant application packs were available from the Community Area Manager or the Wiltshire Council website.</p>	
<p>c)</p>	<p>Mr Simons again addressed the meeting on behalf of Corsham Rugby Club. This was for an expression of interest to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme towards the Corsham Rugby Football Club (RFC) development plan. Corsham RFC was rapidly expanding and playing a greater role in community based initiatives. The club impacts on the lives of many local citizens with over 235 young people and 55 adult players registered with Twickenham. Plans for a female rugby team were also being developed to meet local demand. Clubhouse facilities were now worn out, sub-standard and not fit for purpose. The next phase of the development plan was to reconstruct the drainage system and rebuild the changing and shower rooms.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p>Twenty three community issues had been submitted to the Area Board with nine issues resolved and closed and four issues being addressed via the Community Speed Watch scheme.</p> <p>The Community Area Manager reminded the meeting of the issues process and how issues could be logged and tracked on the Wiltshire Council website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Community Speed Watch</u></p> <p>Sergeant Alex Reid spoke about Community Speed Watch. A potential speeding issue should be first raised with the local</p>	

	<p>Area Board by completing a community issue sheet online: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards. This would then be forwarded to Wiltshire Police and the Highways department for them to comment and denote its priority rating. Information was then passed to an Area Board to be prioritised and hence to the Camera Safety Unit (CSU) for assessment using a metrocount for seven days. The solution would be decided after CSU assessment.</p> <p>Fifteen locations had initially been identified and addressed by the CSU team. Two locations were found to be severe enough for action and four locations qualified for speed watch monitoring by volunteers from the community.</p> <p>The Community Area Manager then introduced the speeding issues prioritisation matrix for the Area Board and asked the Committee to consider the priorities given to issues by Wiltshire Police and the Highways department.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> To agree the prioritisation matrix tabled at the meeting, incorporating issues sheets submitted over the weekend of 05.12.09, regarding the whole of the B3109, dependent on approval by a third member of the Committee.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Basil Hill and A4 Developments</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided an update on the A4 traffic light signals.</p> <p>Consultants had been commissioned in late September to review the Basil Hill traffic modelling work undertaken in relation to the Hare and Hounds and Park Lane junctions on the A4, in line with the promise given at the Extraordinary Area Board meeting on 26th August.</p> <p>Owing to on-going statutory undertakers works on the A4 and Bradford Road, it was not possible to collect new count data for the junctions until the first week in November, when peak period counts, (including pedestrian counts and queue length surveys) were taken at both junctions.</p> <p>A draft report has now been submitted by the consultants. Some anomalies have been identified in the original work undertaken, affecting the modelled outputs. This is partly because fresh assumptions have been agreed in relation to background traffic growth (resulting from the intervening economic turndown), and partly owing to other factors relating to the more sophisticated use of the updated modelling software. In these circumstances it has been</p>	

	<p>deemed prudent also to review the proposals for other local junctions. This further work is currently in progress.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a further extraordinary meeting of the Area Board would be arranged when the review was complete, so that the results may be publicly shared.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>a) <u>Wiltshire Police</u> –The written update included with the agenda papers was noted. Inspector Pain explained how low level anti social behaviour was being tackled in the Community Area. She thanked local housing associations who had been working with Wiltshire Police to deal with a small number of persistent offenders.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Inspector Pain for attending, especially given the pressure on Wiltshire Police at this time of year.</p> <p>b) <u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</u> – The written report was noted.</p> <p>c) <u>NHS Wiltshire</u> – The written report was noted. An issue raised previously regarding Box Surgery had as yet been unanswered by the NHS Community Engagement Manager. No plans had been received to merge Box Surgery with the Porch Surgery.</p> <p>d) <u>Corsham Town Council</u> – Corsham Town Council were working with the MoD to establish a military day on 26 June 2010. The Area Board was thanked for funding improvements to the Town Council. The meeting was reminded that Local Development Framework consultation would continue until 31 December 2009.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Wiltshire Council's Spending Priorities - Results</u></p> <p>The results of the meeting's earlier vote on Wiltshire Council's spending priorities were fed back and the Chairman thanked those who participated. A scoring system had been used to analyse the results looking at whether more, the same or less should be spent on different services. A short analysis had found that the services which respondents most frequently said they wanted more money spent on were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth services; • Doorstep recycling; and • Adult social care for older people. <p>The services that respondents most commonly said they</p>	

	would like less money spent on were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New roads/planning;• Archives and public records; and• Rights of Way.	
15.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and requested that the evaluation forms be completed.</p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 2 February 2010 at 7pm in the Corsham Town Hall. Refreshments would be available from 6.30pm.</p>	