

MINUTES

Meeting: WESTBURY AREA BOARD
Place: The Laverton, Bratton Road, Westbury, BA13 3EN
Date: 4 April 2019
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.10 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Gordon King (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair) and Cllr Jerry Wickham

Wiltshire Council Officers

Graeme Morrison - Community Engagement Manager
Stuart Figini – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Diane Ware – Highways Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Westbury Town Council – Sheila Kimmins

Partners and other attendees

Wiltshire Police – Insp James Williams, WPC Louise Oakley
BA13+ Community Area Partnership – Carole King
Westbury Community Project – Tina Devereaux
Sovereign Housing Association – Scott Jacobs Lange
Leigh Park Community Centre – Debbie Cole
Save Our Children's Centre – Nadine Crook

Total in attendance: 15

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>Cllr Gordon King, Vice Chair in the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Westbury Area Board.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr David Jenkins – Chairman, Phil McMullin representing BA13+Community Area Partnership and Ian Cunningham representing Westbury Town Council.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the following announcements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children's Centres Consultation – The Area Board heard from Nadine Crook, resident of Warminster and user of a Children's Centre in Westbury, about her campaign to save the Westbury Children's Centre. 2. The Community Area Grant request from West Wiltshire Group of Ramblers for footpath improvements in Heywood had been withdrawn as the requested equipment could be provided without the need for a grant.
6.	<p><u>Highways Schemes 2019-2020</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from Diane Ware, Highways Officer and a report of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste about the Road Surfacing Programme 2019/20.</p> <p>The report provided information on the progress made in improving the condition of the County's roads and advised on the road surfacing schemes to be undertaken in 2019/20, including the schemes for Westbury.</p> <p>The Area Board noted that appendix 2 to the report detailed the provisional list of roads for treatment over the next five years. The list was based on current road conditions and their anticipated deterioration of condition. The Highways</p>

	<p>Officer reported that the list would be reviewed annually to ensure that priority sites are treated to maintain road safety. The Area Board were encouraged to identify any sites of local concern which may need to be prioritised over the five year timespan.</p> <p>Resolved: The Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Welcomes the road surfacing work and repairs carried out in 2018/19 and notes the improvements in the overall condition of Wiltshire’s roads in recent years; ii. Approves the highway maintenance scheme list for the Westbury area in 2019/20; and iii. Notes the new five-year programme to be reviewed annually to ensure best value for money and whole life costing for the highways asset.
7.a	<p><u>Wiltshire Walking Projects</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from the Community Engagement Manager about promoting walking as part of a healthy lifestyle. He indicated that the Get Wiltshire Walking Team held inclusive community walks for all abilities every Thursday morning from the Health Centre in Westbury. The walks could contribute towards an individuals or teams recorded activity linked to the Big pledge 2019 event.</p>
7.b	<p><u>The Big Pledge</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from the Community Engagement Manager about the ‘Big Pledge 2019’. He explained that the Big Pledge 2019 would be launched on 7 May 2019, with a start date of 3 June and goes on until 14 July 2018. He explained that this year’s event is linked to the cricket World Cup and those taking part would be logging the amount of time they were active, scoring virtual runs and attempting to make a century.</p> <p>The Area Board noted that schools were being encouraged to take part with the first 50 to sign up receiving a free kit bag.</p>
8.	<p><u>Penleigh Park Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update report on the progress in adopting a portion of the green space at Penleigh Park recreation Ground, Westbury. It was noted that the Council’s legal team had recently contacted Persimmon seeking a response to queries about the S106 agreement. Updates would be provided at future Area Board meetings.</p>

9.	<p><u>POPCAN - Summer Events</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from Scott Jacobs Lange, Sovereign Housing Association, about a fun day to be held at Penleigh Recreation Ground on 9 June 2019. Mr Jacobs Lange commented on the activities for the day and explained that the fun day would build on the work undertaken over the last year to encourage community volunteers to engage with and take forward new projects to improve the local area.</p>
10.	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board received and noted the following updates from key partners:</p> <p>(a) Wiltshire Police Insp James Williams presented his report which referred to (i) Wiltshire Police supporting the national week of action for Operation SCEPTRE (the Metropolitan Police’s response to knife crime, launched in 2015); (ii) the connection between knife crime and county lines; (iii) staffing update; (iv) crime exceptions data for Westbury; (v) community policing priorities in the Westbury area; and (vi) community speedwatch. Insp Williams responded to an issue raised at the meeting on the work being undertaken by the Police to work with public health and major partners to combat knife crime and its causes.</p> <p>(b) Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>(c) Westbury LYN The Area Board considered a Local Youth Network grant application from Sovereign Housing Association for £1,000, for a fun day. The Area Board were reminded that the Local Youth Network had allocated its budget for the current year, and therefore, there were no requests for funding.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the Youth Grant application for Sovereign Housing Association for £1,000, towards a young people’s activity fun day be agreed.</p> <p>(d) BA13+ Community Area Partnership The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>Carole King (Chairman of the BA13+ Community Area Partnership) presented the report and commented on a recent litter pick along Frogmore Lane and Slag lane; and the resupply of safe location boxes.</p> <p>(e) Healthwatch Wiltshire The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>The Chairman commented on the launch of a Community Cash Fund by Healthwatch Wiltshire for local groups to apply for £2000 to start projects in their local community. Unfortunately, the deadline for grant</p>

	<p>applications had passed a few days before this meeting.</p> <p>(f) Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>(g) Town and Parish Councils The Area Board received an update from Dilton Marsh Parish Council.</p>
11.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered two applications for Community Area Grants Scheme funding as detailed in the agenda pack. The applicants gave a brief statement about the reasons for the grant request.</p> <p>The Area Board were reminded that the Community Area Grant request from West Wiltshire Group of Ramblers for footpath improvements in Heywood had been withdrawn as the requested equipment could be provided without the need for a grant.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>1. That the following grant applications be agreed:</p> <p>a. Leigh Park Community Centre - £5,000 towards the establishment of a pre-school at the Centre</p> <p>b. Edington parish Council - £1,100 towards a community defibrillator.</p>
12.	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
13.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Westbury Area Board will be held on Thursday 6 June 2019 – Venue to be agreed.</p>