

# MINUTES

Meeting: CALNE AREA BOARD  
Place: Goatacre Village Hall, Hilmarton, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9JA  
Date: Tuesday 15 December 2009  
Start Time: 7.00pm  
Finish Time: 8.55pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Chuck Berry, Christine Crisp (Vice Chairman) and Alan Hill (Chairman)

Cabinet Representative - Stuart Wheeler (Leisure, Sport and Culture)

### **Service Director**

Deborah Farrow (Business Transformation and ICT)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer) and Jane Vaughan (Community Area Manager)

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Bremhill Parish Council – Stephen Cook\*

Calne Town Council – Roy Golding\*

Calne Without Parish Council – Richard Ayles and Edwin Jones\*

Cherhill Parish Council – Shauna Bodman\* and David Evans

Heddington Parish Council – Geoff Dickerson\*

Hilmarton Parish Council – Jeff Files, E Peckham and Geoff Procter

\* = nominated representative

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Kate Pain

Calne Community Area Partnership – Francis Bosworth, Malcolm Gull and Anne

Henshaw  
Calne Community Group – Sally Dawson  
Gazette and Herald – Katie Bond  
Westlea Housing Association – Jo Smith

**Members of Public in Attendance: 8**

**Total Number in Attendance: 34**

<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 Goatacre Village Hall and the last Calne Area Board meeting of the year. The Chairman introduced the Councillors and Officers present.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Marshall, Councillor Trotman and Liz James (Children's Centre).</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The Chairman approved and signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2009.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Setting the Council's Spending Priorities</u></p> <p>Deborah Farrow, 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"> <li>• Where Wiltshire Council funding came from;</li> <li>• How Wiltshire Council spent funding;</li> <li>• Challenges faced by the county;</li> <li>• Plans for the future;</li> <li>• Savings resulting from the transition to One Council; and</li> <li>• Challenges faced by the Council.</li> </ul> <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 taken from the meeting and returned to the Freepost address below if more time was wanted to complete them or to distribute them to somebody or a group of people not at the meeting: 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: <a href="mailto:martin.donovan@wiltshire.gov.uk">martin.donovan@wiltshire.gov.uk</a></p>	

<p>6.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p>	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Inspector Kate Pain explained how neighbourhood policing of rural areas was different from in the town. Rural areas outside of Calne were covered by a separate team and addressed a different set of priorities, including having a visible Neighbourhood Policing Team presence and policing against traffic speeding. Crime rates in the area in general were low.</p> <p>Wiltshire Police had achieved a number of successes in the Community Area, such as the Bluez N Zuz Disco at John Bentley School. This was an opportunity for young people to positively engage with police personnel.</p> <p>The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted.</p> <p>The written update from NHS Wiltshire was noted.</p> <p>Will Kay, Youth Development Coordinator, provided an update on the work of Calne CAYPIG (Community Area Young People's Issues Group). CAYPIG was working in partnership with John Bentley School. The number of young people involved had increased and there was a greater spread from across the Community Area, with sixty young people attending the last meeting. Facilities wanted by young people in the local area were identified as art spaces outside of school, cooking facilities and a skate park. Please contact Mr Kay if you would like to be involved, by telephone on: 01249 812509 or by email: <a href="mailto:will.kay@wiltshire.gov.uk">will.kay@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to two funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Cherhill Village Institute were awarded £3,400 towards the renovation of toilets and provision of disabled facilities in line with DDA requirements, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <b><i>The above application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and the project would benefit the local community by providing accessible facilities.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Calne Community Area Partnership were awarded £926</b></p>	

	<p>towards running a community clean-up day at Abberd Brook, Calne, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.</p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <b><i>The above application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and the project would address issues of litter and fly-tipping, whilst also promoting community cohesion, pride and well being.</i></b></p> <p>Following a question from the floor, the Community Area Manager reassured the meeting that the Partnership were already working with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the Environmental Agency to ensure the clean-up day would be sympathetic to local wildlife.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Launch of Participatory Budgeting</u></b></p> <p>At the previous Area Board meeting, a working group had been set up and tasked with identifying a project to encourage sustainable and less congested travel around the Community Area.</p> <p>Councillor Berry introduced and launched the ‘Make a Stand for Cycling’ project. £10,000 was available for innovative bicycle racks in the Community Area. There had been a large number of applicants to the project to have the racks and those at the meeting were asked to vote for their five preferred sites from a list of twelve.</p> <p>Display boards were available to view at the meeting and these would be available, with voting cards and a ballot box, at Calne Town Council until Christmas and then in Calne Library and the Community Hub until mid-January 2010. Voting could also take place online through the Wiltshire Council website: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk">www.wiltshire.gov.uk</a>. Please contact Jane Vaughan, Community Area Manager, if you would like more voting cards, by telephone on: 01249 721447 or by email: <a href="mailto:jane.vaughan@wiltshire.gov.uk">jane.vaughan@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Your Local Issues</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman announced that the Audit Commission had undertaken a Comprehensive Area Assessment and awarded a green flag to Wiltshire Council for leading new work to encourage local people to take part in decision making. Area Boards were integral to this and, as the first six month milestone approached for Area Boards across Wiltshire, the Chairman provided a review of progress made so far. The Comprehensive Area Assessment was available online at:</p>	

[www.direct.gov.uk/oneplace](http://www.direct.gov.uk/oneplace).

An update was given on community issues. Calne Area Board had received thirty seven issues to date through the dedicated issues process. Nine community issues had been closed. Ten related to an issue at Fynamore School and two related to Priestley School regarding road safety at the start and end of the school day. These were being progressed by the Community Area Manager and individual Councillors and Officers. Five issues were related to speeding issues and these were being addressed via the Community Speed Watch scheme.

Progress on the Abberd Brook Working Group was reported. The Working Group had met for the first time and discussed short term and longer term issues linked to restoration of the area. The Working Group believed that the Abberd Brook could form part of a 'green artery' running from the north of the town through to the town centre, providing opportunities for safer, healthier and traffic free ways of moving around the town. It was felt the brook should be considered in future plans for the development of the town.

#### **Decision**

**That the Area Board supports and promotes the inclusion of the Abberd Brook as a 'green artery' within the town in future plans for town centre development/regeneration.**

Councillor Crisp explained that the Community Hub Working Group had not met formally since the last Area Board meeting. The Community Hub was now a promising venue for use by local groups, Wiltshire Council and its partners. The tenancy would be taken on by the new Chairman of the Partnership, who would also take responsibility for payment of the utility bills and lead on the development of a business plan, to be brought to the Area Board in February 2010.

The Chairman thanked Jill Martin and Mick Devonport, the former Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community Area Partnership for their hard work for the Community Area. Malcolm Gull and John Dawson (JR) were welcomed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively into their new roles. The Chairman had received a request from the Chair of the Community Area Partnership for the release of the second tranche of core funding, in line with the Wiltshire Council Community Area Partnership Agreement.

#### **Decision**

**That the second tranche of core funding (£5,672) is released to the Calne Community Area Partnership, in order for it to develop in line with its proposals.**

	<p>The Chairman underlined that the deadline for consideration of funding applications at the next Area Board meeting in February was 5 January 2010.</p>	
<p>10.</p> <p>10. a)</p> <p>10. b)</p>	<p><u>Partnership and Town and Parish Council Updates</u></p> <p>Malcolm Gull provided an update on the Calne Community Area Partnership. Main points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A change of administration;</li> <li>• A review of how Partnership business was conducted;</li> <li>• Working with the Forum of Partnerships;</li> <li>• A review of the community plan;</li> <li>• Developing the website; and</li> <li>• Themed sub-groups.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Gull reminded the meeting that plans for the Local Development Framework would be in the Community Hub to view and respond to until the end of the year.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Hilmarton Parish Council for their written update.</p> <p>Councillor Golding reported that Calne Town Council was having difficulties progressing the shop vinyl project. The Community Area Manager would follow this up in the New Year by contacting the town clerk and other relevant Officers.</p> <p>In Heddington, a new car park with lighting and a safe tarmac area for use by under-fives had been completed. The Parish Council thanked the former District Council Area Committee for its funding contribution.</p> <p>Councillor Bodman of Cherhill Parish Council spoke about how Community Payback had been used for pond restoration in the parish, funding had been received for a play area for young people, the parish plan was in progress, a community bus was being considered to plug the gaps in local transport provision and the parish had been approached by BT to adopt a telephone box to form part of a wider heritage trail.</p> <p>Councillor Procter of Hilmarton Parish Council shared the news that the Parish Council had won £100 from BT towards complete restoration of the telephone box as a mini heritage centre. The HAGGIS group were working towards making the A3102 safer and St Laurence Church was applying for funding for a community corner in the Church. He thanked the Area Board for moving to the parishes.</p>	

11.	<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"> <li>• Maintenance of roads;</li> <li>• Adult social care for older people;</li> <li>• Adult social care for people with mental / physical disabilities;</li> </ul> <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools and youth services.</li> </ul> <p>The services that respondents most commonly said they would like less money spent on were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning;</li> <li>• Archives or public records;</li> <li>• Museums and trading standards;</li> <li>• New roads; and</li> <li>• Traffic management and congestion.</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><u>Any Questions and Evaluation</u></p> <p>Councillor Wheeler invited questions regarding his cabinet responsibility for leisure, sport and culture.</p> <p>Councillor Wheeler responded to the following questions:</p> <p><i>In Calne our leisure centre is run privately, not by Wiltshire Council. In the Calne tax precept there is provision to support our leisure centre with a grant of £20,000. However, the tax payers of Calne are also paying through their council tax for the provision of leisure facilities including leisure centres. It seems the people of Calne are paying twice for their leisure centre?</i></p> <p>Long term arrangements were being considered as part of the leisure review being carried out. The leisure centres of the districts were inherited by Wiltshire Council when a unitary council was created, except for two. Assessment was taking place as to whether provision was fit for purpose.</p> <p><i>The GP referral system for people in the Calne area sends local people to the Olympiad leisure centre in Chippenham for treatment, why can't they be referred to the leisure centre in Calne?</i></p> <p>Referrals were often made for remedial care after surgery when there was a need for a patient to come into a structured and ordered organisation, with technical staff training.</p>	



	<p>Councillor Wheeler was aware that leisure provision was run differently across Wiltshire Council and was looking to create a uniform approach. The leisure review was in partnership with the NHS and would take three/four months, reporting back to the Area Board.</p> <p><i>Can we have free swimming at Calne Leisure Centre?</i> A £10,000 grant had been given to Calne Leisure Centre to assist with free swimming, however there were limited funds available for this.</p> <p><i>Was funding from Wiltshire Council for Calne Leisure Centre more than or less than other leisure centres in the Community Area?</i> Councillor Wheeler answered that you could not compare across the county, because the centres were run differently and funding was dependent on the district the centre was inherited from. Councillor Wheeler would provide a written response to the person who asked this question.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting date for Calne Area Board was Tuesday 16 February 2010 at Calne Town Hall, with refreshments available from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. The Chairman wished the meeting a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.</p>	