

MINUTES

Meeting: TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD
Place: The Civic Centre, St Stephen's Place, Trowbridge, BA14 8AH
Date: 19 January 2012
Start Time: 6.30pm
Finish Time: 8.40pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Peter Fuller (Vice Chairman),
Cllr John Knight, Cllr Helen Osborn and Cllr Jeff Osborn (Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Rachel Efemey – Community Area Manager
Marie Todd – Area Board and Member Support Manager

Partners

Trowbridge Community Area Future – Colin Kay and Kate Oatley
Community Area Young Peoples' Issues Group – Haydn and Josh

Total in attendance: 81

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Jeff Osborn, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Trowbridge Area Board and explained how the participatory budgeting process would work.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Payne, Mike Franklin of Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, Inspector Dave Cullop of Wiltshire Police, Martin Fortune of Wiltshire & Swindon Users Network, Kath Noble and Gaynor Polglase of Southwick Parish Council and Michael Hudson, Service Director.</p>
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
4.	<p><u>Youth Funding - Participatory Budgeting</u></p> <p>The Area Board held a Participatory Budgeting session to consider applications for funding submitted by young people from the Trowbridge Community Area.</p> <p>The Area Board had been allocated a specific youth budget of £9,297 to award to successful applicants for various youth projects and initiatives.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting provided the opportunity for everyone present at the meeting to have a vote on which applications they felt should be awarded funding. Each application would have to receive a minimum of 50% of the votes in favour, in order to be awarded the funding requested.</p> <p>In order to proceed with the Participatory Budgeting, the Area Board agreed the following:</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 1659 1495 1839">i. The Area Board agreed that the decisions relating to the Participatory Budgeting should be taken by the community in accordance with the process and conditions outlined in the report. Those projects that received a minimum of 50% of the vote from the public attending the meeting would be funded. <li data-bbox="363 1883 1495 1984">ii. The Area Board agreed that an additional sum of £250 should be awarded to the most popular of the projects in accordance with the process and conditions outlined in the report. This would be the

most popular project as voted by the public attending the meeting and would be used to enhance the project that has been applied for.

The following applications for funding were considered under the Participatory Budgeting processes and conditions. Each applicant made a short presentation and answered questions relating to their project.

- a) Longfield Youth Group - £1,000 requested to purchase a range of console games and board games.

Decision

The votes received for Longfield Youth Group were 81% in favour of the grant and 19% against. The Group was therefore awarded £1,000.

- b) West Ashton School Council - £550 requested to pay for the Crafty Potter to work with groups of children to design and decorate an egg cup each.

Decision

The votes received for West Ashton School Council were 85% in favour of the grant and 15% against. The School was therefore awarded £550.

- c) Studley Green Youth Volunteering Group - £820 requested to take part in a street urban dance project and tea sessions for community volunteering.

Decision

The votes received for Studley Green Youth Volunteering Group were 80% in favour of the grant and 20% against. The Group was therefore awarded £820.

- d) Bridging Project - £500 requested to run an arts and crafts cookery project.

Decision

The votes received for the Bridging Project were 98% in favour of the grant and 2% against. The Project was therefore awarded £500.

- e) Studley Green - £950 requested for babysitting course and sports activities and equipment.

Decision

The votes received for Studley Green were 65% in favour of the grant and 35% against. The project was therefore awarded £950.

- f) Paxcroft Mead Youth Forum - £1,000 requested to purchase 2 benches for the Paxcroft Country Park.

	<p><u>Decision</u> The votes received for the Paxcroft Mead Youth Forum were 68% in favour of the grant and 32% against. The Forum was therefore awarded £1,000.</p> <p>g) St Michael's Pre-School - £454.33 requested to purchase a play puppet theatre and to pay for a 'Punch & Judy' show/workshop to enjoy as part of a spring fete.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The votes received for St Michael's Pre-School were 80% in favour of the grant and 20% against. The School was therefore awarded £454.33.</p> <p>h) Urban Dance - £1,000 requested to buy equipment and PA system for a music, art and dance studio.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The votes received for Urban Dance were 74% in favour of the grant and 26% against. The group was therefore awarded £1,000.</p> <p>i) £250 bonus.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Bridging Project was voted the most popular project overall, and was therefore awarded a bonus of £250 to spend on their project.</p> <p>j) Remaining Funds</p> <p>After allocating the grants as detailed above the Area Board considered how to allocate the remaining youth funding of £2,754.67.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board agreed to ring-fence the remaining funds from the specific youth budget to enable Clarendon College to put forward a proposal to the 15 March Area Board meeting for activities for the Olympic Torch event at the school.</p>
5.	<p><u>Funding Update of Applications Awarded 2011/12</u></p> <p>The Area Board received updates from the following projects that were in receipt of Area Board Grant Funding in 2011/12:</p> <p>a) <u>Hilperon Village Hall</u> - £3,253 had been awarded to upgrade the village</p>

hall including fitting a disabled toilet.

Update: The works had now been successfully completed and the grant recipients thanked Wiltshire Council staff, particularly Margaret Tipper, for their help with the application process.

- b) Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom - £5,000 had been awarded for events to encourage local residents to participate in a programme of planting.

Update: Advertising boards had been purchased and events held to encourage participation. The town had received a Gold Award in the competition which was a great achievement.

- c) Newtown School - £2,300 had been awarded for upgrading of changing facilities and providing temporary cover over the outdoor pool.

Update: Over 300 children now participated in swimming activities at the school and the pool was also used by pre-school children. A decking area around the pool had also been provided.

- d) Newtown Area Residents Association - £930 had been awarded for the provision of security lighting at Bond Street Buildings to increase community safety.

Update: Three security lights had been provided and local residents now felt much safer.

- e) Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club - £1,434 had been awarded for swimming gala and social events to celebrate the 20th meeting of swimming clubs under the twinning arrangements with Leer.

Update: 42 swimmers had participated in the event, a number of activities had taken place and the twinning event had been a great success.

- f) Trowbridge Rangers Football Club - £475 had been awarded for coaching courses to enable the club to run sessions for young people.

Update: A number of coaches had been trained and the Club was now looking to involve all age groups.

- g) West Ashton Village Hall & Institute - £5,000 had been awarded for the creation of a small meeting room attached to the village hall.

Update: The extension had been completed and the new meeting room was being used by a number of local groups. The car park had also been extended and a new kitchen provided.

- h) Trowbridge Town Football Club - £2,446 had been awarded for the

purchase of training and match equipment. £1,687 had also been awarded to fund coaching courses.

Update: New equipment, including footballs, poles, hurdles and bags, had been purchased which was greatly appreciated by all those involved with the Football Club. Coaches had also been trained and CRB checks had been carried out. The Club hoped to invest further in volunteers and young people over the forthcoming year.

- i) Larkrise Community Farm - £4,000 for the construction of a barn for storage of animal feed.

Update: The new barn had now been built and this provided dry storage for hay and straw. The barn was also used for the very successful lambing season.

- j) North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall - £765 for a project development study for renewable energy.

Update: The survey had been undertaken but the funding stream for the project had then been withdrawn. The hall had been modernised and it was hoped that alternative funding could be found as soon as possible.

- k) Phoenix Badminton Club - £851 had been awarded for new nets and posts.

Update: New posts and nets had been purchased which enhanced the facilities available to club members.

- l) Trowbridge Town Council (Area Board Project Bid) - £639 had been awarded for a registry office bench.

Update: The bench had now been provided outside the registry office and was very well used.

- m) Gloucester Road Allotment Association - £5,000 had been awarded for the provision of allotment facilities for disabled people.

Update: Plots and raised beds had been provided. A parking area and toilets had also been provided. All new plots were now in use and a number of disabled people had benefitted greatly from this project.

- n) Trowbridge Town Council - £2,664 had been awarded for the provision of a free National Play Day.

Update: The Play Day had been very successful. 5,000 families had been involved and had participated in activities such as archery and the use of the play bus.

	<p>o) <u>Youth Funding Application, Trowbridge Community Area Youth Parliament & CAYPIG</u> - £6,259 had been awarded for an anti-social behaviour project and transport subsidy.</p> <p>Update: Rail tickets to Bath at a subsidised cost of £1.50 had been provided. The scheme had been very successful and 336 tickets had been sold to under 15s and 268 to over 15s. A display was exhibited at the meeting re the Youth Parliament's anti-social behaviour campaign element of the project.</p> <p>p) <u>College Estate Community Gardens (Area Board Project Bid)</u> - £750 had been awarded for the creation of a community garden.</p> <p>Update: An area that had been neglected for many years had now been tidied up with planting and had been retained for community use. The area was now used and maintained by local people.</p> <p>q) <u>Lavender Fields Residents' Association</u> - £212 to set up an interactive website.</p> <p>Update: The website had now been created and was a great way for local people to keep in touch with issues in their area including neighbourhood watch information.</p>
6.	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Extraordinary meeting of the Trowbridge Area Board.</p> <p>The next ordinary meeting of the Trowbridge Area Board would be held on Thursday 26 January 2012, 7pm at The Wiltshire Council Bradley Road Offices in Trowbridge.</p>