

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: Memorial Hall, Andover Road, Ludgershall, SP11 9LZ
Date: 19 March 2012
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.00 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Christopher Williams (Chairman), Cllr Mark Connolly (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Charles Howard

Wiltshire Council Officers

Mary Cullen - Community Area Manager (CAM)
Kevin Fielding - Democratic Services Officer
Alistair Cunningham - Service Director for Economy and Enterprise

Town and Parish Councillors

Tidworth Town Council – Ann Birch & Humph Jones
Ludgershall Town Council – Barry Crane, John Hollis & Owen White
Chute Parish Council – Carolyn Wall
Enford Parish Council – Martin Webb
Everleigh Parish Council – Dennis Bottomley
Netheravon Parish Council – Ian Blair-Pilling

Partners

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Scott Taylor & Mike Bagwell
Tidworth Garrison – Col Paddy Tabor
Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell
Wellington Academy – Andy Scofield
Youth Services – Wendy Higginson
Extended Services – Julie Tremlin

Total in attendance: 55

<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 welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board and gave everybody in attendance the opportunity to introduce themselves.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Stan Bagwell - Enford PC, Caroline Rowells - Leonard Cheshire Disability, David Wildman – Chamber of Commerce and Ken Beard - Ludgershall TC.</p>
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Agenda Item No.12iic Olympic and Jubilee awards to Tidworth & Ludgershall town councils Cllr Mark Connolly – Personal interest, member of Tidworth town council.</p>
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the 16 January 2012 meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The following announcements were briefly mentioned:</p> <p>Lord Lieutenant's Event – 1 May 2012 The chairman advised that the Millenium Tapestry currently on display in the Memorial Hall would be taken to the event and would be on display in the Tidworth Community Area tent, the Enford Camera Club were expected to attend the event as well as a display of items of local memorabilia which Tony Pickernell was providing.</p> <p>The Localism Act The report included in the agenda pack was noted.</p>
6.	<p><u>Great Western Ambulance Service - response times</u></p> <p>Liam Williams – Director of Nursing Operations and John Oliver -</p>

Communications Department, Great Western Ambulance Service gave a presentation that outlined how the GWAS responded to emergency calls.

Points made included:

- That an eight minute response time was standard for the GWAS as a whole.
- The GWAS had a high level of clinical skill mix in its vehicles and control room.
- Resources were deployed where most likely to be needed.
- Responding to low-activity (rural) communities was a challenge faced by the GWAS.
- In the Ludgershall & Tidworth area the GWAS responded to some 342 “red” calls, (response in 8 minutes) during April – December 2011, which equated to 1.24 calls/day.
- Good to see community defibrillators being established across the county.
- Great Western Ambulance Service was planning a partnership with South Western Ambulance Service, which would make more resources available for frontline services as well as capitalising on SWAST’s experience of providing services to rural areas.

Question raised from the floor included:

- Would the new service have to cover to large an area?
a.No, the new service would reduce back office staff, which would free up more staff for frontline services.
- Why can’t Ludgershall Fire Station be used to deploy ambulances from?
a.The Fire Service are co-responders, GWAS will look into this, although they have been in discussions with the Army with a view to locating Ambulances at the Tidworth garrison medical centre.
- Should the public be better educated in what is important when phoning for an ambulance.
a.Yes, some calls made could be dealt with by Surgeries or NHS Direct etc.

The Chairman thanked Liam Williams and John Oliver for their presentation.

7.	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) -update</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Connolly gave the CAT-G update, a report was included in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding. • Schemes proposed for 2012/13. • C Class and Unclassified Roads Speed Limit Reviews. • SID allocation. • Contentious HGV signs at Devizes. <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Area Board notes the CATG funding position, the balance carried forward to 2012/13 and the allocation for the new financial year. • That the Board approves the allocation of £5950 to the traffic calming scheme at Cadley Road, Collingbourne Ducis, subject to the Parish Council funding the remaining £2,000 required. • The Board approves in principle funding for provision of a bus stop at Harefield Crescent, Netheravon, subject to new costings being provided, to be formalised at the next Area Board. • The Board agrees the C32 and C9 roads are put forward for Speed Limit Review • The Board agrees the SID site deployment programme for 2012/13. • The Board delegates future decisions on SID deployment to the CATG. • The Board approves the sending of letters as attached to the CAT-G report at Appendix B, regarding the contentious HGV signs at Devizes. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Connolly for his update.</p>
8.	<p><u>Tidworth Voices - DVD</u></p> <p>An extract from the Tidworth Voices DVD, which highlighted the experiences of wives of servicemen based at the Tidworth Garrison was shown.</p> <p>It was agreed that the DVD was a very useful piece of work which highlighted a group who are probably overlooked in the Area Board process and gave a great view of service life from the wives prospective.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mary Cullen for her efforts in putting the DVD together.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Community Operations Board - update</u></p> <p>Cllr Charles Howard outlined the proposed membership of the Tidworth Shadow Community Operations Board that would oversee the establishment of a Tidworth community campus.</p> <p>The table below lists the proposed membership.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council Officer x1 - Transformation Team Officer Rachel Goff, agreed deputy - Transformation Team Officer.</p> <p>Area Board Representative x1 - Cllr Charles Howard.</p> <p>Town/Parish Council x1 - Cllr Barry Crane.</p> <p>Education and Young People x1 - Julie Tremlin.</p> <p>Wider Community x1 - Sgt Mark Freeman, agreed deputy - David Wildman.</p> <p>User and Community Groups x3 – Andrew Connolly, Tony Pickernell & Col Paddy Tabor.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed membership was ratified by the Tidworth Area Board. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Howard for his update.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Waste Site Allocation Clarification</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Connolly and Alistair Cunningham gave a brief update on waste site allocation within the community area.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waste site would not be sited on the Castledown Business Park. • Since the Allocation consultation had concluded, it had been established that most of the site at Everleigh was in fact owned by Wiltshire Council. • Wiltshire Council had no plans to site a strategic waste site at Everleigh. • The Everleigh site would be better suited for use as a household recycling centre. • That the Environment Agency had clarified that the aquifer was in fact

	<p>highly vulnerable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was still the possibility of siting a household recycling centre at Somme Road, Tidworth. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Mark Connolly and Alistair Cunningham for their update.</p>
11.	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils, the Police, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, the Army, NHS, TCAP and other Partners</u></p> <p>To receive any verbal updates, in addition the following written updates were attached to the agenda:</p> <p>Wiltshire Police The written update was noted.</p> <p>Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service Scott Taylor & Mike Bagnall, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service gave a presentation to outline proposed operational changes.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>The Need for change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fire & Rescue Services were looking to create a Fire Service for the future. • Review its current service delivery. • The Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR 2010) had delivered a 25% cut in formula grant for the Fire and Rescue Service nationally. <p>Proposed change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A salary system for retained staff. • To alter the whole time duty systems, altering shifts to run from 7am-7pm. • Create communities for service resilience.

Special Appliances

- Reviewing of specialist appliance locations.
- Specialist vehicles.
- Modernisation of the current fleet of appliances.
- Review current service delivery.

Points made from the floor included:

- Will stations be closed under the proposals?
a.No, stations would remain as they are, no frontline appliances would be lost.
- Are any other fire services working under the proposals put forward tonight?
a.Yes, Lancashire, Kent and Dorset.
- Would retained fire fighters lose out financially under the new proposals?
a.No, pay would be enhanced to counter this, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service were looking to become a primary employer.

An interactive vote was taken to gauge how people felt about the proposals, which showed that 59% of the meeting agreed with their implementation.

The Chairman thanked Scott Taylor & Mike Bagnall for their update.

The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.

NHS Wiltshire.

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Tidworth Garrison - Col Paddy Tabor.

- Around four thousand members of the Tidworth garrison would be leaving to take up postings overseas during March 2012.
- Netheravon West Camp is due to close on the 30 March 2012.
- Work on a new garrison theatre had started, this was a major project with

some six-seven million pounds being spent on it.

- A new wing at Tedworth House is expected to be open from September 2012.
- This year's Rundle Cup polo match would be held on Saturday 14 July.
- Viola Water had advised that no immediate water shortages were anticipated.

Tidworth Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell.

- TCAP now have a regular spot on Castledown Radio.
- The new community plan is underway with the household survey nearly completed.
- Members were needed for the TCAP Communications theme group.
- The cut off date of nominations for the 2012 Community Awards which would be held at the Wellington Academy on Friday 6 April 2012 was Friday 30 March.

Wellington Academy – Andy Scofield

- Army Welfare staff would be working with the Wellington Academy in light of the major deployment during March 2012.

Ludgershall Town Council

- Planning was on-going for the Olympic Torch and Jubilee celebrations.

Tidworth & Ludgershall Young People – Wendy Higginson

- Recent street based youth work in Tidworth was well received.
- Good work being carried out on Sexual Health and Alcohol Awareness.
- This year's summer youth programme is currently being planned.
- Peer mentoring training at the Wellington Academy which looked at smoking was well received.

	<p>4 Children – Betty Dobson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support would be available for the families of soldiers involved in the March deployment, sessions were planned to start at the end of March. <p>Castledown Radio – Baz Riley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castledown Radio were putting together a request show for the deployed soldiers. <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p>
12.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors considered three applications seeking 2011/2012 Community Area Grant Funding.</p> <p>Decision St Andrew’s Parochial Church Council were awarded £570 towards improving community facilities</p> <p>Reason The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which notes the ongoing need for community facilities and services across the Tidworth community area.</p> <p>Decision Ludgershall Skate Park Committee were awarded £5,000 towards developing a skate park.</p> <p>Reason The application meets the Community Grants criteria in provision of services and facilities across the community area, to meet the needs of young people.</p> <p>Member Led Area Board Projects</p> <p>Decision Support to Summer Activities Programme run by Extended Services – sponsored by Cllr Chris Williams - awarded £3,500.</p> <p>Decision Support to represent Tidworth Community area at the Lord Lieutenants event – sponsored by Cllr Mark Connolly - awarded £2,000.</p>

	<p>Decision Support to Tidworth & Ludgershall Jubilee/Olympics celebrations – sponsored by Cllr Charles Howard - awarded £5,000.</p> <p>Youth Initiatives Funding</p> <p>Decision Collingbourne Scout Group Club relaunch-resources to support relaunch - awarded £648.</p> <p>Decision Cheeky Monkeys Playgroup, soft play area - awarded £1349.99.</p> <p>Decision Extended Services Primary Cluster Arts project to produce Jubilee/Olympic silk banners - awarded £1,000.</p>
13.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and advised that the next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board would be held on Monday 21 May 2012 at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall.</p>