

MINUTES

Meeting: MELKSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Melksham Town Hall, Melksham, SN12 6ES
Date: 12 December 2012
Start Time: 7:00pm
Finish Time: 9:10pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jonathon Seed (Chairman), Cllr Rod Eaton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mark Griffiths, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Steve Petty, Cllr Roy While and Cllr Jane Scott OBE

Wiltshire Council Officers

Alison Sullivan - Community Area Manager
Kevin Fielding - Democratic Services Officer
Niki Lewis – Service Director

Town and Parish Councils

Melksham Town Council – Chris Petty
Atworth Parish Council – Effie Gale-Sides
Melksham Without Parish Council – Mike Mills & Rolph Brindle

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Lisette Harvey
Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Mike Franklin
Community Area Partnership – Colin Goodhind

Total in attendance: 80

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introduction</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Melksham Town Hall, and then introduced the Wiltshire councillors who made up the area board as well as Cllr Jane Scott OBE, Leader of Wiltshire Council who was in attendance.</p> <p>The Chairman was pleased to see that a good many young people were in attendance, these were winners at the recent "You Decide" youth event.</p>
2	<p><u>"You Decide" Event -Update</u></p> <p>Cllr John Hubbard introduced a short film which highlighted the success and positive feedback that was received from the Youth Budgeting event that had been held at the Assembly Hall on the 14 November 2012.</p> <p>It was agreed that the event had been very inspiring, with all eight presentations being well received and obtaining grant funding from the Melksham Area Board.</p> <p>Cllr Hubbard paid tribute to the staff at Extended Services, especially Becky Hatfield for the administrative support that she had provided to make the event such a success.</p> <p>The Area Board was thanked for granting the funding to make the presentations become reality, as was the Town Council and local businesses who had backed the event.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the young people in attendance, along with Cllr Jon Hubbard for arranging and hosting such a great evening.</p>
3	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The following announcements contained in the pack and tabled on the night were mentioned briefly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). • Welfare Reforms film. • Wilts & Berks Canal update – Ken Oliver, Canal Officer, Wiltshire Council was in attendance to answer any questions.

4	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Paul Wiltshire – Broughton Gifford Parish Council and Phil McMullen – Melksham Community Area Partnership.</p>
5	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the 10 October 2012 meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Agenda Item No.11 - Grant application from Melksham & District Guides. Cllr Steve Petty, Chairman of Melksham Lions Club who are supporters of Melksham & District Guides.</p> <p>Agenda Item No11 – Councillor led grant initiative. Cllr Jon Hubbard who is the Chairman of Extended Services, Melksham.</p>
7	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The following Partner updates were noted:</p> <p>Melksham Youth Advisory Group (YAG) – Carl Haughton</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAG were now visiting local Primary Schools showing their “Don’t Litter” video. • YAG had received funding at Youth Budgeting event to make a film about Mental Health, which it would show to local Secondary Schools. • YAG were looking to arrange a meeting with the new Police & Crime Commissioner to see where and how young people fitted into his plans. <p>Community Area Partnership Representative – Colin Goodhind</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCAP had facilitated a meeting with Water Action Group, which highlighted the Wilts & Berks, Melksham canal link and where Melksham fits into the national canal picture.

- MCAP looking for any feedback on the proposed Melksham canal link, feedback received so far had been positive.
- Enhanced Melksham Town Centre CCTV – MCAP were putting together a survey to decide where the new cameras should be sited.
- Were continuing to feed into the SCOB process
- Were working with two other Area Partnerships to try and improve local bus services.
- MCAP had taken a stand at the recent Melksham Food & Drink Festival.

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Lisette Harvey

- The written report contained in the agenda pack was noted, with reference to domestic burglaries from houses and sheds over the Christmas period.

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

- The written report contained in the agenda pack was noted, with reference to the importance of users of open fires fitting carbon monoxide alarms.

NHS Wiltshire

- The written report contained in the agenda pack was noted.

Melksham Town Council – Chris Petty

- Nothing to report.

Parish Council Nominated Representatives

- Nothing to report.

Melksham Chambers of Commerce

- Not present at the meeting.

	<p>Shadow Community Operations Board (SCOB) – Cllr Roy While</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very encouraged by the attendance at the last Area Board where the Campus was discussed, over two hundred local people turned out to this event. • The SCOB were now meeting with officers from Wiltshire Council to decide how the tender process would be carried out to appoint the campus architects. • SCOB were still keen to talk with any local parties about the SCOB plans. • Archaeological surveys were planned for the campus site in the near future. <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p>
8	<p><u>Understanding Autism</u></p> <p>Maria Cattelona – Disabilities Commissioning Officer, Wiltshire Council and Polly Harrison – Wilts Parent Carer Council gave a presentation that looked to promote more understanding and acceptance about the nature of autism in the local area: improved recognition, awareness and minor adjustments in the community would (alone), contribute significantly.</p> <p>A paper on “Understanding Autism” was tabled at the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Maria Cattelona and Polly Harrison for an illuminating presentation.</p>
9	<p><u>The Legacy of 2012</u></p> <p>Councillor Jane Scott, Leader, Wiltshire Council & Laurie Bell, Director of Communications, Wiltshire Council gave a presentation that recapped the Summer celebrations for the Jubilee and the Olympics, and discussed the effect the year of celebration had had on the community and how to carry on the legacy through 2013 and beyond.</p> <p>Points covered included:</p> <p>Key Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen’s Diamond Jubilee – 1 May.

- Olympic Torch Relay – 22 & 23 May inc lunchtime stop at Clarendon College, Trowbridge.
- Olympic Torch Relay – 11 & 12 July.
- Festival of Celebration – 11 July, Hudson’s Field.
- Michael Johnson – 12 July, Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral.

The Impact – community

- Over 225,000 people attended the events – half the population of Wiltshire.
- Hundreds of street parties, events, concerts and activities held across county.
- Atmosphere of celebration.
- Reason to bring communities together.

The Impact – economy

- Additional spend on events days est. over £1 million – not including tourism impact.
- Hotels and B & B’s in Salisbury fully booked w/c 9 July.
- Visit Wiltshire website highest monthly number of visits since records began in 2008.
- Substantial return on investment (£290,000).

The Impact – publicity

- Queen’s Diamond Jubilee event – local, regional, national and international – advertising value £191,000 – circulation 100 million.
- Olympic torch and Hudson’s Field so far... local, regional, national and international – advertising value £890,000 – circulation of 250 million +.
- Footage of Stonehenge and Michael Johnson coverage – advertising value £2.7million – circulation 50 million + per day.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire may become host for part of the 2017, Tour de France Cycle race. <p>The Impact – culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biggest partnership event. • Robust resilience – keeping the county safe. • Close working with area boards and town and parish councils. • Great team building – over 1,000 Wiltshire Council staff worked the events. • Many people took on different roles and expanded their skills and experience. • Lasting relationships formed... <p>The Impact – legacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to build on the success of this year. • Setting up a Legacy Board. • Focus on; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Health and sport for all – free swimming. – The economy – series of business events and promotions. – Communities – an annual event or activity in every area? – Working in partnership to deliver more. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Scott and Laurie Bell for their presentation.</p>
10	<p><u>Cabinet Member Questions - Cllr Jane Scott OBE</u></p> <p>The Chairman then opened the floor for questions for Cllr Scott.</p> <p>Questions raised from the floor included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could Wiltshire monuments such as Stonehenge and Silbury Hill be made more open to visitors? <i>a. Yes, Cllr Scott would discuss this with Wiltshire Heritage.</i> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Scott taking the question and attending the Area Board.</p>

11	<p><u>Any Other Items of Public Concern</u></p> <p>Ken Spencer – Atworth Transport Action Group had concerns that issues raised on the Area Board website issues system were being closed before they had been actioned. Mr Spencer felt that the person who had raised the issue should be notified before the issue was closed, or that the issuer should close it when they were satisfied that any actions had been carried out.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that this would be looked into at a future CAT-G meeting.</p> <p>Delays in implementing Community Speedwatch in the Snowberry Lane area of Melksham.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he would follow this up.</p>
12	<p><u>Grants and Funding</u></p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider two Community Area Grant applications.</p> <p>Decision Melksham & District guides were awarded £1,000 for improvements to the Guide HQ .</p> <p>Reason <i>The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; provide recreational activities for young people.</i></p> <p>Decision Melksham Scout Group were awarded £1,000 to replace the broken sewage drains and make more accessible the outside space at the Scout Hut.</p> <p>Reason <i>The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; provide recreational activities for young people.</i></p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider two small grant applications.</p> <p>Decision Keevil Village Hall Management Committee were awarded £210 towards the purchase of a projector screen.</p> <p>Reason <i>The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: supporting adults and young people.</i></p> <p>Decision Steeple Ashton Christmas lights group were £350 towards the cost of the village Christmas tree lights and decorations.</p>

	<p>Reason <i>This project will enable the community to get together and gather for events around the Christmas tree in the local village. This project will provide a focus for the village, young people and older people and help to keep the community spirit-that was demonstrated during the diamond jubilee, alive.</i></p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider one councillor led initiative.</p> <p>Decision Councillor Jon Hubbard on behalf of Extended Services were awarded £4,976 to run a participatory budgeting event for young people in Melksham who will be able to bid for funding for projects and a street based youth worker.</p> <p>Reason <i>This project will enable extended services to run another successful event on behalf of the Area Board for young people. The young people will put forward their plans for projects in their own locality and bid on them within a participatory budgeting format and also for the continuation of street based youth work.</i></p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider the second tranche of funding for the Community Partnership.</p> <p>Decision The Community Area Partnership were awarded £4,999 for the second tranche of funding to continue their work on the community plan on behalf of the area board.</p>
13	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>6 February 2013, Seend Community Centre.</p>
14	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.</p>