

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** DEVIZES AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Devizes Sports Club  
**Date:** 24 May 2010  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.00 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Philip Brown, Cllr Jane Burton, Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE, Cllr Laura Mayes (Chairman) and Cllr Jeffrey Ody (Vice Chairman)

### **Cabinet Representative**

Cllr Keith Humphries (Health and Wellbeing)

### **Service Director**

Mandy Bradley (Director of Public Protection)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Peter Binley (Highway Network Maintenance Manager), Jonathan Gale (Community Area Manager), Carolyn Gibson (Principal Planning Officer) and Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Devizes Town – Sue Evans, Peter Evans\*, Simon Fisher (Deputy Town Clerk) and Margaret Taylor  
Easterton – S White  
Erlestoke – Stan Jonik  
Etchilhampton – M Woods  
Roundway – Chris Callow\* and Peter Moorcroft  
Roundway – Rick Rowland and J Von Berg

Rowde – J Bawden and Janet Giles  
Urchfont – Peter Cook and Nicola Mitchell  
West Lavington – Kevin Dyer

\* Denotes nominated representative

**Partners**

Wiltshire Police – PC Adam Hall and Acting Inspector Andy Peach  
NHS Wiltshire – Jeff James and Maggie Rae

Devizes Community Area Partnership – Doug Roseaman and Paula Winchcombe  
(Chair of Health and Social Care Forum)  
CPRE – Jim Batt  
Devizes Development Partnership – Peter Lay, Mitch Roberts and N Woolrych  
Devizes Health Matters – Judy Rose  
Future of Rowde – Jan Barber  
Trust for Devizes – Ted East

**Members of Public in Attendance: 24**

**Total in Attendance: 66**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Welcome, Introductions and Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Councillors and Officers present.</p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the announcements included in the agenda pack. Councillor Mayes highlighted that the Area Board met immediately after the Annual Council meeting on 18 May to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the next municipal year. She was pleased to announce that she would remain Chairman and Councillor Ody Vice Chairman for the next municipal year.</p> <p>Information was also provided about changes to youth worker staffing allocations, consultation on the Air Quality Strategy for Wiltshire document and the Annual Programme of Highways Work for 2010-11, as in the agenda pack.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Claire Perry, Conservative MP for Devizes.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the meetings held on 22 March 2010 and 18 May 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.</b></p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Brown declared a personal interest in the Community Area Grants Scheme application from Rowde Parish and Rowde Youth Councils (Item No. 12). He did not vote on the item.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Cabinet Representative - Councillor Keith Humphries</u></p> <p>Councillor Humphries gave a brief overview of his Cabinet responsibility for Health and Wellbeing. This involved two main components; protection and safety and working with the NHS.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Review of the Year and Issues Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman highlighted what Devizes Area Board had achieved in its first year. Since the first meeting in July 2009 there had been five meetings with 611 attendees in total. 70 community issues had</p>	

been logged and 24 had been solved. Progress had been made through bringing local government to the community.

Main issues that had been raised at the first meeting were:

- Provision for youth
- Traffic
- Condition of roads
- Grants for small groups
- The NHS
- Development creep
- Inclusion of the villages
- Dropped kerbs and pavements
- Signage
- The Brittox

Highlights of the Area Board included:

- Holding the first Area Board youth orientated meeting
- Setting up a transport pilot scheme in Market Lavington
- Creating a skate park working group
- Holding a dedicated traffic meeting
- Having the NHS and Highways Officers regularly attending meetings
- Giving over £30,109 to community groups, equating to over £117,527 with matched funding
- Holding a dedicated NHS meeting
- Having an increase in the budget available for potholes
- Creating an Assize Court and the Wharf working party
- The Devizes Development Partnership plan for the Brittox
- The Devizes Community Area Partnership progress on refreshing the Community Area plan

The Chairman acknowledged the Area Board still had work to do regarding:

- Results of the Local Development Framework consultation
- Signage
- Inclusion of the villages
- Improving the issues system
- Including parish councils in agenda setting
- Giving people a fair chance to speak at meetings.

The Area Board had made a good start, but much remained to be done. Ideas for future projects would be discussed at the next Area Board meeting on Monday 19 July. The Chairman thanked everyone for their support and guidance over the last year.

#### **Decision**

**A future Devizes Area Board meeting would be dedicated to**

	<p><b>the villages in the area.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Provision of an off road track on Salisbury Plain would be resurrected as a main issue from the first Area Board meeting.</b></p> <p>The Community Area Manager then provided a brief summary of issues in the Community Area. A log of the community issues submitted and progress made was available to view online at:  <a href="http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboard_issues_search.php?issue_location_in=Devizes">http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboard_issues_search.php?issue_location_in=Devizes</a></p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Partner Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The written update from Wiltshire Police was noted.</li> <li>b) The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted.</li> <li>c) Jeff James, Chief Executive of Wiltshire Primary Care Trust, provided an update on health matters.</li> </ul> <p>Rationalising the use of existing facilities in Devizes and the Green Lane and Southgate House sites for the new Primary Care Centre were under consideration. The agenda of the new Government regarding the NHS was becoming clear and there were no indicators that plans for a new Primary Care Centre would not go ahead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) The written update from Devizes Community Area Partnership was noted. Paula Winchcombe added that the Annual General Meeting of the Partnership would take place at 6.00pm on 8 June at Nurstead Community Centre, with all welcome.</li> </ul> <p>Concern was raised by Councillor Grundy over the splitting of effort related to health matters in Devizes. There was a second health group, unrelated to the constituted Partnership. Judy Rose spoke about an open meeting with Claire Perry to discuss health matters from 7.00-9.00pm on 30 June in Devizes Town Hall. This group would focus on health matters only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) Councillor Ody spoke about the Traffic Working Party. The Party was dealing with a bus stop on Estcourt Street outside Morrisons that was felt to be an obstructive feature. Bath Road was due to be resurfaced in early June and this would involve nightly closing on week days when traffic would be</li> </ul>	

	<p>diverted. There would be road works on London Road from mid June to late September for sewerage works and the installation of two crossings. A traffic survey would take place on Tuesday 25 May. The Party sought the approval of the Area Board to move forward a pedestrian crossing on Long Street.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Traffic Working Party had the support of the Area Board for a pedestrian crossing on Long Street.</b></p> <p>Councillor Gamble announced that with great regret the taxi bus service in the Devizes area had to be withdrawn due to financial reasons.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Reducing Unnecessary Street Lighting in Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Peter Binley, Highway Network Maintenance Manager gave a presentation on a scheme to reduce unnecessary street lighting in Wiltshire, for communities to reduce their carbon footprint, reduce light pollution of the night sky and reduce energy costs. Peter Binley asked for volunteers to take part in the scheme, please contact Community Area Manager Jonathan Gale on 01380 734617 or <a href="mailto:jonathan.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk">jonathan.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> if interested.</p> <p>The Chairman of Urchfont Parish Council, where a pilot of the scheme had taken place, commented that in general the scheme had been well received. However there had been concerns raised by the local newsagent and certain lights had been reinstated.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Local Development Framework Feedback</u></p> <p>Carolyn Gibson, Principal Planning Officer, gave a report on responses to the Local Development Framework.</p> <p>This covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Core Strategy</li> <li>• The consultation process</li> <li>• Issues raised in Devizes Community Area</li> <li>• Proposed actions to respond to issues raised</li> <li>• Next steps for the Core Strategy</li> <li>• Creating a green infrastructure for the town</li> </ul> <p>To find out more and to receive notification of future consultation events, please visit the link below and search for Devizes:</p>	

	<a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk</a>	
10.	<p><u>Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Maggie Rae, Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, introduced herself and her role. She provided information on responses to the excellent health fair event and workshop held on Monday 8 February.</p> <p>Findings from the event and workshop were that improving cancer screening rates and childhood obesity were priorities in the Devizes Community Area. Breastfeeding rates could also be improved. Please contact Community Area Manager Jonathan Gale on 01380 734617 or <a href="mailto:jonathan.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk">jonathan.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> for a full health report.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Maggie Rae and Jonathan Gale would work together to address health priorities in Devizes Community Area with the support of the Area Board.</b></p>	
11.	<p><u>CCTV in Devizes</u></p> <p>Councillor Gamble and Peter Lay, Chairman of Devizes Development Partnership, spoke about CCTV in Devizes.</p> <p>The Devizes Development Partnership is an association of private and public sector bodies and individuals dedicated to the improvement of Devizes for businesses and local people. CCTV had since then contributed to a significant reduction in crime and anti social behaviour in the town. Devizes Development Partnership had delivered CCTV in the town for the last three years at a low cost and with the benefit of a low subsidy from what was Kennet District Council and from Devizes Town Council. The subsidy was now in doubt as Wiltshire Council, the successor to Kennet, was reviewing its policy on CCTV. This left the CCTV system in immediate need.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Wiltshire Council would provide sufficient funds to maintain the current CCTV system, with both capital and revenue, in this financial year and until the Council's policy review of CCTV was completed.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Jonathan Gale would cooperate with Peter Lay to provide further information on CCTV effectiveness to the parishes.</b></p>	

12.	<p><u>Community Area Grants Scheme</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the four funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Rowde Parish and Rowde Youth Councils were awarded £3,168 towards completion of a skateboarding facility.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <i>The application meets grant criteria for 2010/11 and would provide a diversionary activity to reduce anti social behaviour, provide an additional sport facility, encourage exercise and was a specific outcome in the Rowde Future Plan.</i></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Blues n Zuz were awarded £750 towards transport and other costs.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <i>The application meets grant criteria for 2010/11 and would provide a diversionary activity to reduce anti social behaviour.</i></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>All Cannings Church were awarded £5,000 towards installation of water supply, WC and kitchenette.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <i>The application meets grant criteria for 2010/11 and the application would allow a more varied use of the church and would make it easier for the school to use the church.</i></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Devizes Carnival Committee were awarded £2,700 towards event promotion.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <i>The application meets grant criteria for 2010/11 and demonstrates a link to the Community Plan around culture, tourism and economy.</i></p>	
13.	<p><u>Outside Body Appointments</u></p> <p>The appointments to outside bodies which were made by the Board last year would continue for 2010/11.</p>	



	<p>Devizes Community Area Partnership – Councillor Brown</p> <p>Devizes District Association for the Disabled Executive Committee – Councillor Burton and Councillor Ody</p> <p>Devizes Development Partnership – Councillor Carter and Councillor Gamble</p> <p>Devizes Youth Issues Group – Councillor Mayes and Councillor Grundy</p> <p>Viridor Credits Panel/Steering Group Wiltshire – Councillor Carter</p>	
14.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked those at the meeting. The next Area Board meeting would take place on Monday 19 July 2010 at Devizes School, with refreshments available from 6.30pm.</p>	