

MINUTES

Meeting: TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD
Place: Ridgeway space - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: 16 January 2014
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.05 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Nick Blakemore, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Dennis Drewett, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve (Vice Chairman), Cllr Helen Osborn, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Graham Payne (Chairman) and Cllr Horace Prickett

Cllr Trevor Carbin (Bradford-Upon-Avon Area Board).

Wiltshire Council Officers

Barbara Gray, Senior Events and Campaigns Officer.
Rachel Efemey, Community Area Manager.
David Parkes, Democratic Service Officer.
Ken Oliver, Countryside Officer.
Paul Harris, Principle Highways Enforcement Officer.
Peter Tyas, Arts and Archives.
Mark Banks, Highways and Streetscene.

Town and Parish Councillors

Trowbridge Town Council – Bob Brice, David Halik
North Bradley Parish Council – Roger Evans
Southwick Parish Council – Kath Noble, Stephen Carey.

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Lisette Harvey

Trowbridge Young Advisory Group – Becky Bignold, Damian Meaden.

Trowbridge Community Area Future – Tracy Sullivan

Wiltshire People First – Lucy Key

Trowbridge Sports Forum – Sean Price

Trowbridge Civic Society – Janet Carpenter

Trowbridge Town Hall Trust – Ian Walker

Police & Crime Commission – Commissioner Angus Macpherson

Total in attendance: 65

<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 Graham Payne, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Trowbridge Area Board.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting, the Board had received presentations from successful grant applicants from the year 2012/13, as follows:</p> <p>Friends of Southwick Country Park Trowbridge Town Council Wiltshire People First Trowbridge Rugby Football Club Trowbridge in Bloom Trowbridge Learning Centre Friends of Biss Meadow Country Park Sounding it Out Community Choir Trowbridge Civic Society Trowbridge Chamber of Commerce World Evangelism Bible Church</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>An apology was received from Mike Franklin from the Wiltshire Fire Service.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 November were presented for consideration, and it was, Resolved: To APPROVE as a true and correct record and sign the minutes with one amendment; page 4, paragraph 6, should read "...voiced their support for the development of the park".</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillors Graham Payne, Jeff Osborn, John Knight and Helen Osborn all declared general, non-pecuniary interests in Trowbridge Town Council issues due to being members of the Town Council.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Payne declared an interest in item 8, A, i and was therefore substituted by Councillor Stephen Oldrieve as Chairman due to Councillor</p>

	Payne's current role as Trowbridge Sea Cadets Unit Treasurer.
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>Through the Chair, there were the following announcements (p.15 of the agenda):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). ii) CCG Integrated Performance Management Report. iii) Broadmead Pond Restoration – phase 1 of maintenance work shall start on 20th January 2014 for one week.
6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates from partners were received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wiltshire Police The written update was noted. Inspector Lisette Harvey noted the domestic burglaries figure within the report which had now fallen. Inspector Harvey also thanked local people for their awareness and for reporting their concerns to Wiltshire Police. Social networking was also discussed as it can be a useful tool to provide preventative and informative messages to the public. ii. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service The written update was noted. Public consultation is to be opened in March. iii. NHS Wiltshire No update received. iv. Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) The written update was noted. v. Town and Parish Councils The written update discussing budget setting was noted from Trowbridge Town Council. vi. Youth Advisory Group (YAG) The YAG provided a verbal update and stated that three new members were to join. They will be looking to further engage with younger people in the future.
7	<u>Outside Body Updates</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Transforming Trowbridge – A meeting will be held in the following week and a report will be provided in March. ii) Collaborative Schools – The next scheduled meeting has been postponed until March. iii) Trowbridge Shadow Community Operations Board – The next meeting will be Tuesday 21st January and a printed report was circulated.
8	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the following applications to the Community Area Grant Scheme 2013/14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>Trowbridge Sea Cadets Unit</u> The sum of £1,000 was requested to repair the unit roof. <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board awarded the sum of £1000 to Trowbridge Sea Cadets Unit. <i>Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2013/14.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. <u>Trowbridge Sports Forum</u> The sum of £5,000 was requested to purchase a mini bus. <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board awarded the sum of £5,000 to Trowbridge Sports Forum. <i>Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2013/14.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. <u>West Wilts Model Railway Circle</u> The sum of £345.70 was requested to insulate the roof of the new clubroom and exhibition area. <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board awarded the sum of £345.70 to West Wilts Model Railway Circle. <i>Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2013/14.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. <u>Wiltshire Mind</u> The sum of £494 was requested for the purchase of a new laptop for the Trowbridge Peer Support Social Group. <p><u>Decision</u></p>

The Area Board awarded the sum of £494 to Wiltshire Mind.
Reason: *The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2013/14.*

v. Big Community Grow

The sum of £1,000 was requested for the purchase of a new marquee for the Big Community Grow.

Decision

The Area Board awarded the sum of £1,000 to Big Community Grow.

vi. Mead Community School PTA

The sum of £500 was requested for the purchase of a replacement gardening club shed for the Mead Community School PTA.

Decision

The Area Board awarded the sum of £500 to the Mead Community School PTA.

b. Councillor Led Area Board Projects

i. Councillor Graham Payne – £5,000 requested to improve Trowbridge Park Bandstand.

Decision

The Area Board awarded the sum of £5,000 to improve the Trowbridge Park bandstand.

c. WW1 Centenary

i. A report by Rachel Efemey, Wiltshire Council, was considered to allocate £10,000 from the AB budget to local events that will commemorate the WW1 Centenary.

	<p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>The Area Board awarded the sum of £10,000 to from the area board to local events that will commemorate the WW1 Centenary.</p>
9	<p><u>Legacy for Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Barbara Gray (Senior Events & Campaign Officer) provided an update on the events and activities following the success of the 2012 and how the county is delivering a legacy as a result of this extraordinary year. Throughout 2014, there will be a series of major events which will impact on communities across the county. These include plans for commemorations of WW1, The Big Pledge, Cycle Wiltshire and Wiltshire Expo.</p> <p>A handout was provided to members and networking events were discussed. There are more events planned to boost the local economy and support local businesses. There is to be a dinner on March 13th which will create funding for local sporting talents to sponsor their training. The Olympic School Games is to be supported, as well as a large cycling event in May. The creation of a foundation to fundraise for young sports people was raised. Mrs Gray stated that it will be the local champions and their creativity that will build the legacy here in Wiltshire.</p>
10	<p><u>2014/15 Council Budget Update</u></p> <p>The written updated was provided as Michael Hudson was unable to attend.</p>
11	<p><u>2014/15 Police and Crime Commissioner Precept</u></p> <p>Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, consulted on the 2014/15 precept. Grants have been reduced by 23% and the funding gap will be £25M (including inflation) by 2016/17. Wiltshire and Swindon Police Force are one of the most efficient and low cost forces per capita in the country. The precept at present is very low, as well as being one of the lowest spending authorities in the country in relation to neighbourhood spending. There has been a 13% reduction in officers and 19% reduction in support staff since 2010. There has been a suggestion of a £3.15 increase to the precept per annum for a band D property rather than a referendum which would ultimately prove too costly.</p> <p>The Force is one of the first in the country to start recruiting and there is a need to recruit more PCSOs as some have now become regular police officers.</p>

	<p>There is a need for investment into IT as it is currently not sufficient. Communications in Devizes will be upgraded as this will provide a better service to the public. Finally, a printed form for feedback was provided to improve the consultation process.</p>
12	<p><u>Ashton Street Day Care Centre Update</u></p> <p>Rhonda Ward, (Head of Service Operation), Wiltshire Council, provided an update on the plans for the Ashton Street Day centre and the service it provides. An autumn 2014 move to County Hall is targeted.</p>
13	<p><u>Towpath Boat Moorings and Boaters in the Trowbridge Community Area</u></p> <p>Ken Oliver, (Countryside Officer - Environmental Services), Wiltshire Council, presented a report on towpath moorings in the Trowbridge community area. There is an estimated 400/500 people living on boats in Wiltshire and the collection of council tax from this community is very difficult.</p>
14	<p><u>Street Trading Licensing Policy Amendments</u></p> <p>Paul Harris (Principle Highways Enforcement Officer), provided an update on the Street Trading Licensing Policy Amendments. Government consultation is taking place which will change national law and therefore do away with peddler's licenses.</p>
15	<p><u>Peter Black Site Update</u></p> <p>A written report from Tim Martienssen (Head of Service, Service Delivery, Economy and Regeneration), Wiltshire Council, was provided within the agenda.</p>
16	<p><u>Any Urgent Business and Forward Plan</u></p> <p>There was no urgent business.</p> <p>The forward plan and future meeting dates were considered. The Special Older People's Area Board will be held on 27th March at 10:00 at the Civic Centre, Trowbridge.</p> <p>The next Trowbridge Area Board will be held on 13th March at 7:00PM at the Civic Centre, Trowbridge.</p>
17	<p><u>Close</u></p>