

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** CALNE AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Corn Exchange, Calne Town Hall, The Strand, Calne SN11 0EN  
**Date:** 8 April 2014  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.15 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Glenis Ansell, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Alan Hill (Chairman) and Cllr Howard Marshall

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Will Kay (Youth Development Coordinator), David Parkes (Democratic Services Officer), Tracy Ruse (Highways), Sharon Smith (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and Jane Vaughan (Community Area Manager)

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Calne Without Parish Council – Cllr Ed Jones  
Cherhill Parish Council – Cllr David Evans  
Hilmarton Parish Council – Cllr Jeff Files

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Insp. Dave Hobman and WPC Sonya Sockhill  
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Darren Nixon and Tom Burns

**Total in attendance: 40**

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<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 and introduced the Councillors and officers present.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Tony Trotman, Judy Edwards (Calne Town Council) and Cllr Richard Aylen (Calne Without Parish Council).</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2014 and special meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the following written announcements included in the agenda pack, which were noted.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>a) Dementia Strategy Consultation</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>b) Library Memory Groups</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>c) Proposed changes to Connect2 Wiltshire Bus Services in the Calne Area</b></p> <p>In addition to the above, a further announcement was provided as follows.</p> <p><b>Future provision of Youth Services</b></p> <p>Cllr Laura Mayes (Cabinet member for Childrens Services) was welcomed to the floor to give a presentation on the consultation taking place in relation to the delivery of youth activity to ensure that future delivery met the changing needs of young people.</p> <p>Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The authority had a duty to provide leisure time activity (such as play parks)</li> <li>• A desire to consult with young people to seek their views on the type of</li> </ul>

	<p>activity required (noting that a small proportion of young people used the current service)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were approximately 2,294 young people in the Calne community area and the Board had allocated over £10,000 in grant funding in the last year for youth related projects. These included the bowl project, tennis club and football club.</li> <li>• The community were being consulted on 4 possible options, which were to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Retain the current in-house service but reduce the cost</li> <li>2) Outsource the service</li> <li>3) Encourage and support staff to form a Public Service Mutual</li> <li>4) Develop a community led approach</li> </ol> </li> <li>• The preferred option currently identified was option (4) which, if agreed, was likely to result in an allocation of funding to each Area Board to work with young people to meet community needs.</li> <li>• It was hoped that following consideration of the proposals by Cabinet the new service would be in place at the beginning of October.</li> <li>• Young people in attendance were keen to retain the services of the youth worker who they felt provided an invaluable role and welcomed the continued development of the skate bowl project.</li> <li>• The Youth Development Co-ordinator stated that attendance at the youth centre was good and asked that the Board note the positive outreach work of the Youth Centre which had contributed to the reduction in under age pregnancies in the community area.</li> <li>• How much funding would be provided and how this would be allocated.</li> <li>• The Chairman thanked Cllr Mayes for the presentation and encouraged all to respond to the consultation.</li> </ul>
6	<p><u>What Matters to You</u></p> <p>The Board were asked to consider the report provided in the agenda which included details of the priorities identified from the 'What Matters to You' event held on 18 March.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to participate in helping the Board identify key priorities to take forward over the forthcoming year by way of hand held voting remotes. In being asked to identify the top 3 community priorities, the results were as</p>

	<p>follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increase employment opportunities and youth activities (in consultation with young people) to address some anti-social behavioural incidents.</li> <li>2) Better opportunities for young people to get into work through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience.</li> <li>3) Recognise child poverty and childhood obesity and engage with parents to address it.</li> </ol> <p>Having considered the results of the survey, attendees were then invited to consider again the list provided and identify the top three priorities which they felt could be achieved over the forthcoming year. The results were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increase employment opportunities and youth activities (in consultation with young people) to address some anti-social behavioural incidents.</li> <li>2) Build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.</li> <li>3) Better opportunities for young people to get into work through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience.</li> </ol> <p>Ensuing discussion included the need to encourage more volunteering in the area and the benefits of further engagement with the Chamber of Commerce to build a positive reputation for Calne, ultimately increasing tourism and new business in the area.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all in attendance for their participation and confirmed that the Board would discuss the priorities further and present an update on how these could be taken forward at the next meeting.</p>
7	<p><u>The Calne Children's Centre</u></p> <p>Georgina Knape from the Calne Children's Centre was welcomed to the meeting and gave a presentation on the role of the centre as a 'one stop shop for families and children under five'.</p> <p>This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The centre offered support to children and families to encourage learning and development.</li> <li>• The activities available at the centre included promoting learning through play, stay and play sessions, support groups for parents and 1-1 support at home.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Centre were able to provide some financial assistance to low income families for trips.</li> <li>• Work undertaken by the Centre included ‘Story Jam’, a project part funded by the Area Board to encourage a love of reading by the whole family.</li> <li>• Centres were required by OfSTED to support families in targeted groups where deprivation within the community area had been identified.</li> <li>• From April 2014 the Centre would offer a sign-posting service for families with children aged between 5-11 which would run for the next 2 years.</li> </ul> <p>Ensuing discussion included how vulnerable families were identified and contacted which included the work undertaken by Health Visitors in promoting the work of the Centre. It was understood that central government recognised the positive work undertaken by the Centres themselves.</p>
8	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates were received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Wiltshire Police</b> - Inspector Dave Hobman was welcomed to the meeting and presented a written report (attached to these minutes) which was noted by the Board.</li> <li>b) <b>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</b> - A short film was provided which displayed the damage done by local fires and floods over the festive period.</li> <li>c) <b>Town and Parish Councils</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Calne Without Parish Council</b> - Cllr Ed Jones made the Board aware of ongoing problems at Mile Elm which would be raised at the next CATG meeting and thanked the Board for the funding granted for the digital projector project.</li> <li><b>Cherhill Parish Council</b> – The Parish would be consulting residents on the potential creation of a Neighbourhood Plan and reminded all of the memory club in Calne which met every fortnight and was due to meet again on 17 April.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Under this item clarification was made that Wiltshire Council had now designated Calne and Calne Without as one community area for the purposes of a Neighbourhood Plan and that a consultation was now able to place accordingly to seek the views of those residents.</p>
9	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p>

Councillors provided an update on community issues and progress on Calne Area Board working groups as follows:

- a) **Skateboard park working group** (Cllr Marshall) – The group were ready to begin construction work but it was discovered that the existing bowl was not fit for purpose and would now be demolished and rebuilt. A new application for planning permission had been submitted and tenders were out. Young people would be consulted and plans should dovetail around the first week of May.
- b) **Highways working group** (CATG) (Cllr Hill) – The next meeting was to be in two weeks time. An update on Balfour Beatty was provided and a table with vehicle speeds through Calne was displayed. The need for additional signage to prevent further accidents in light of a recent fatality was also discussed.
- c) **Calne Campus Working Group** (Cllr Crisp) – Considerable progress was being made in taking forward proposals for the Calne Campus, including discussions on the legal agreements required with Calne Town Council (for Beversbrook Sports Facility) and the Trust Board (for the Leisure Centre) and were expected to be concluded very shortly for decision at the next meeting of each organisation. Planning permission would be sought and a series of events held to inform local people of proposals for each site.

The group continued to work on the options for a third site in the centre of Calne which would require a detailed study of the floor space and layout for those facilities which the public consultation and the Working Group required to be included in the town centre site. This should relate closely to the Town Council's 'Masterplan' and to the availability of land and buildings in the town centre. The group believe this can be taken forward later in the summer once the events have been progressed.

- d) **Sandpit Road** (Section 106) working group (Cllr Trotman) – The Board received a report requesting approval to commission a sign placement study for Calne. A comprehensive report was sent to the Board in Cllr Trotman's absence.

**Decision:**

**The Board approved the spending of £6,000 from the S106 agreement for a sign placement study in Calne**

- e) **Air Quality Working Group** (Cllr Ansell) – The group had not met since the last Area Board but were due to meet in the near future to progress plans for a local campaign and further monitoring arrangements.

	<p>The Board was asked to consider the funding applications provided within the agenda.</p> <p><u>Calne Archery Group</u></p> <p>The sum of £1,000 was requested towards the creation of a footpath.</p> <p><b><u>Decision:</u></b>  <b>The Area Board awarded the sum of £1,000 to Calne Archery Club.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason:</u></b>  <b>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2014/15.</b></p> <p>The Board noted the awards made to WW1 commemoration projects via delegated authority to the Community Area Manager as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="320 831 1046 976"> <tr> <td>Friends of Abberd Brook -</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calne Town Council/British Legion -</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calne Heritage Centre -</td> <td>£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Derry Hill Bells Project -</td> <td>£2,500</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Post Meeting Note:</b></p> <p><b>It has been drawn to the attention of the responsible Democratic Services Officer (DSO) that the figures provided within the funding report had been updated following the publication of the agenda.</b></p> <p><b>For the 2014/15 financial year Calne Area Board has been allocated a budget of £45,337 (rather than £58,112) for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.</b></p> <p><b>Therefore if grants are awarded and retained in accordance with officer recommendations Calne Area Board will have a balance of £44,337 (rather than £57,112).</b></p>	Friends of Abberd Brook -	£1,000	Calne Town Council/British Legion -	£1,000	Calne Heritage Centre -	£500	Derry Hill Bells Project -	£2,500
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11	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next Area Board meeting would be held at the slightly later time of 7.00 pm on Tuesday 3 June at the Corn Exchange, Calne Town Council, Bank House, The Strand, Calne.</p>								

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# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

## Calne Community Area Board

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014



#### 1. Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Sgt:** Simon Wright

Beat Manager WPC Sonya Stockhill

Beat Manager PC Stuart Welch

PCSO Mark Cook

PCSO Shelley Gray

PCSO Andrew Willox

PCSO Nicole Yates

#### 2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### Performance and Other Local Issues:

Sgt Wright flew to Florida at the beginning of April and will be returning near the end of the month, so in his absence I am producing the report on behalf of Simon.

By now some members will have met our new Community Beat Manager, PC Stuart Welch. Stuart has a wealth of experience to bring to Calne, in that he spent several years as an Officer in Central Birmingham prior to re-locating to Wiltshire where he worked with the Neighbourhood Police Team in Trowbridge before taking up his new post here in Calne.

As we are now up to full strength again in Calne, we have re-structured, in that PC Welch will be the Beat Officer for the town centre and WPC Stockhill covers the rural beat, however, both Officers will be dealing with issues within the town and you should see them both on a regular basis.

All Officers in Calne will be taking renewed areas of responsibility and the most significant of these will be:

PC Welch and PCSO Cook will be assisting Landlords and landladies with the town Pubwatch scheme.

PCSO Willox will continue to look after Shopwatch which is successfully up and running and works well with CCTV.

PCSO Gray has now completed her work on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. It is refreshed, with all members having been contacted and a full up to date database is now live. We are keen to add new members to our existing 36 schemes and would welcome any enquiries. Shelley can be contacted direct or any of us here at the NPT would be happy to speak about the scheme. It is continually proving to be a very successful partnership.

In February, Simon reported on the series of non-dwelling burglaries that took place in Calne. It is pleasing to tell you that Magistrates sent Jordon SWEETLOVE to prison in February for 8 months and Nicky DANIELS for 10 months. This is a very pleasing result and sends a message to criminals that we will all work tirelessly to ensure they pay for their crime and the misery they bring upon others.

Our positive partnership with CCTV continues to produce successful results. A recent serious assault committed in the town was initially denied by the offender but after the CCTV was reviewed the offence was captured in full and has been finalised with a successful outcome. In addition, several offenders have now each been issued £60 fines for urinating in the street, thanks to the CCTV operation which gives us the vital evidence we need to prove these offences if we do not apprehend offenders at the time of the littering. Thank you to Linda and her team for the continued brilliant results. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Channel 5 will be attending the CCTV Offices with Linda, and her staff along with myself to do some filming for a series they are currently running. This is related to the success of CCTV.

NPT have recently been playing football with the pupils at Springfield School. This is good engagement for us and we managed to hold our own with a 5 all draw. This will continue on a regular basis.

The Chief Constable has reported positive feedback being received regarding increased foot patrols in the town. It is good to meet people and be such a visible presence and I know that Sgt Wright is keen for this work to continue.

Over recent weekends we have had additional Officers in Calne to assist with ASB within the town. We have taken a zero tolerance approach and also made efforts to engage with our youth to try to prevent re-offending. Several arrests have been made over the last 4 weeks and we are now seeing an improvement in the behaviour of some who have seen the end results of their actions in the Magistrates Court. We continue to work in this area, particularly with regard to the skate bowl. Another "Community Walkabout" is currently being planned by Stuart Welch and we will let you know as soon as the date is set.

We can report a successful Day of Action in Wiltshire on 28<sup>th</sup> February, when we had significant success in Calne by completing searches on some 15 people involved in the use of drugs. This resulted in arrests and a drugs warrant being actioned at a local property. We also stopped a local vehicle being driven without insurance and seized the vehicle.

We have forthcoming plans to work within the town with our force exhibition vehicle where we would like to consult with our residents and will be doing other things alongside like bike engraving and offering advice.

PCSO Mark Cook is arranging to star on "Ear Tunes" our local internet radio station. He will be doing a PCSO question and answer session and playing a few of his favourite numbers. No date has been set yet – but it will likely be worth waiting for.

The next Blues and Zuz disco is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at John Bentley School. PCSO Nicole Yates does a fantastic job along with her colleagues from the Special Constabulary and volunteers to continue to run the discos. The Force recently completed a review on Blues and Zuz to establish its effectiveness and impact it has on youth. Several other discos in Wiltshire have been dissolved due to being deemed unsuccessful, however, due to the efforts of Nicole and the Team the Calne Disco is thriving and will remain. The youth engagement has a positive impact and in particular for those from deprived areas and goes a long way to reducing ASB within the town. Nicole has been put forward for an achievement award which will give her a certificate of merit for her good work on the Blues and Zuz. I know Simon would like to publicly thank Nicole.

Nicole is starting her School Liaison work at John Bentley School this month where she will be interactive with the pupils and be their first point of contact should they need to speak with the Police. This is another good opportunity for the Police to impact and interact with the young people of Calne.

Consultation Surgeries are increasing and PCSO Willox will be publishing the different locations on a month by month basis. These will now incorporate the rural villages of Calne as well as further locations and times within the town. The Wednesday Surgery at the Community Hub in the High Street will continue from 1400 – 1445 hrs and we are always pleased to be able to offer advice or assistance as well as meeting our local community.

PC Alan Blake has finally hung his handcuffs up and had a good send off on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday at Blacklands Golf Club. We all wish him a long and happy retirement, and of course thank him for his many years of service here in Calne.

Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team has a new Sector Head in Inspector Dave Hobman, who I know is keen to get out and meet us all as soon as he is settled into post.

The Sgt and all the NPT at Calne are always happy to be contacted and meet up, if you wish to discuss any issues. Please make contact with Simon or any of the team on the below phone number or email. Alternatively, the Wiltshire Police website above is another method of reaching us.

And the final note is to congratulate Simon, who, on his return to Calne at the end of April will be a newly married man having taken the plunge whilst on holiday in Florida with lovely new Wife Angela.

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EN11 Calne Town	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to March 2013	12 Months to March 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to March 2013	12 Months to March 2014
Victim Based Crime	723	646	-77	-10.7%	22%	23%
Domestic Burglary	41	26	-15	-36.6%	7%	19%
Non Domestic Burglary	89	86	-3	-3.4%	2%	3%
Vehicle Crime	66	43	-23	-34.8%	6%	5%
Criminal Damage & Arson	179	139	-40	-22.3%	13%	9%
Violence Against The Person	128	133	+5	+3.9%	52%	42%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	0	0	+0	-		

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

EN12 Calne Rural	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to March 2013	12 Months to March 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to March 2013	12 Months to March 2014
Victim Based Crime	210	161	-49	-23.3%	10%	15%
Domestic Burglary	12	7	-5	-41.7%	25%	29%
Non Domestic Burglary	55	28	-27	-49.1%	4%	7%
Vehicle Crime	31	23	-8	-25.8%	0%	9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	29	34	+5	+17.2%	7%	12%
Violence Against The Person	28	23	-5	-17.9%	29%	43%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	0	0	+0	-		

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