

**Minutes of the Town Team meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber**

**Present**

**David von Zeffman**, Chairman (President of the Wilton & District Business Chamber), **David Parker** (Editor, Valley News), **Cllr Phil Mathews** (Mayor of Wilton), **Mark Pountain** (Chairman Wilton Community Land Trust), **Wilts Cllr Peter Edge**, **PC Ian Pendliham** (Wilton NPT), **Jon Moulard** (Wilton Rotary), **Johnathan Greening** (Minister, Wilton Baptist Church), **Catherine Purves** (Town Clerk), **Adrienne Westbrook & Emma Smith** (My Envolve), **Nicola Sage** (SWWAB Youth Co-Ordinator)

**1. Chairman's welcome and apologies**

DvZ warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and noted from: **Gary Nunn** (Wilton Carnival etc), **Stephanie Shearing** (Events Manager, Wilton Shopping Village), **Stephen Harris** (SWWAB Community Manager), **Chris Rolfe** (Resident Agent, Wilton Estate), **Rev'd Mark Wood** (Rector, St Mary & St Nicholas Church).

**2. Approval of minutes, and any matters arising not covered in the agenda.**

- a. *Minutes* – the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record by DP without amendment.
- b. *Matters arising* – it was noted that the visit to the Pembroke Arms as suggested in the September 2014 had not yet taken place.

**3. Town Team update and 2015 dates.**

- a. *December 2014 meeting* – the next meeting was cancelled, as it was scheduled to be held a week before Christmas.
- b. *2015 dates* – a list of dates for the 2015 meetings was circulated. Meeting dates remain the third Thursday of the month. The AGM will be held in March 2015.

**4. Presentation by Adrienne Westbrook & Emma Smith of My Envolve technology.**

Please see the appendix to these minutes. DvZ thanked both ladies for their interesting and informative presentation regarding their software application for use as a consultation tool.

**5. Presentation by Nicola Sage, South West Wilts Area Board Youth Co-Ordinator**

- She has been in post since October 1<sup>st</sup>, with the responsibility of developing a local Youth Network, which will be the advisory body to the Area Board in the matter of allocating AB funding for youth activity in the SW area.
- The LYN will comprise a mix of adults and young people, representing all 3 Community Areas.
- With the Wilton Educational Trust being able to fund 2 youth workers provided by Seeds 4 Success for two nights per week for 3 years, she hopes to be able to start delivery youth activity from January 2015, initially from the Sports Pavilion, whilst the long term future of the present youth building up at The Hollows is resolved.
- It will also be possible to extend provision to the 11 – 13 year old age group.

- An initial exploratory meeting with young people is to be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at the Sports Pavilion, with a fish supper provided – a “chatLYN”.
- There is an online survey for young people to complete on the Wiltshire Council website.
- Transport is always a problem, and Nicola now has the responsibility to ensure the present minibuses used are submitted for the quarterly checks. Fortunately the buses have not been returned to the fleet.

DvZ thanked Nicola for her attendance, and it was noted that the Town Council would shortly be meeting Wiltshire Council officers with regard to the future ownership and use of the buildings at the former Middle School site.

## **6. Christmas In Wilton**

- It was noted that preparations for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2<sup>nd</sup> were all in hand, and a good mix of retail businesses and others were to take part in the annual Christmas Window Dressing activity.
- Unfortunately the Rotary is unable to organise its “Sponsor a Christmas Tree Light” funding raising activity this year.
- Unfortunately, due to a lack of height clearance, it is not possible for a motif to be displayed across South Street, but instead, two pole mounted motifs will be displayed on lights in the Market Square.
- The Chamber of Commerce is also promoting “Have a Living Christmas Tree, or Christmas lights, or both” to its members.

## **7. Parking Matters**

- It was decided to defer discussion of this topic to the January meeting, but it was noted that an on-line petition had been started by a local resident to register support for the re-opening of Wilton Station. DvZ agreed to e-mail the link to all members of the Town Team and other Wilton organisations for them to complete if appropriate.
- A survey undertaken at the Wilton Carnival in 2013 had indicated a lot of local support for the re-opening of the station.

## **8. Brief Updates from member bodies**

### *Area Board*

- The next Area Board meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at South Newton Village Hall. Together with the usual items, there will be presentations on the pilot Winter Weather scheme, an update on the fibre optic broadband roll out and on youth activity provision.
- Parish & Town Councils have been asked to comment on proposals to withdraw Wiltshire Council funding for Speed Indicator devices, and whether they would be prepared to fund instead.
- Business Chambers have been asked if they would like to be involved with an event organised by the British Forces Resettlement Service for employers and training providers to meet potential recruits from the returning army personnel, and/or to work with them.

### **Wilton Parish Church**

- *Wilton United Charities* – interim measures are now in place to ensure the residents of St Giles' Hospital (8 – 16 King street) are properly looked after, pending the appointment of a new Secretary. The accounts are administered jointly by the Rector and a co-trustee.
- *Tourism* – the visitor's book continues to show a greater range of visitors to the Parish Church, from Yorkshire to San Francisco.
- *Community Bank (South Wiltshire Credit Union)* – off to a solid start, all investors rather than borrowers so far. A couple of Wilton volunteers have been trained, but more are needed, so that the Salisbury volunteers can be deployed elsewhere, and a second time slot can be offered for those who can't attend on Thursdays.

### **Wilton Town Community website**

- All the information has been collected, collated and written up ready for design, with every entry including a logo, photo or other visual. All 39 pages have been sent to the webmaster, and the first "live" version is expected in December.
- It was noted that the Town Council has agreed to pay the first year's running costs of £300.00, and £500.00 towards the set up costs. The Town Council has submitted an application for Area Board funding for the remaining £750 of the set up costs.

### **Wilton Rotary**

- Wilton Rotary and the Business Chamber are now working together, with a more formal meeting scheduled to take place in February 2015.
- Unfortunately, the plan to have a pitch at the weekly market in November had not happened, as there was insufficient manpower available due to other events taking place at the same time. However, this will be reconsidered in the future.

### **Wilton Community Land Trust**

- A board meeting had been held, and a forward plan has been developed to help guide future activities, now that the development of the UKLF site has progressed to the building stage.
- A visit to Hazel Hill in East Grimstead was planned as part of the Trusts environment activities.
- The Trust was also looking to help where it could to support the provision of youth activity in Wilton, the provision of a tourist centre.
- A business plan is being developed, to identify future sources of income.
- It was noted that its collaboration with Basepoint, the Community Interest Company that will be operating the Enterprise zone, will be providing an income stream that could be directed towards community initiatives via the WCLT, including the provision of youth activity.
- Redrow funding will remain available to the WCLT until the Basepoint funding comes on stream.

### **Wilton Baptist Church**

- The work to the church building had finished, and it was hoped that the scaffolding would be removed as soon as possible.

### **Other Updates**

- *Cycle Event* - Wiltshire Council and British Cycling are in discussion with sponsors regarding the Elite Cycle race, looking for a three year deal.
- The 2015 date has yet to be confirmed, but it is thought to be some time in May.
- *Wall of Remembrance touring exhibition* – Wiltshire Council is looking for a suitably large venue in Wilton for the exhibition to visit for some two/three weeks in 2015 or 2016. The Michael Herbert Hall was suggested.
- *Wilton Community Centre* – the transformation of the garden is progressing well, thanks to Rose Salmi and her youth team before the youth Service was disbanded. The ground has been cleared, pathways laid and big planting boxes set up. Gravel and topsoil for the boxes is still required, as are is a group of volunteers to finish the work. The garden is a beneficiary of teh Mayor's Appeal for 2014/15.
- *Free Wi-Fi* – it has been very difficult to install this in the Centre, but it is hoped that it will be available for users by the end of the year.

**Next meeting:** It was decided not to hold a meeting in December, and so the next meeting will be Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

**The meeting finished at 9.40pm.**