

MINUTES

Meeting: MELKSHAM AREA BOARD

Place: Melksham Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES

Date: 9 July 2015

Start Time: 2.00 pm **Finish Time:** 4.00 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr David Pollitt, Cllr Jonathon Seed (Chairman) and Cllr Roy While

Wiltshire Council Officers

Rhys Schell – Community Engagement Officer Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer Ceri Evans – Community Youth Officer

Total in attendance: 48

| Agenda Item No. | Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision |
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| 1 | Arrival and coffee |
| | Clir Jonathon Seed welcomed everybody to Melksham Town Hall for the Melksham Area Board Older Persons Workshop. |
| 2 | Area Board business |
| | i.Cllr Jon Hubbard outlined a proposal from the Local Youth Network (LYN), to part fund the appointment of an apprentice youth worker for the Melksham area. |
| | Decision |
| | That the Melksham Area Board agrees to part fund the appointment of an apprentice youth worker for the Melksham area, and allocates the sum of £21,856.43 for this purpose. |
| | ii.A petition was presented to the Area Board Petition for Give Way Markings, Sweetbriar Road, Melksham. |
| 3 | Melksham Seniors |
| | Brian Warwick - Chair of Melksham Seniors Forum gave a presentation that outlined and highlighted the work of the Melksham Seniors Forum. |
| | The Chairman thanked Brian Warwick for his presentation. |
| 4 | Scene setting |
| | Nicola Gregson – Head of Commissioning for Older People Care, Support and Accommodation, Wiltshire Council outlined the purpose of workshop. |
| 5 | Table discussions |
| | The room was split in to four groups with facilitators asked to lead and record discussions on four key questions: |
| | What do you like doing? |
| | What would you like to do and what's stopping you from doing it? |

| | Who do you think would be a good older peoples champion? |
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| | Who do you think would be a good carers champion? |
| 6 | Coffee break |
| 7 | Table discussions |
| | The groups were then asked to discuss; how can we make this happen in Melksham. |
| | Decision |
| | That the Melksham Area Board would appoint champions for both older people and carers able to represent the views of older people and carers and to work with the Council to develop and improve the quality of lives of older people and carers. |
| | That Nicola Gregson would bring a report on the findings of the workshop back to a future Melksham Area Board meeting. |
| | The Chairman thanked Nicola Gregson. |
| 8 | Doorstep safety |
| | Sue Wilkin – Senior Public Protection Officer, Wiltshire Council outlined "No Cold Calling Zone", an initiative that sought to target doorstep traders who call unexpectedly, and uninvited at the home of vulnerable persons with the purpose of selling goods, or offering a service. |
| | Decision |
| | That the Melksham Area Board agrees to allocate £500 for "Cold Calling Zone" signage, to be used in the Melksham community area. |
| | The Chairman thanked Sue Wilkin for her presentation. |
| 9 | Summary and next steps |
| | The Chairman thanked Brian Warwick and Nicola Gregson & team for their input, and thanked all those who attended for making the workshop the success that it was. |

| 10 | Close |
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