

# **MINUTES**

Meeting: Corsham Area Board

Place: On-Line meeting

Date: 21 January 2021

Start Time: 7.00 pm Finish Time: 9.20 pm

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# In Attendance:

#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Brian Mathew (Chairman) and Cllr Philip Whalley

## Wiltshire Council

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager Kevin Fielding – Democratic Service Officer

Total in attendance: 24

Minute No	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
36	Chairman's Welcome and Introductions
	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the on-line meeting and introduced the councillors and officers present.
37	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received from Cllr Ben Anderson – Wiltshire Council.
38	<u>Minutes</u>
	Decision
	The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2020 were approved as the correct record
39	Declarations of Interest
	There were none.
40	Chairman's Announcements
	The Chairman outlined the following chairman's announcements contained in the agenda pack:
	Healthy Us Weight Management Programme
	Covid-19 Update
	Local Plan Review and Traveller Local Plan Consultations
41	Wiltshire Police Precept
	Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner gave a short presentation outlining the Wiltshire Police precept consultation.
	Points made included:
	<ul> <li>That all residents supported a £15 per household, a year, rise on a band D property in the policing part of council tax for 2021/22. This equated to</li> </ul>

an extra £1.25 a month.

 That even with the £15 increase, Wiltshire Police would still be asking for a lower precept contribution than any other Force in the South West.

A short film outlining the precept and public consultation survey could be found at:

PCC Precept Video - <a href="https://youtu.be/eRMtE\_YxdWk">https://youtu.be/eRMtE\_YxdWk</a>

Public consultation survey - <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PNHBKSG">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PNHBKSG</a>

Points made by the Area Board included:

- That there were concerns over the loss of the local teams and their intelligence during this period of cutbacks.
- That Corsham officers were extremely good but had had a busy time during the pandemic.
- That there were concerns over the future of policing with the budgets available.

The Chairman thanked Angus Macpherson for all his hard work carried out during his tenure as the Police & Crime Commissioner.

## The Census 2021 for England and Wales in relation to Wiltshire

Jonny Corbett – Census Engagement Manager – power point

Points made included:

- That the census was a survey that happened every 10 years and everyone took part.
- That the Office of National Statistics was responsible for the census in England and Wales.
- That the census was important because it gave the most detailed information we had about our society.
- Scotland and Northern Ireland hold their own around the same time.

- That the census provided information that government needed to shape policy, allocate resources, plan services and monitor equality
- Any questions about our partnership activities with local authorities please email at <u>2021Census.LA.liaison@ons.gov.uk</u>

Bookmark the Census 2021 website: www.census.gov.uk

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The Chairman thanked Jonny Corbett for his presentation.

## 43 Partner Updates

To receive any updates from the following partners:

Wiltshire Police – written outlined by Sgt Ho Tsang

Points made included:

- That a small number of tickets had been issued to members of public who had blatantly breached the Covid legislation. There had been dedicated patrols allocated.
- That officers were conducting speed checks at various locations across the sector. The locations were identified predominately based on intelligence
- That CPT had, and was currently targeting a local drug dealer within Chippenham and Corsham. 1 male had been arrested due after a warrant was executed. A small quantity of drugs, money and a devise believed to be a S5 firearm were seized.
- That officers had been conducting regular visits to enforce a closure order on a premises which had attracted drug users within the area.
- That officers were currently working with a number of regular missing young people along with other agencies to reduce missing episodes and reduce the risk of harm to them.
- County Lines No known county lines in our CPT at the moment.
- That officers were currently looking at closures on properties that were being used to deal drugs in the local area.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Tsang for his update

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service - The written report was noted

Corsham TC and Colerne PC - The written reports were noted

Box PC - Tony Clarke

Points made included:

- That residents were pleased that the Thickwood path had been resurfaced.
- That a Task force had been set up and had been working with Gigaclear to make changes with underground cabinets and the relocating of some bigger cabinets to more suitable locations.

Healthwatch & CCG – The written reports were noted.

## 44 Community Area Grants

The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:

## Decision

Colerne RFC awarded £5,000 for new shower facilities

#### **Decision**

Colerne RFC awarded £4,385 for Perimeter Fence and training on condition that Colerne PC match funds this application

#### **Decision**

Bleeding Nora awarded £1,000 from the Health & Wellbeing budget for When Dolly Met Dom

## Decision

Corsham Community Club awarded £2,000 from the Health & Wellbeing budget for Bring back the Smile

## **Decision**

Portable Wellbeing Studio awarded £2,500 from the Youth funding budget for Portable Wellbeing School at Corsham School

### **Decision**

Will Lawton awarded £1,800 from the Youth funding budget for Music Therapy to support vulnerable students at Corsham School on the condition that match funding from Corsham School was forthcoming

	Decision Spindles awarded £1,212 from the Youth funding budget for Corsham Cycling Youth Network CYGNETS
45	Working Group updates and requests for funding  Youth  The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 November 2020 were noted.  That there was £8,000 left in youth funding budget  Cllr Phil Whalley was thanked for re-energising the youth network  Health and Wellbeing group – Kevin Gaskin
	<ul> <li>That the group continued to meet connecting the villages and Town.</li> <li>That the group had last met on Wednesday 20 January 2021.</li> <li>That there continued to be ongoing concerns re loneliness, financial hardship and mental health during the pandemic.</li> <li>Speaking with local surgeries re the vaccination program</li> <li>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</li> <li>The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 2 December 2020 were noted.</li> </ul>
46	Public Question time  There were no public questions.
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