

MINUTES

Meeting: Tidworth Area Board
Place: Memorial Hall, Ludgershall
Date: 6 November 2023
Start Time: 19:00pm
Finish Time: 20:30pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Christopher Williams
Cllr Tony Pickernell

Wiltshire Council Officers

Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Karlene Jammeh – Area Board Delivery Officer
Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer
Jen Salter – Director Families and Children (allocated to the Area Board)
Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ricky Lee
Police and Crime Commissioner – Phillip Wilkinson OBE
MOD – Lt Col Rupert Whitelegge.

Total in attendance: 28

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
54	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board.</p> <p>The Chair informed those present that because Cllr Mark Connolly couldn't attend the meeting, it would not be quorate and therefore certain items would need to be deferred until the next meeting.</p>
55	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Cllr Mark Connolly</p>
56	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
57	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>This item was deferred until the next meeting.</p>
58	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The following announcements were noted by the Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polling District and Polling Place Review 2023 – Consultation • Cost of Living Update • Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report
59	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The following items included in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthwatch Wiltshire • BSW Together (Integrated Care System) • Wiltshire AGE UK Newsletter • Independent Visitor Scheme Update • Community First
60	<p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner</u></p> <p>The board welcomed the Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson OBE, who gave a verbal presentation.</p>

	<p>Reference was given to the Annual Report that had been published prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The PCC welcomed the rise in tickets being issued for driving offences due to increased enforcement, reiterating that with more PCSOs an emphasis on more proactive policing and an increased presence could be achieved.</p> <p>The 101 Call Centre had reduced its call back time from 28 minutes down to 14 minutes.</p> <p>The PCC expressed his frustration at the delay in delivery of the Mobile Police Stations.</p> <p>Two areas of particular focus for improvement were a further reduction in rural crime, specifically hare coursing, and offering better support to victims of sexual offences through the Horizon Team.</p> <p>The PCC had also uncovered a Claire’s Law incident, which the Chief Constable and PCC had begun to address and investigate negligence that will be reported to Policing Standards or potentially lead to criminal action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Questions</p> <p>It was clarified that more communication was necessary with local communities to inform them and their parish councils of ongoing investigations and their outcomes. Due to laws surrounding crimes, evidence and then the overall chance of conviction, some crimes do not see anyone charged but it was accepted that the reasons for this should be made clear to communities who had been affected.</p>
61	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p><u>Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ricky Lee</u></p> <p>Inspector Lee wished to echo a lot of the positives and improvements from the Police and Crime Commissioner’s verbal update, adding that new shift patterns and a movement to “super hubs” for response policing would improving policing presence and efficiency.</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>It was made clear that crimes including ATM robberies and arson were being investigated and taken seriously. A larger road and foot patrol presence was needed to catch vehicles without full working headlights.</p> <p><u>Town and Parish Councils</u></p>

	<p>Everleigh PC's written update was noted.</p> <p>Ludgershall TC – A new flagpole had been established next to their war memorial with the addition of LED lights. An extension to the skateboard park was being finalised and new outside gym equipment being installed.</p> <p>Tidworth Town Council – There was a focus on the civic centre which was nearing completion, and interviews with contractors were underway to fit the interior.</p> <p><u>MOD – Lt Col Rupert Whitelegge.</u></p> <p>Expressed disappointment at the Post Office sorting office closing, meaning 4,000 soldiers were struggling to receive their post from Andover.</p> <p><u>Memorial Hall</u></p> <p>Since the new committee took over 9 months ago bookings had risen and the public had noted improvement in and around the building. Their AGM was also coming up.</p>
62	<p><u>Area Board Priority Update</u></p> <p>Health & Wellbeing – The last meeting which had taken place since the last Area Board meeting had been well received and included a presentation from Warm and Safe Wiltshire. Cost of Living support was discussed especially with winter approaching.</p> <p>Local Environment – It was mentioned that promotion on social media received a lot of responses, but volunteers had been hard to come by. A biodiversity survey had received data back which was described as enormous and will be analysed.</p>
63	<p><u>Local Youth Engagement Update</u></p> <p>A verbal update and presentation were given by Graeme Morrison, the Strategic Engagement Partnership Manager (SEPM).</p> <p>Since the last Area Board meeting, both Ludgershall and Tidworth Town Councils had agreed to part fund the Detached Youth Work Project and an in-the-room consensus had been reached on a provider.</p> <p>Funding from the Area Board had been due to be considered but as the meeting hadn't been quorate it was deferred with the other grant applications.</p>

	With regards to the Rural Youth Outreach Project, Community First had confirmed that they had the resources required to extend to Tidworth and were happy to continue and do another series of events in Ludgershall.
64	<u>Area Board Funding</u> This item was deferred until the next meeting.
65	<u>Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u> This item was deferred until the next meeting.
66	<u>Urgent items</u> There were no urgent items.
67	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on 18 th March 2024.