

MINUTES

Meeting: Stonehenge Area Board
Place: Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Rd, Amesbury, Salisbury SP4 7HH
Date: 29 February 2024
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.15 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Graham Wright (Chairman), Cllr Robert Yuill (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran and Cllr Mark Verbinnen

Wiltshire Council Officers

Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager
Lisa Alexander – Senior Democratic Services Officer

Partners

Police & Crime Commissioner – Philip Wilkinson OBE
Wiltshire Police – Inspector Ricky Lee
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Station Manager Steve Ansell

Total in attendance: 27

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling
2	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Graham Wright declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) in interest in relation to item 09 Area Board Funding, as he was the Secretary of Durrington Walls Wind Band. Councillor Wright confirmed that he would not take part in the discussion or vote on the item, in his capacity as a Councillor, but would speak as a member of the public.</p>
4	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p><u>National Highways A360 Road Closure</u> National Highways would be attending the Area Board Highways Matters event on 27 March 2024, to provide information on the proposed A360 closure, as part of the Stonehenge Tunnel works. Public information events had also been scheduled to take place by Highways England, these were noted as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 9 March, South Newton and Wishford Village Hall, Stoford, 10am - 4pm • Monday 11 March, Shrewton Village Hall, Recreation Ground, 11am - 4pm • Tuesday 12 March, Durrington Village Hall, 11am - 6pm • Friday 15 March, Antrobus House, Edmund Hall, 11am - 7pm <p><u>JSNA Online Survey</u> People were encouraged to complete the online JSNA survey, so that the data collected could be used by the Board later in the year to base the local priorities around.</p> <p>A special meeting would be set for April/May to consider the data.</p>
5	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following Information items:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First • Healthwatch Wiltshire • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) • Age UK • Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site webpage: www.stonehengeandaveburywhs.org • Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement
6	<p><u>Open Floor - including updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda and invited further updates from Town/Parish Councils and other Partners, including outside bodies. It was noted that the preferred option was for written updates, to minimise time spent during the meeting.</p> <p>Verbal updates were received from:</p> <p><u>Police & Crime Commissioner – Philip Wilkinson OBE</u></p> <p>Since his last update to the Board, Wiltshire Police force was put into special measures, highlighting areas for change such as to the structure, which had too many senior officers and issues with command headquarters. The force was about to have its latest inspection where it was hoped it would be re-graded and come out of special measures.</p> <p>Some of the changes included the new Chief Constable, Catherine Roper and a new Chief of Corporate Services. The Force was under review and significant improvements and strategies were now in place across all of the crime types, with an improved support system.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I recently used 101 service and found it very frustrating, as there were 2 minutes of the same options twice, it took 20 minutes and then spoke to a lady who was trying to persuade me not to report it. <u>Answer:</u> We have to follow a home office format – thank you we will continue to improve it. <p><u>Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT)– Inspector Ricky Lee</u></p> <p>It was recognised that there continued to be some ongoing issues in some communities, with incidents of hare coursing in the more rural communities and burglaries in both non-dwelling and dwellings.</p> <p>There had been a spike in thefts in Amesbury, mostly in the largest supermarkets. The force was working with supermarkets and large stores to</p>

tackle this.

The NPT had moved from Amesbury to Tidworth in a modern fit for purpose building. Under the new model, there had been an increase in numbers of officers. Officers were now briefed when first on shift at Salisbury then they would move out into the communities.

Questions:

- The hate crime overview did not mention ageism, why was that?
Answer: Ageism was a protected characteristic, but it did not fall into a hate crime category.

- Regarding traffic and speeding, on the London Road, the Police Team came recently to see where they could set up in a safe area, but could not find an appropriate location, was the rule different for public/private land, even if the owner of private land gave permission to install a device?

Answer: The Speed Enforcement Teams were excellent, supported by the Community Speedwatch (CSW) Teams and the procurement of 3 enforcement vans. The issues around placement of devices was due to the health and safety element. Where there were locations where CSW could not operate, it falls to our officers. For public sites, an association with the Police could invite issues for landowners that they were not prepared for.

- Could you give an update on the progress for a Police hub in the south?
Answer: Philip Wilkinson – A number of options were considered, including sites at the High Post and in Old Sarum. The site at the High Post had been blocked twice due to planning matters. A meeting with Managing director of Persimmons was due to take place shortly.

- Were there plans in place to manage the numbers of protestors that may turn up at the Stonehenge project.

Answer: Philip Wilkinson - I am asking the Home Office for a one off payment to pay for the Stonehenge protestor resilience.

Inspector Lee – The force was as ready as it could be, there was a dedicated budget to deal with protest matters. It could be a challenging time for our service.

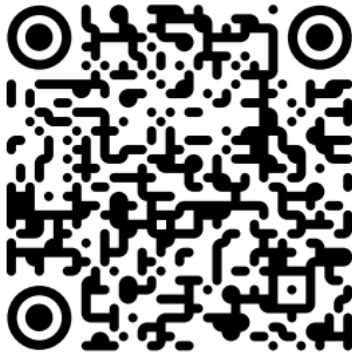
- With regards to the planned road closure on the A360 to the High Post, what Police support would there be for the diversion and rat runs. The Bridge at A36 Wilton could lead to issues.

Answer: Inspector Lee - High level meetings had taking place to take the project forward. The relevant structure would be put in place to manage the closure with manned patrolled and equipped diversions and closures. The police would be there to pick up any issues.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Durrington Youth Club reported a 999 incident and there was no response to it. It was a dangerous situation which you have agreed to look into. How do we convince residents that the villages are policed? <u>Answer:</u> We live in a very safe county with a large number of Officers per capita. Yes, there is negative press, but you will see Police Officer's out and about and attending groups and parish councils. We need to publicise the good news stories more. At Archer's Gate, our youth group had experienced a torrid time for some months, with months of negativity and abuse and violence. We had to push for a positive outcome. There was now a similar matter at the moment in Durrington, which a colleague was experiencing. A lot of my volunteers and staff felt that you weren't taking them seriously. There was work to be done. <u>Answer:</u> Inspector Lee – The Police will not always have the processes to achieve immediate intervention into people's lives, it was equally frustrating for the Officers attending that incident. We did get there; however it was the processes in society that held that outcome up.
7	<p><u>Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Community Safety Plan Consultation</u></p> <p>The Board received a presentation from Station Manager Steve Ansell on the DWFR Community Safety Plan Consultation.</p> <p>Steve outlined how the service provided support to communities, strategies and the priority areas of work.</p> <p>The plan was out for public consultation, people were urged to submit feedback.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What method do you use in the vehicles to find locations? <u>Answer:</u> We have a Multi Data Terminal (MDT) system in our fire appliances. 'What Three Words' was also used, however caution is needed when using this as people making the call may have moved away from the incident location to gain a signal. In Shrewton there was an emergency access way that you cannot get down due to trees, it would make sense to have the trees cut, but no one knows if it is an access route or not. <u>Answer:</u> I can speak to you after and check it on our system Would you attend youth groups such as the Youth Café with the fire engine to show the young people about the fire service? <u>Answer:</u> Visits such as that can be arranged where possible.

- The Amesbury fire station was now fully manned how was it working?
Answer: Yes, fully manned since last Thursday. This had increased the ability for us to respond through the day and to carry out home fire checks.

You can access the plan and complete the feedback form by following the link: www.dwfire.org/draft-csp-2024-2028-consultation or by using the QR code below.



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Stonehenge Area Board Priorities

Supporting Health and Wellbeing - Cllr Monica Devendran

The last meeting was held at the Cheerful Cuppa in Netheravon on 13 February, with many partners in attendance. Thanks were given to Mary and the team for providing pancakes for the meeting.

Supporting young people - Cllr Mark Verbinnen

The last meeting was held at the scout hut in Amesbury on 28 February, with good discussion and attendance by many, with information by Wessex Archaeology on the various activities available through their youth programme.

In addition, it was lovely to see the completed works at the hall which the Board had awarded funding to previously.

Our environment - Cllr Rob Yuill & Cllr Kevin Daley

A meeting between all of the 18 Area Board Environmental Leads was held on 27 February where members shared ideas and experiences on local projects and areas of work. Some ideas included repair cafés, water quality work, and nature chains, where residents were encouraged to leave parts of their garden wild to encourage wildlife.

In some community areas, parish councils were quite active with their own smaller projects. Cllr's Yuill and Daley would move forward with contacting the town and parish councils within the Stonehenge community area to establish a list of known initiatives which were already taking place, and to draw on that to encourage more work within the communities and feedback at a future meeting.

The council did not currently provide a separate weekly collection of food waste,

however the Council was working towards implementing a food waste collection service from 1 August 2027 - [Wiltshire Council provides food waste collection update - Wiltshire Council](#)

The Council had received a grant of £10m for the river Avon work, which interested parties had been made aware of.

The Chairman asked that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Engagement events be promoted to parish councils when contacted.

Parish engagement - Cllr Graham Wright

A Reward and Recognition event, similar to last year was being planned for May 2024, with an opportunity to discuss the JSNA results. This event would be open to all.

The Area Board Highways Matters event was scheduled for 27 March 6.30pm at Figheldean Village Hall. People were urged to attend and feed any questions in advance to Graeme.morrison@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Area Board Funding

The Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting and heard from representatives in attendance who gave a brief overview of their project followed by any questions by the Board.

Budget adjustments

The Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager, Graeme Morrison noted that at the last Area Board meeting, the Board had allocated £5,000 from the Community Area Grants fund to Amesbury Bowls Club. Because the majority of the members of the club were older, this application was also eligible for funding from the Older and Vulnerable Adults budget. With this in mind, the Board agreed to move £3,710 of that award so that it was allocated from the Older and Vulnerable Adults budget, rather than from the Community Area Grants fund, to release Community Area Grant funding for this meeting.

Remaining budget at this meeting:

Community Area Grants	Older & Vulnerable	Youth Projects
£3710	£490	£1554.92

Community Area Grants:

Wiltshire South Girlguiding, Camp kitchen/Play area project, requested £5,000. The Applicant spoke in support of the project.

The facility was used by groups across the whole of the Wiltshire south area, supporting 2000 young people with 45 volunteers.

The applicant confirmed that they had also previously approached Melksham and Warminster area boards for funding.

Cllr Rob Yuill moved the motion to part award to the amount of £2,760.00. This was seconded by Cllr Kevin Daley.

Resolved

Wiltshire South Girlguiding was awarded £2,760.00 towards the Camp kitchen/Play area project.

Reason – *The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2023/24*

Buzz Action Foundation CIC, Activities Marquee project, requested £1,894.50
The Applicant spoke in support of the project.

Due to the limited funds available at this meeting, the Chairman, Cllr Wright moved the motion to defer consideration of the application until the next meeting, once budgets had been replenished.

This was seconded by Cllr Verbinnen.

Resolved

To defer the application Buzz Action Foundation CIC until the next meeting

Reason – *Insufficient funds remaining in the 2023/24 budget.*

Older & Vulnerable Adults Grants:

Durrington Walls Windband, Community Project, requested £490
The Applicant spoke in support of the project.

Cllr Dr Devendran moved the motion to award in full. This was seconded by Cllr Yuill.

Note: Cllr Wright had declared an interest in this application and therefore spoke as a member of the public and did not take part in the discussion or the vote.

Resolved

Durrington Walls Windband was awarded £490 towards the Community Project.

Reason – *The application met the Older & Vulnerable Adults Grants Criteria 2023/24*

Young People Grants:

Army Welfare Service Community Support Larkhill, Larkhill Garrison Youth Project, requested £5,000
The Applicant spoke in support of the application.

	<p>The PCC Philip Wilkinson OBE advised that the PCC had a fund for projects such as this and urged the applicant to view the PCC website for information on how to apply for additional funding.</p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen moved the motion to part award to the amount of £2,504.92 This was seconded by Cllr Wright.</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> Army Welfare Service Community Support Larkhill was awarded £2,504.92 towards Larkhill Garrison Youth Project. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Young People’s Grants Criteria 2023/24</p> <p>Delegated Funding: There had been no awards made under the SEPM Delegated Funding Process, since the last meeting.</p> <p>Information links: Area Board Grants & Grants Criteria</p>
10	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Board considered the report and funding recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 7 February 2024.</p> <p><u>Question:</u> Shrewton PC still had works not yet completed, relating to the Rollestone crossroad signage.</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> The new contractors were still catching up with a backlog of works.</p> <p>It was;</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>To note the report and approve the recommendations for funding which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-23-23 Bulford, Old Coach Road signing - £500 (LHFIG £375 BPC £125) • 1-23-24 Netheravon A345 bus stop flag sign - £500 (LHFIG £375, NPC £125). • 1-24-01 South Newton SID infrastructure - £500 (LHFIG £375, SNPC £125). • 1-24-02 South Newton A360/C283 Stoford Bottom crossroads - £1,000 (LHFIG £750, SNPC £250). • 1-24-03 Amesbury Imber Avenue signing/lining - £500 (LHFIG £375, SNPC £125). • 1-23-19 Bulford Junction 16 roundabout safety audit - £2,500 (LHFIG £1,875 BPC £625)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1-21-17 Netheravon A345 speed limit trial additional SID post - £500 (LHFIG £375, NPC £125).• 1-23-10 Shrewton Lower Backway bollard - £500 (LHFIG £375, SPC £125).• Missing street name plates - £4,755.18 |
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