

Item 8

## Chairman's update

Calne Community Area Board  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2009

This update is to provide information about some of the work that has been taking place since the last meeting of the Area Board on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

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### **A participatory budgeting event for the Calne Community Area:**

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a process which involves local people directly in making spending decisions about defined public funds, it is fundamental to Central Government's drive to pass more power to local people and to reinvigorate local democracy; there is an ambition that, by 2012 it will be used in every local authority area.

During the development phase of Wiltshire's Area Boards, the Calne Pilot Area Board secured funding for PB projects that linked to addressing local issues. The 'drop the kerb' project formed the first of these events.

Funding was rolled forward into the new Wiltshire Council and this must be allocated by the end of this financial year.

The Area Board Co-ordinating group has discussed the range of issues that have been raised through the issues process, the Community Area Plan, Parish Plans and the Community Partnership and, bearing in mind the time constraints within which this work must be delivered, has identified issues of encouraging safer, more attainable, less congested methods of transport as the basis of a potential project for consideration.

It is proposed that the Community Area Manager in conjunction with an Area Board Councillor (to be identified) and representatives from the Partnership's Transport theme group, the Town and Parish Council, should work together to deliver a project that can be launched at the next Area Board meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

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### Local Issues

The following table of information contains details of issues that have been received by the Community Area Manager and progress that has been made to date:

Issue no.	Issue	Contact	Progress Log	Lead	Status
001	Priestley School Road Safety Issues	Priestley School PTA	various work underway – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of school travel plan</li> <li>Highways feasibility study</li> <li>Implementation of double yellow lines</li> <li>School reminder letters to parents</li> <li>Investigation of off street resident parking</li> <li>Deliver road safety sessions for children in the school.</li> </ul>	School travel plan adviser  Highways  Highways  Head teacher  Westlea  Police	ONGOING
002	Anti Social Behaviour at Calne Fire Station	Iain Hunter Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service	Partners discussion at WF&RS Community Leadership Day (13/05/09)  Information passed to Anti Social Behaviour Team WC	WF&RS	ONGOING
003	Curzon Street Traffic Congestion	Iain Hunter WF&RS	Meeting with Highways officers planned to review status of this project.	Cllr Alan Hill	ONGOING
004	Community Hub for the Calne Community Area	Calne Community Area Partnership	A working group has been set up and will make a recommendation regarding running a pilot project to the Area Board on 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Cllr Christine Crisp	ONGOING
005	Abberd Brook needs cleaning up	Mrs Moira Flack	Westlea officers will lead on a presentation/discussion of this issue at the Area Board on 20 <sup>th</sup> October.	Cllr. Howard Marshall and Cllr. Tony Trotman	ONGOING
006	Ownership and Maintenance of the Abberd	Mr Frank Rumble	As above		

Brook					
<b>007</b>	Clean up the Abberd Brook	Mrs Vicky Waite	As above		
<b>008</b>	Surface of Sustrans cycleway between Calne and Cherhill	Mr David Evans	Cllr. Hill has met with representatives from Hills and will report back progress to the Area Board meeting on 20 <sup>th</sup> October.	Cllr Alan Hill	ONGOING
<b>009</b>	Support for Calne Community Group	Mrs Ellie Bland	This represents a specific call for CAM support for one individual group an aspiration that is not realistic. However the CAM will engage and advise where possible.		RESOLVED
<b>010</b>	Access to local facilities run by specific Community Groups	Sally Dawson Local resident	Issue links to Community Hub issue #4 and refers to capacity of volunteer run facilities – not always possible for AB to have influence.	Re #4 – Cllr Christine Crisp and Community Hub Working group.	ONGOING
<b>011</b>	Joined up working to provide co-ordinated youth provision	CAYPIG (Roxanne Appleby-Dymond & Nicole Somers)	The first Calne CAYPIG Open Space Event is planned to take place on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November at John Bentley School	Will Kay YDS/Extended Schools/John Bentley School	ONGOING
<b>012</b>	Heavy Congestion in Calne traffic problems resulting from rat runs in the villages	Cllr. Colin Viner Calne Town Council	Heavy congestion links to #3. Issue of village 'rat runs' links to Sat Nav. Problems - possible strategic approach required across the County	Re. #3 – Cllr Alan Hill. Re. Rat runs – Deborah Farrow investigating.	ONGOING
<b>013</b>	Empty shops in town centre, eyesores and encourage new business to town.	General issue raised at Area Board round table discussion	Action for Wiltshire looking at this issue across the County. Local initiatives = <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTC Shop window displays – Grant approved by AB at extraordinary meeting on 22/09/09</li> <li>• Community Hub (issue#4)</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council refurbishment of Phelps Parade/Market Place</li> </ul>	Tamzin Ewers – Project Officer	

			<p>continuing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WC units being actively promoted.</li> </ul>		
<b>014</b>	Lack of and narrow footpaths Lickhill Rd/North Street	Local resident	Links to several different issues - hedge cutting Planning conditions re. New housing, alternative routes to school.	Cllr. Chuck Berry	ONGOING
<b>015</b>	Litter/broken glass/dog fouling - Calne Recreation ground	Chris Austin – Calne Rugby Juniors	Linked to Calne Town Council responsibilities – Issue passed to Town Clerk and positive response received from Mr Austin	Calne Town Council	RESOLVED
<b>016</b>	Lack of School bus from North side of town to John Bentley School	Local resident	Links to Issue #14 esp, alternative routes to school  Also. CAM working with CAT (Partnership theme group)	School Travel Plan adviser CAM/CAT	ONGOING
<b>017</b>	Aspiration for A4 cyclepath between Chippenham and Beckhampton	Mrs Anne Henshaw CAT	Links to issues around Cycle network. AB Chair and CAM working with CAT to identify evidence of need and feasibility of upgrading existing path to dual use.	Not yet identified – Area Board/ABC group	
<b>018</b>	Overgrown footpath – Stockley Lane - A4 (Riverside Estate)	Mr Eric Brakes Local resident	Referred to Clarence	REFERRED	RESOLVED
<b>019</b>	Request for AB rep on Marden House Management Committee	Mrs Jane Rowell	Rep appointed at the Area Board on the 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	AB/DSO	RESOLVED
<b>020</b>	Speeding in Bremhill parish villages AND use of lanes as M4 rat run.	Bremhill Parish Council	Speeding in villages has been identified as a significant issue and is being moved forward with a strategic review. – including development of a County wide Community Speedwatch scheme.	Cllr. Dick Tonge – Portfolio holder Highways and Transport.	
<b>021</b>	A4 Stockley	Mr Jonathon	A potential scheme that	Cllr Alan Hill /	ONGOING

	Lane junction – car parking on grass verge.	Giddings Local resident	involves formalising parking arrangements is being identified. This will require public consultation and the identification of funding.	Highways	
<b>022</b>	Rats at Braemor Rd.	Anonymous Local resident	Issue referred to Environmental Health	REFERRED	RESOLVED
<b>266</b>	Parking at Fynamore School	Mr Mark Barnett	Initial work being undertaken by CAM to analyse issue, identify the problem and a potential way forward.	Not yet identified – referred to ABC group	ONGOING
<b>270/271</b>	Parking at Fynamore School	Ms Louise Hughes	As above		
<b>272</b>	Parking at Fynamore School	Mr Geoffrey King	As above		
<b>274</b>	Parking at Fynamore School	Ms Valerie Windebank	As above		
<b>282</b>	Parking at Fynamore School	Mr William Harris	As above		
<b>284/285</b>	Parking at Fynamore School	Ms Susan French	As above		
<b>333</b>	Road Safety at Prince Charles Drive	Ms Nikki Robinson	Links to Issue # 001		ONGOING

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### Community Planning:

The Community Area Partnership will be holding it's Annual General Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October. It is hoped that this event will be well attended by the Community as it represents a chance to become involved in work that the Partnership undertakes at the Area Board on behalf of the Community.

Wiltshire Council is committed to delivering services in a more community focussed way that relates more directly to the needs and aspirations of local people.

As a part of this commitment, the Council has agreed to work with independent and autonomous Community Area Partnerships (CAPs). In order to do this it is important that the Community Area Partnerships across Wiltshire operate to similar standards and are inclusive of, and accountable to the wider community.

In the summer of 2008, in preparation for this arrangement, the Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships (WFCAP) undertook a review of all CAPs in Wiltshire. This review was based upon a 'maturity model' which identified the level of development that all Partnerships had attained ranging from 'basic' to 'excelling' at this time it was found that CAPs had evolved in different ways and this had resulted in a diverse range of relationships with former District and County Councils. Across the board, Partnerships generally showed a need for development support in order for them to achieve excellence in the maturity model and to become independent, inclusive and accountable.

In an attempt to address these issues WFCAP has developed a set of Minimum Operating Standards (MOS). At the same time, working with WFCAP, Wiltshire Council has developed a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA) which each CAP is required to sign in order to be recognised by the Area Board and to qualify for core funding.

It was agreed that, because of the variety of existing arrangements of CAPs and their levels of development, a degree of leniency should be applied during the first year as CAPs altered their existing arrangements to fall in line with the new CAPA and MOS.

In the Calne Community Area the Calne Community Area Partnership has signed the CAPA and the Area Board has been informed that, following its AGM, the newly elected steering group will take on the task of amending their Terms of Reference to fall in line with WFCAP standards.

Full details of both the CAPA and the MOS can be seen on the Calne Area Board of the Wiltshire Council Website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards>.

If you would like to receive a hard copy of these documents please contact Jane Vaughan (details at the end of this update).

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