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**MALMESBURY AREA  
(1) COMMITTEE**

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**THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING**

**Minutes of the Malmesbury Area Committee Area (1) Meeting held on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at Malmesbury Town Hall at 7:00pm**

**Present:**

Councillors A.R. Baines, A.L. Davis, P.J. Goldstone, I.J. Henderson, S.L. Scruton and  
T.R. Sturgis.

**County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:**

Cllr O. Gibbs	Brinkworth Parish Council
Cllr P. Gilchrist	Crudwell Parish Council
Cllr M. Bawden	Hullavington Parish Council
Cllr C. Doody	Malmesbury Town Council
Cllr A. Reid	Minety Parish Council

**Officers Present:**

S. Pangbourne (Strategic Manager – Corporate Services), M. Gilmour (Principal  
Community Partnership Officer), J. Kashdan-Brown (Principal Urban Design Officer), J.  
Moody (Partnership Development Officer) and W. Oulton (Policy & Democratic  
Services Officer)



**M14. Election of Chairman for meeting only**

*Admin Note: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the officer called for nominations for Chairman for this meeting only.*

Councillor P.J. Goldstone proposed and Councillor A.R. Baines seconded that Councillor T.R. Sturgis be elected Chairman for this meeting only.

**Resolved** that Councillor T.R. Sturgis be elected Chairman for this meeting only.

**Councillor T.R. Sturgis in the Chair**

**M15. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson.

**M16. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions**

The following public questions were received from Dauntsey Parish Council:

1. What is the latest position on “Voice to Choice” for Malmesbury and the villages.
2. Does the Area 1 Committee agree with the proposals as set out in Charter 88.
3. Car Parking – does the Area 1 Committee support the first hour free for Malmesbury as in other local towns.

Answer Question One

The following response from the County Cabinet Member responsible for the project was received:

At the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> July of the Malmesbury & Villages Area Partnership Meeting, Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson, circulated the following statement:

*“WCC is currently scoping out the ‘offer’ to be made to pilot areas for local influence and decision making. Trowbridge Community Planning Partnership wishes to be a pilot and we will work with them to begin in September. WCC would also like to run pilots in Tidworth and Malmesbury community areas in the initial phase.*

*The offer will identify particular opportunities throughout the year for the partnerships to be involved in decisions that will affect their local area. There will also be a consultation diary that identifies what will be taking place in each community area over the year.*

*I would suggest that if Malmesbury Community Area Partnership are interested in being a pilot – they write and invite us to develop ‘an offer’ for them.”*

The partnership voted that they wish to be a pilot and have requested that you attend the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 18.00 hrs and give them a full and detailed presentation and if possible to be provided some information before the meeting.

They also requested that we invited all parishes, Area 1 and police and other voluntary local groups to the meeting from the Malmesbury area and advertise it widely.

Answer Question Two

The officer following a conversation with clerk of the Parish Council had collated the following information. The petition from Charter 88 regarding support for the Sustainable Communities Bill asks the following:

That the Council pass a resolution of support; and  
That the Council petition our MP to sign the EDM.

Background information: The Sustainable Communities Bill was presented to the house by a group of MPs in May 2006.

An EDM has been tabled requesting that the Bill be reintroduced to Parliament. An Early Day Motion, or EDM, is a motion put down ("tabled") by Members of Parliament calling for a debate on a particular subject. In practice, there is rarely time to debate EDMs nowadays and their true modern-day purpose is to enable MPs to draw attention to an issue and to canvass support for their views by inviting other Members to add their signatures in support of the motion. Members may table amendments to existing EDMs.

The Bill covers some of the areas that are likely to be addressed by the Local Government White Paper which is due to be published in the Autumn. It is unlikely that the Bill will be debated, if at all, till the Government has formulated its plans.

Both local MPs have signed the EDM.

The Chairman decided to refer the petition for consideration at the next meeting.

Answer Question Three

The officer stated that the question required the Committee to debate the issue. As the issue is not on the agenda to discuss and there is no urgency it would be appropriate to discuss the issue at the next meeting.

The Chairman disagreed with the advice and decided that the Committee should take a view on the issue .

It was agreed that the Committee supported the first hour free for Malmesbury as in other local towns.

*Admin Note: Councillor A.L. Davies, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, entered the Chamber and took the Chair.*

**Councillor A.L. Davies in the Chair**

**M17. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meetings of Malmesbury Area (1) Committee held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 and the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

**M18. Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

**M19. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**M20. The Future of Area Committees - Workshop**

A workshop was held which gave local people the opportunity to voice their opinions about the future of Area Committees and to consider options for improvement and change.

**M21. Spatial Planning Advisory Group**

Consideration was given to Report No. 7, circulated with the agenda, which requested nominees for two representatives of this Area Committee to attend the Spatial Planning Advisory Group.

**Resolved** that Councillors P.J. Goldstone and T.R Sturgis be elected to the Spatial Planning Advisory Group.

**M22. Malmesbury Streetscene Enhancements**

Consideration was given to Report No. 8, circulated with the agenda, which informed the Committee of options for expenditure of the 2006-07 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks, and update on the expenditure of the 2005-06 and earlier Capital Budgets for the continuation of Streetworks.

**Resolved** that

- (1) the Area 1 2006-7 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks be allocated as a contribution towards partnership-funded works to maximise the extent of equipment undergrounded as part of Scottish & Southern Electric's planned network renewal in the Horsefair area of Malmesbury.
- (2) the Assets, Design & Regeneration Team Leader explore options for securing further partnership funding prior to commencement of the works.
- (3) the Officer report back to Committee if the exploration of options for further funding have not been successful.

**M23. Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Planning Update**

A representative from the Community Planning Group gave the following update on issues relating to the Local Community Plan:

1. “Following some changes in personnel local people are sought to represent the parishes of Norton & Foxley, Hankerton and Charlton on the Partnership. They need not be a member of their parish council, but we are looking for someone who is involved in their community, or wishes to become more so. So if anyone is interested please do get in touch.
2. The Transport Sub-group is involved with the development of a Transport Hub for the area, in partnership with Malmesbury Town Council. The hub will act as a broker between mapping the journeys people want to make and access to local transport services. A meeting of transport providers is taking place tomorrow and this will be followed up with a public meeting in September. The group plan to put in an application for a Community Area Award in September to help pump prime this project
3. A proposal from Wiltshire Council to support the Community Partnership is to be explored further when they next meet on 14<sup>th</sup> September. It is suggested that the Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership would form a pilot, along with Tidworth and Trowbridge
4. Members of the Partnership have been invited to respond to the review of Area Committees, through a survey and through attendance at this meeting.
5. A review of the Community Plan is currently taking place, monitoring achievements against concerns and priorities.
6. The next meeting of the Partnership takes place in Malmesbury Library on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm. Anyone interested in helping us undertake projects identified in the Community Plan is most welcome to join us.”

**M24. Urgent Matters Sub-Committee**

Consideration was given to the establishment of an Urgent Matters Sub-Committee.

**Resolved that**

- (1) Councillor P.J. Goldstone be appointed to sit along with the Chairman and Vice Chairman as the Urgent Matters Sub-Committee.
- (2) Councillors I.J. Henderson, T.R. Sturgis and A.R. Baines be appointed as substitutes for the Urgent Matters Sub-Committee.

**M25. Outside Bodies**

Consideration was given to Report No. 11, circulated with the agenda, which enabled those Members appointed to outside bodies to update the Committee on any topical issues and to make any appointments as necessary following Annual Council.

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**Resolved** that the Sergeant for Malmesbury be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the implementation of community policing programme.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and ended at 8.45 pm

There were 3 members of the public present.

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