

MINUTES

Meeting: CALNE AREA BOARD
Place: Calne Town Hall, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0EN
Date: Tuesday 20 October 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9.15pm

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In Attendance:

Cabinet Member

Dick Tonge - Portfolio Holder, Highways and Transport

Wiltshire Councillors

Mr Chuck Berry, Mrs Christine Crisp (Vice Chairman), Mr Alan Hill (Chairman), Mr Howard Marshall, Mr Anthony Trotman

Nominated Town and Parish Councillors

Councillor David Evans (Cherhill Parish Council), Councillor Roy Golding (Calne Town Council), Councillor Edwin Jones (Calne Without Parish Council)

Officers

Deborah Farrow (Service Director Business Transformation and ICT), Carolyn Gibson (Principal Planning Officer), Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer), Jane Vaughan (Calne Community Area Manager)

Partners

Calne Community Area Partnership - Jill Martin (Chairman), Anne Henshaw

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service - Relationship Manager Michael Franklin

Wiltshire Police - Sergeant Alan George, Sergeant Steve McGrath

Members of Public in Attendance: 55

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>										
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Calne Area Board. The Chairman introduced the Councillors and Officers present and set out the emergency procedure for the building.</p>											
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Will Kay (Youth Development Service) and Inspector Kate Pain (Wiltshire Police).</p>											
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The Chairman approved and signed as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 25 August and 24 September 2009.</p>											
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="327 1075 1228 1411"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="327 1075 502 1153">Name</th> <th data-bbox="502 1075 694 1153">Item</th> <th data-bbox="694 1075 869 1153">Type of Interest</th> <th data-bbox="869 1075 1045 1153">Nature of Interest</th> <th data-bbox="1045 1075 1228 1153">Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="327 1153 502 1411">Councillor Trotman</td> <td data-bbox="502 1153 694 1411">5 - Community Area Grants - Calne Heritage Centre</td> <td data-bbox="694 1153 869 1411">Prejudicial</td> <td data-bbox="869 1153 1045 1411">Chairman of Trustees for Calne Heritage Centre</td> <td data-bbox="1045 1153 1228 1411">Declared interest and did not speak or vote.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action	Councillor Trotman	5 - Community Area Grants - Calne Heritage Centre	Prejudicial	Chairman of Trustees for Calne Heritage Centre	Declared interest and did not speak or vote.	
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5.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to one funding application made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p>Sue Boddington addressed the meeting on behalf of Calne Heritage Centre and answered questions from the floor.</p> <p>DECISION: <u>Calne Heritage Centre</u> - Award £1,758 to publish a book recording/exploring and commemorating people from the Calne Community Area who were involved in World War 1, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and an assurance being received that the books will not be sold for more than cost price.</p>											

	<p>The Chairman underlined that Tuesday 3 November is the deadline for receiving applications to be considered at the next Area Board meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Performance Reward Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided information about the Performance Reward Grant Scheme. The first tranche of funding was available for the October to December period. The potential Community Area Hub Project and Abberd Brook Project could be eligible to apply for the Scheme.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Planning for the Future of Calne Community Area</u></p> <p>Carolyn Gibson delivered a presentation on the Core Strategy for Wiltshire. The presentation covered the purpose of the document, progress made thus far and the consultation process involved.</p> <p>An open exhibition would be held at Calne Town Hall on Tuesday 1 December from 1.00 to 7.00pm. This would be followed by a workshop from 7.00-8.30pm, by invitation only. If you would like to be involved in the workshop, please contact your Community Area Manager.</p> <p>DECISION: Carolyn Gibson and Councillor Hill to discuss extending the time of the open exhibition.</p>	<p>Carolyn Gibson and Councillor Hill</p>
8. 8. a)	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided information about a participatory budgeting event for the Calne Community Area. Participatory budgeting was described as a process which involved local people directly in making spending decisions about defined public funds. Funding would be available to the Community Area, for projects similar to the dropped kerbs project that took place in the pilot Calne Area Board.</p> <p>DECISION: To set up a working group to bring proposals for participatory budgeting to the 15 December Area Board meeting, for decisions to be made at the meeting on how the funding should be spent in the Community Area.</p> <p>The Chairman provided an update on the issues received and actions taken since the previous full Area Board meeting on 24 September 2009.</p>	<p>Led by Councillor Berry</p>

8. b)	<p>Road safety around schools had been a main issue raised via the issues sheets process. Councillor Tonge commented this was a common issue across Wiltshire and nationwide. The work underway at Priestley School was highlighted as an example of good practice.</p> <p>A similar issue had recently been raised at Fynamore School. Councillor Berry explained that the School had been planned as a green School for pupils to walk to, but had since changed to serve a wider catchment area.</p> <p>DECISION: Jane Vaughan to continue to investigate options to improve road safety at Fynamore School, as noted on the issues log.</p> <p>The Chairman identified the surface of the Sustrans cycleway between Calne and Cherhill and speeding in the Community Area as other particularly relevant issues.</p> <p>Community Hub - Councillor Crisp provided a brief update on the potential Community Area Hub Project.</p> <p>The following recommendations were made for the Community Hub:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Area Board supports a 1 year Pilot Project around the concept of a Calne Community Area Hub. 2. That the existing working group continues to work as a project steering group. 3. That Focus on 5 is asked to nominate two representatives to sit on the project group. 4. That a robust project plan is established at the outset and that this should include a clearly defined exit strategy. <p>DECISION: To accept the recommendations for the potential Community Area Hub Project, as set out above.</p>	Jane Vaughan
8. c)	<p>Sergeant Alan George provided an update on Community Speed Watch. The update included an introduction to Community Speed Watch, its purpose, how it works and how to get involved. If speeding was an issue in your community, please complete an issues sheet, or contact your Community Area Manager.</p> <p>Councillor Tonge added that speed cameras and portable speed indicator devices had been ordered by Wiltshire Council. A review of speed limits on all roads would go out to consultation in January 2010.</p>	Facilitated by Jane Vaughan

8. d)	<p>Denise Cooper from Westlea Housing Association gave a presentation on the Abberd Brook Project. Denise Cooper spoke on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Westlea Housing Association had become involved in Abberd Brook; • Issues for the restoration project; • Work conducted thus far; • Proposed solutions that would not increase the likelihood of local flooding; and • An update on the project and a three year plan for the future. <p>Plans for Abberd Brook were on display at the meeting. Please contact Denise Cooper if you would like further information, by telephone on: 01249 466052 or by email: denise.cooper@westlea.co.uk.</p> <p>Councillors Trotman and Marshall encouraged individuals to leave their name and address if they would like to be involved in cleaning up the brook. If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact Denise Cooper, as above.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Updates from Calne Community Area Partnership, Town and Parish Councils and Other Partners</u></p> <p>9. a) Jill Martin provided an update on the Calne Community Area Partnership and presented the Community Plan to the Chairman. A bullet point summary of the Community Plan would be distributed to each household in the Community Area in calendar form. The next AGM would be held on Wednesday 28 October at 8.00pm in the Town Hall.</p> <p>9. b) Councillor Bodman of Cherhill Parish Council explained that plans had been submitted to Wiltshire Council for a staff car park to improve parking at their School. Community Payback had been very successful in clearing scrubland and pond restoration in the parish.</p> <p>Councillor Golding of Calne Town Council thanked the Area Board for the grant received at the previous Area Board meeting.</p> <p>9. c) Sergeant Steve McGrath was pleased with the significant reduction in the number of reported crimes. Officers from the NPT Team and Wiltshire Police intelligence unit had dealt with a spate of garage burglaries in Calne. The successes of the Calne Pub Watch Scheme, CCTV, the new boxing club and Bluez n Zuz Disco were acknowledged in the Community Area. The increase in drug related statistics was due to strong proactive work.</p>	

<p>9. d)</p> <p>9. e)</p>	<p>Policing issues related to Halloween and Bonfire Night would be addressed by having a strong visible presence, visiting local shops, reminding staff of the need for the responsible sale of items and contacting local schools to remind pupils of the dangers and offences they may be committing by throwing items at persons or property.</p> <p>Michael Franklin drew attention to the written Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service update provided with the agenda papers. Two further messages were added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder at this time of year, as people start to light more fires, if you intend to use your chimney, please get it swept to reduce the risk of fire; and • The Community Fire Station building is often not in use. A meeting room would be available for community use once building work was completed (which should be by Christmas). <p>The written update from NHS Wiltshire was noted.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Election of Representatives</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed to the election of Councillor Crisp to sit on the Viridor Credits Panel/Steering Group - Wiltshire.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting date for Calne Area Board was Tuesday 15 December 2009 at Goatacre Village Hall, with refreshments available from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. It being Criminal Justice Week was noted and contributions were encouraged to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.</p>	