



Update – June 2007

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Introduction

The Calne Community Area Partnership (CCAP) has recently taken stock of its position and remit. CCAP had become heavily drawn into the campaign to save the White Horse Leisure Centre for the Calne community and this had meant many hours of time and resources being spent on trying to mediate a successful outcome to the leisure crisis in Calne. The situation with the leisure centre had highlighted several areas of concern which CCAP now wish to address in an attempt to build stronger links with the relevant local authorities.

CCAP has recently recognised that this issue has impacted its general operation and has taken the opportunity to revisit its purpose and aims. The result is that the Steering Group is now stronger and resolute to moving the community planning process forward and getting some clear results for the people of the Calne Community Area.

CCAP will be concentrating some of its efforts in the coming months on strengthening its core structure and re-engaging some parts of the community that have fallen away over the years. We will also be looking to update our Strategic Action Plan to ensure that the issues within it are reflective of our community today. As a “living document” the community plan is intended to evolve and develop to represent the community’s changing concerns and priorities.

In addition to strengthening its operational procedures and updating the strategic action plan, CCAP will also continue to progress projects that are linked to the plan. A review of the projects currently supported by the partnership is currently underway and the Steering Group will be deciding on future actions at the July and August meetings.

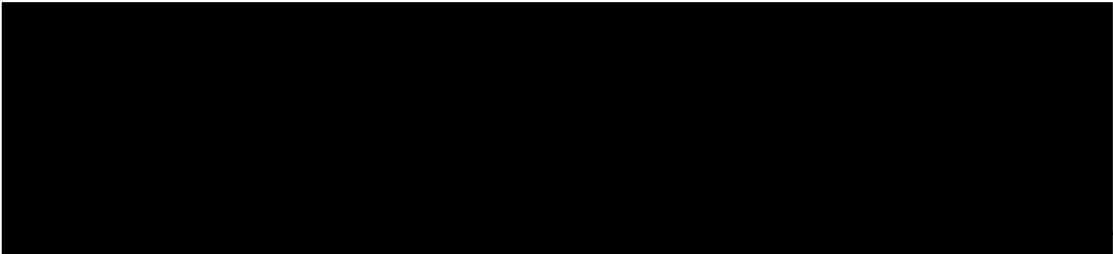
Projects

- **Patford Street Old Ambulance/Fire Station** – The Partnership are keen to see this historical building reinstated as one of the central community based buildings of the town.

Progress: This project has been delayed due to problems in finding a time for members of the working group to meet. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged in the near future.

- **Lower Compton Playing Fields** – CCAP offered to facilitate a consultation exercise with local residents to identify their needs and desires for the play area.

Progress: An update on the current status of this project is being sought for the next CCAP Steering Group meeting.



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can use for other community projects. A request has recently been received to bring Moviola to Hilmarton and this is due to be discussed at the August Steering Group Meeting.

- **Leisure Centre** – CCAP wish to help facilitate a solution to the Leisure Centre crisis in Calne.

Progress: CCAP representatives have been mediating between NWDC and Athena Leisure on a potential bid to reopen and develop the leisure centre and create sports develop initiatives for the community. CCAP will continue to try to find a solution.

- **CAT, Research re. Transport issues** – Calne Area Transport (the transport theme group of CCAP) have held a seminar with regards to transport issues in the Community Area.

Progress: Calne Area Transport held their seminar and are preparing a report on their findings for the Steering Group. The findings will help inform the updated Strategic Action Plan on transport issues.

- **Intergenerational Design Group** – A partnership project involving CAIAC, Colemans Farm Community and Learning Assoc. and the Ecalne project. This project is an arts-based project to bring people from across the generations together to produce an innovative artwork. The main aim of this project is to address one of the partnerships main objectives: to promote a sense of community cohesion. This will be achieved through the involvement of young people and older people working together creatively, by encouraging interactions and communication, the project hopes to foster longer lasting understanding and awareness between them. (If successful it is hoped that this may be go on to involve other groups of people in similar work)

Progress: Ongoing

- This project has been delayed due to volunteer time commitments. However, it is CCAP's hope that this project will be completed during the summer..

- **Community Database** – The full Partnership have identified the need to update the current database.

Progress: The steering group are looking into the data protection issues of holding and maintaining a database.

- **Develop a website presence on the Internet** – The steering group aims to develop its own website.

Progress: Ongoing

management should have increased community involvement, at the July Steering Group meeting.

- **AWARE Day** – CCAP have been asked to be involved with the NWDC Aware Day.
Progress: An update on current status to go to July Steering Group meeting.
- **Abberd Brook** – Westlea Housing Association are looking to work in partnership on enhancements to the Abberd Brook.
Progress: An update on current status to go to July Steering Group meeting.

Other Issues:

- Administrator

The partnerships administrator and treasurer has resigned. The partnership will be seeking a volunteer to take over these vital roles.

Conclusion:

The past few months have highlighted areas of the partnerships work which it must look to address. Some time will be spent on strengthening the core structure and processes to better cope with the demands made on the organisation. In addition CCAP will look to update the Strategic Action Plan and engage other groups and partnerships.

- The next meeting of the steering group - 4th July 2007
- The next meeting of the full partnership – 5th September 2007