

Draft Minutes of the Calne Area (5) Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th June 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall, Calne.

Present:

Councillor A.J. Trotman (Chairman)

Councillors C.M.R. Boase, S. Bodman, A.M. Bucknell, C. Crisp, R. Henning, A. Pier, H.R. Plenty and C.V. Ramsey

Others Present:

J. Martin (Chairman of Calne Community Partnership).

County/Parish/Town Council Representatives:

Cllr R. Aylen – Calne Without Parish Council, Cllr G. Dickerson - Heddington Parish Council and Cllr E. Jones – Calne Without Parish Council.

Officers Present: J. Cogswell (Community Partnership Team Leader), M. Todd (Senior Policy & Democratic Services Officer) and J. Vaughan (Community Partnership Officer)

CA3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Hill and S. Still from North Wiltshire District Council and Councillor Baggs from Calne Town Council.

CA4. Public Question/Receipt of Petitions

- (1) Ms S Gibbons asked a question about the latest situation regarding the Calne Leisure Centre. The Chairman responded by stating that this matter would be discussed later in the meeting. Mr Peter Dolman from the Calne Leisure Action Group informed Ms Gibbons that the group was looking into reopening and running the Leisure Centre.
- (2) Mr Dolman from the Calne Leisure Action Group asked whether the Committee would be prepared to earmark a sum of £75,000 from its budget to provide equipment for the fitness room for the Leisure Centre. The Chairman stated that this would be dealt with later in the meeting when the Committee discussed its funding distribution.

CA5. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 27th February, 17th April and 16th May 2007 were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings held on 27th February, 17th April and 16th May 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.



CA6. Chairman’s Announcements

1) Calne Week of Action - 20th -24th August 2007

The Chairman announced that the North Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership (led by representatives of Wiltshire County Council, North Wiltshire District Council, Calne Town Council, the Police and Fire Service) was promoting a week of activities and action in Calne in August. The aim of the week was to encourage everyone living and working in the town to find out more about their local community and take part in activities to make a difference.

The campaign motto was “Cheer up, clear up, clean up Calne”. There would be a wide range of activities that everybody could get involved with and help to make the week a success. The week would provide an opportunity for all residents and visitors to find out more about the vast range of community groups and organisations in the town that they could take part in.

More details would be publicised in the local press in the run up to the week and on all partners' websites.

2) Police Enquiries - Calne and Corsham Libraries

The Chairman informed Members that a pilot scheme dealing with police enquiries would shortly be taking place. Staff in Calne and Corsham Libraries would be able to assist members of the public to report crime on-line and to use the police helpline.

3) Twinning

The Chairman informed Members that there was currently a great deal of twinning activity taking place in Calne involving the links with France, Germany and Pennsylvania.

CA7. Declarations of Interest

The following Members declared interests in the items set out below:

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Cllr A. Trotman	6 – Area Funding application from Calne Town Council	Member of Town Council	Personal	Remained in meeting and spoke and voted on this item.
Cllr C. Boase	6 – Area Funding application from Calne Leisure Action Group	Member of Group	Personal	Remained in meeting and voted on this item.
Cllr S. Bodman	6 – Area Funding application from Compton	Local Councillor	Personal	Remained in meeting and voted on this item.

	Bassett Village Hall Management Committee			
Cllr R. Henning	6 – Area Funding application from Derry Hill Football Club	Partner’s child is a member of the Club	Personal	Remained in meeting and spoke and voted on this item.

CA8. Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2007/2008

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 (circulated with the Agenda) which asked the Committee to consider 6 applications seeking 2007/2008 Community Area Award Funding. Ms Amy Walters addressed the Committee regarding the application on behalf of the “Stay and Play” group.

Resolved that:

1. The 2007/2008 budget allocation and funding criteria for the Community Area Award scheme be noted.
2. The following funding distribution of the Area 5 Community Area Awards budget be approved, based on the agreed criteria for 2007/2008:
 - (a) Compton Bassett Village Hall Management Committee – Award £499 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of providing disabled vehicular access to the village hall, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
 - (b) Calne Town Council – Award £2,831 from the capital budget, towards the cost of converting the town centre CCTV system from analogue to digital, conditional upon the Town Council funding the balance.
 - (c) Derry Hill United Football Club – Award £315 from the revenue budget, towards the purchase of portable goal wheels, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
 - (d) Summer Fun in Calne Playscheme - Award £1,232 from the revenue budget, towards a playscheme for 5 – 13 year olds during the summer holidays, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
 - (e) Calne Family Action Group - Award £1,145 from the revenue budget towards a summer programme of activities for priority need children and their families.
 - (f) Stay and Play Café - Award £500 from the revenue budget towards equipping a voluntarily run, low cost café for parents and pre-school aged children, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

CA9. Urgent Item – Funding for Calne Leisure Action Group

The Committee agreed that this item should be considered as an urgent item under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) because it was important to make a decision regarding Calne Leisure Centre as soon as possible. Members had received a presentation on this matter by the Calne Leisure Action Group prior to this meeting.

The Action Group had requested that the Committee earmark a sum of £75,000 from its budget to provide equipment for the fitness room for the Leisure Centre. Members discussed this matter and the issue was considered to be too important to Calne to discuss at an Urgent Matters Sub Committee. Members agreed that if necessary a special meeting should be called to consider any funding request in more detail.

It was noted that the Executive would also need to consider this matter and to decide whether they were prepared to accept the business plan to enable Calne Leisure Action Group to take over the running of the centre. Any funding decision made by the Area Committee would be conditional on the Executive approving the Business Plan.

Resolved: That an application for funding from the Calne Leisure Action Group be considered at a future meeting.

CA10. A Play Strategy for North Wiltshire

Consideration was given to Report No. 7, circulated with the Agenda, which informed Members that a draft Play Strategy was now available for consultation and comments were invited from the Area Committee. It was noted that the Strategy may unlock £237,693 of Big Lottery funding for improving play opportunities in North Wiltshire.

The Strategy would be updated in line with any feedback received and it was agreed that an annual review would be a good idea. Officers were considering various new play schemes that had been put forward. The closing date for the consultation was 27 June 2007.

Resolved to note that the draft Play Strategy for 2007-2012 is now available and that adoption of the Strategy and agreement of the project portfolio for the lottery bid has been delegated to the Team Leader in consultation with the Executive Portfolio Holder

CA11. Urgent Matters Sub Committee

The Committee considered the setting up of an Urgent Matters Sub Committee.

Resolved To appoint the following Members to an Urgent Matters Sub Committee:

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and Councillor C. Boase.

Substitute Members – Councillors R. Henning, A. Pier and H. Plenty.

CA12. Community Planning Update

The Chairman of the Calne Community Partnership gave a verbal update regarding the work of the partnership. A copy of the update is attached as **Appendix 1** to these minutes.

CA13. Parish and Town Council Update

The following updates were received from the Parish and Town Council representatives:

- ◆ Heddington Parish Council – Plans had been submitted for an amenity building but these had been refused. It was hoped that the Parish Council would be able to address the reasons for refusal and submit a further application. The grass and hedge cutting had not been carried out very well this year and particular areas had still not been completed.
- ◆ Calne Without Parish Council – The verge cutting had not been carried out as well as in previous years. It was suggested that the Parish Council should raise this issue with the County Council.

CA14. Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to Report No. 11, circulated with the Agenda, which asked the Committee to consider appointments to Outside Bodies.

Resolved that the following representatives be appointed to the outside bodies listed below:

- a) Calne Community Care Planning Group – Cllr C. Crisp
- b) Calne Heritage Trust Centre – Cllr A. Trotman
- c) Beversbrook Community Association – Cllr A. Pier
- d) Calne Project – Cllrs R. Henning and H. Plenty
- e) Calne Area Transport – Cllr A. Pier
- f) Sands Farm Liaison Committee – Cllr S. Bodman

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

There were 8 members of the public present