

**Draft minutes of the Corsham Area (4) Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2008 the Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, SN13 0EZ commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present:**

Councillor Elaine Marston (Chair)

Councillors Jennie Hartless, Simon Meadowcroft, Sheila Parker, Christine Reid and Dick Tonge

**County/Town/Parish Council Representatives:**

Councillor Peter Davis - Wiltshire County Council  
Councillor Nicholas Keyworth- Corsham Town Council

**Officers Present:**

Jo Cogswell (*Community Partnership Manager*), Julia Densham (*Democratic Services Assistant*), Pauline Hoskins (*Technical Administration Officer*) and Peter Jeremiah (*Legal Services Manager*)

**Others Present:**

Dave Martin (*Clerk to Corsham Town Council*), Inspector Kate Pain (*Wiltshire Police*), Dave Roberts (*Project Manager – Area Board Development*), Julia Stacey (*Community Planner – Wiltshire County Council*), Peter Tapscott (*Corsham Area Community Partnership*)

**CO24. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Katherine Banks and Tudor Jones.

**CO25. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions**

No public questions or petitions were received.

**CO26. Minutes**

The minutes of the Corsham Area (4) Committee meeting held on 23 September 2008 were considered.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**CO27. Chairman's Announcements**

(a) Improvements to Local Recycling Facilities

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The Chairman informed members that from 10 November 2008 local people could recycle cardboard and plastic bottles at Post Office Lane Car Park near Somerfield's supermarket in Corsham. Tetrapacks could now be recycled but only at the Household Recycling Centres.

### (b) Energy Efficiency Grants Scheme

The Chairman reported that the 34 community buildings across North Wiltshire that had been awarded money under the District Council's Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme were now working towards making the improvements recommended by the Severn Wye Energy Agency. Quotes were being submitted for approval, work had started and, in a few cases, already finished. The deadline for submitting quotes for approval was Friday 19 December and funding must be paid to the recipient prior to 31 March 2009.

### CO28. Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Councillor Elaine Marston	Item 6(1) – Corsham Area (4) Community Awards Funding Distribution	Prejudicial	Member of Corsham Town Council	Left the room

### CO29. Corsham Area (4) Community Area Funding Distribution 2008/09

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 which considered three funding applications from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.

The Chair requested that the following applicants address the committee on their respective funding applications:

Chris Waltho and Helen Hynes addressed the committee on behalf of the Corsham Regis Parent Teacher Association (Corsham Regis PTA).

Adam Walton addressed the committee on behalf of Film @ The Pound.

Dave Martin addressed the committee for Neston Play Area on behalf of Corsham Town Council.

Councillor Jennie Hartless took the Chair for the ensuing discussion:

- There were insufficient monies remaining to pay the three funding applications in full.
- While Corsham Town Council had received many grants in the past, Corsham Regis PTA had not, while Film @ The Pound had received a small grant to set up the project.
- It was proposed that the Corsham Regis PTA and Film @ The Pound be awarded grants in full with the remaining monies being awarded to Corsham Town Council.

**Resolved that**

- 1 Corsham Town Council - Award £3,139 from the capital and project budgets to Corsham Town Council to renew Neston Play Area equipment for older children and provide a house style climbing frame for younger children, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 2 Film @ The Pound – Award £1,452 from the project budget to set up and carry out a young persons' film making project, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009; and
- 3 Corsham Regis PTA – Award £2,493 from the capital budget to Corsham Regis PTA to create a 'Mini Beast' Garden and erect a greenhouse to provide local children with an interactive learning opportunity, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009.

**CO30. Community Engagement**

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 providing an update on the work of the Pilot Area Board Task Group. Items discussed included:

- The qualitative data collected from the community engagement events would be presented in both report format and as a Digital Video Disc (DVD).
- The task group would hope to present their findings at the launch of the pilot Area Board meeting in January 2008.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

**CO31. Corsham Area Community Partnership**

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 providing an update on the activities of the Corsham Area Community Partnership (CACP). Items discussed included:

- Several members of the CACP would be attending the Slipper Event scheduled for 20 November 2008.
- The Corsham Civic Society were congratulated on their success in having won the annual, national, Marsh Award for the Society's work on the Mayo Restoration Project.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

### CO32. Neighbourhood Policing Update

Consideration was given to Report No. 9 providing an update on policing issues affecting the Corsham Area. Items discussed included:

- A single agency approach would be adopted in resolving the issues of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) travelling through the villages.
- Consideration was given to whether satellite navigation technology could be programmed with a commercial user in mind to avoid the recommendation of routes along lesser roads.
- A meeting between North Wraxall Parish Council and their Wiltshire County Council representative had taken place to consider the issue of HGVs and the committee wished to understand why the village of Colerne had not been invited given that it shared the problem.

#### **Resolved that**

- 1 the report be noted; and
- 2 the Chair to send a letter to the Corporate Director of Transport, Environment and Leisure at Wiltshire County Council expressing the committee's wishes to be included, along with Town and Parish Councils, in discussions on any issues relating to HGV traffic affecting the villages in the area.

### CO33. Ward/Town/Parish Council Update

District Council Ward Members and Parish/Town/County Council representatives updated the Committee on issues in their locality.

#### Box Parish Council: Councillor Jennie Hartless

The sports pavilion was nearing completion and thanks were given to North Wiltshire District Council for their support. The Parish Council would be holding an open evening to design their Parish Plan in preparation for the new unitary council.

#### Colerne Parish Council: Councillor Simon Meadowcroft

Anti-social behaviour was escalating and, while some arrests had been made, the Parish Council were now actively working with Ian Whiteway (*Partnership Anti Social Behaviour Reduction Officer*). Inspector Pain assured the committee that criminal records would include impact statements where available.

### CO34. Outside Bodies

#### Joint Services Community Liaison Panel: Councillor Jennie Hartless

The most recent meeting had been cancelled.

#### Corsham CAYPIG: Councillor Christine Reid

It was noted that there were fewer young people than desired at the most recent meeting although adult youth workers were well represented. Work had started at the

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new Mansion House Playgroup premises at St Patrick's School and there were enough funds for an extra building to be used for meetings. However, no lease had been received and Councillor Peter Davis elected to take up the matter with Wiltshire County Council.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.10pm.

There were seven members of the public present.