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**CRICKLADE &
WOOTTON BASSETT
AREA (2) COMMITTEE**

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 7th December 2005 at 7.00 p.m. in Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall

Present:

Councillor A.M. Bucknell Chair

Councillors H.M. Dixon, K.A. Dixon, G.R. Greenaway, M.P. Hatton, O.J. Thomas, S.R. Walls.

Other District Councillors: Councillors C. O’Gorman

County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:

Cllr V. Stubbings	Broad Town Parish Council
Cllr B. Atfield	Cricklade Town Council
Cllr A. Wilce	Cricklade Town Council

Officers Present: A. Davies (Strategic Manager Planning Services), W. Oulton (Policy & Democratic Services Officer) and Julie Kashdan Brown (Principal Urban Design).

CR25. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A.M. Baines, J.S.W. Elford, M.E.M. Groom, N.T. Maidment, J.M. Read, P.S. Roberts and C. Wannell.

CR26. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

CR27. Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October 2005 (circulated with the agenda).

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held



on the 12th October be confirmed as a correct record with the following amendment that reference to ‘Greenway’ be corrected to ‘Greenaway’ at minute CR24 resolution 2).

CR28. Chairman’s Announcements (if any)

The Chairman made the following announcements:

“Community Awards Scheme

Over the last few weeks, Members have been reminded that the closing date for applications for the third and final round of Community Awards for 2005/6 is **Friday, 30th December 2005**.

I am concerned that we have hardly dipped into the Revenue Budget at all. The £9,500 remaining will disappear if we do not use it. Please let local groups know about this money - no match funding necessary provided it is under £500. And point them in the direction of our website, which gives information about the Scheme. Shelley Parker will be happy to give guidance on the application process.

One recent success story has been funding awarded in February to the United Reformed Church in Cricklade towards the building of a new stage, lighting and flooring in its community hall.

As it clashed with a full Council meeting, Shelley Parker represented Area 2 at a small October reception for the project’s funders. It had clearly been a real community effort to get this together. There was genuine appreciation of the money awarded by NWDC for the refurbishment of this building which offers a number of uses for local community groups - brownies, music groups, toddler groups, local carers and various committees. It is open for private hire and would prove an ideal venue for small town or district council meetings.

It is good to see how things are followed through and how Area 2’s money is being put to good use. Something it would be good to hear more of and perhaps shout more loudly about.”

CR29. Declarations of Interest

The following declaration of interest was made:

Name	Application /item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Cllr K.A. Dixon	Item 6 - Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Streetscene Enhancements	Personal	Wootton Bassett Town Councillor	Remained in the Chamber
Cllr S. Walls	Item 6 - Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Streetscene Enhancements	Personal	Wootton Bassett Town Councillor	Remained in the Chamber
Cllr O. J. Thomas	Item 6 - Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Streetscene Enhancements	Personal	Wootton Bassett Town Councillor	Remained in the Chamber
Cllr M.P. Hatton	Item 6 - Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Streetscene	Personal	Children attend facility	Remained in the

	Enhancements			Chamber
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CR30. Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Streetscene Enhancements

Consideration was given to Report No. 6, circulated with the agenda, which informed the Committee of options for expenditure of the 2005-06 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks.

Resolved that

- 1) Up to £2,500 of the Area 2 2005-6 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated as partnership funding towards enhancement of the Cricklade War Memorial, subject to further partnership funding for the project being obtained.
- 2). £2,500 of the Area 2 2005-6 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated to professional and planning fees associated with progressing proposals for the enhancement of the Cricklade War Memorial, and that the Design and Estates Team Leader be authorised to progress and oversee the design, applications and works; and
- 3). The balance of the Area 2 2005-6 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated as further funding towards improvement works at the Mount Pleasant retaining walls in Wootton Bassett.

CR31. Budget Consultation

An interactive exercise was undertaken to gather views from the Council's partner organisations and the public to help inform the budget setting process for 2006/07.

CR32. Community Plan Update

The Councillor Stubbings of the Northern Community Area Partnership gave a verbal update on issues relating to the Northern Community Area Plan as follows:

“Full Partnership Meeting

NCAP held a Partnership meeting on 1st November at Cricklade Town Hall. A small number of working groups were set up around themes in the plan. For example, the group for Recreation, Culture and Leisure is planning, through an Action Plan, to support the Cricklade Country Way project and relocation of Cricklade Museum. Clashes of meetings resulted in a poor turnout. Another meeting will take place in the south of the area, probably at RAF Lyneham in February or March. It would be good to see more District Councillors at this. Details will be circulated in the New Year

Funding

The Partnership is making a bid to the Wiltshire Market Towns Partnership for funding to help its capacity building activities (i.e. better engagement of local people through advertising and event promotion) as well as funds for IT equipment.

NCAP Website

NCAP is in the process of setting up its own website which will be for use by Partnership members who will be able to access details of meetings, minutes, forthcoming events, etc, and comment on issues in the Community Plan.

Row de Dow

Following NCAP's successful bid for funding from Wootton Bassett Town Council and Area 2, works are likely to start on resurfacing work and fencing to the Row de Dow footpath in early January."

CR33. Community Grants Group

Consideration was given to Report No. 9, circulated with the agenda, which agreed a process for reviewing the current criteria for distribution of the Community Area Awards funding.

Resolved to give delegated authority Councillors G.R. Greenaway and H.M. Dixon to represent the Area Committee on a Joint Community Area Funding Working Group who will review and set common funding criteria for distribution of Community Area Awards (capital and revenue), by Area Committees.

CR34. Response of the Public Spaces & Local Plans Panel

Consideration was given to Report No. 10, circulated with the agenda, which summarised the responses made by the Panel to issues raised by the Committee.

Issues discussed included:

- That a meeting of the West Swindon Joint Study Steering Group would be held in January;
- That the cost of producing the Statement of Community Involvement was £13,300 in officer time and £1,175 for printing costs; and
- That the Panel had recommended to the Executive that the Rural Buffer continue to be supported.

Resolved

- 1) That the membership of the West Swindon Joint Study Steering Group be circulated to the Committee;
- 2) That the Spatial Planning Team Leader be invited to a future meeting if there are any significant issues relating to Regional Spatial Strategy.

CR35. 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 ask that appointments to the outside bodies be made.

Verbal reports received from representatives included:

- That Councillor Greenaway attended his first meeting of the Cotswold Water Park;

- That the objectives of the Cricklade Country Way group had largely been achieved;
- That Leisure centre staff continued to provide a good service to the public;
- That the Great Western Community Forest would participating in the North Wiltshire Festival to be held in Chippenham and that the festival discussed for Jubilee Lake Wootton Bassett should take place in 2007; and
- That the Car parking Working Group had considered the feedback from the Wootton Bassett consultation meeting and the schemes had been amended in response.

Resolved

- 1) that the following question be referred to officers and reported back to Committee members – “How are residents being made aware of the new interim residential car parking measures.”
- 2) That Councillors J.M. Read and M.P. Hatton being the local ward members are appointed to the Community & RAF Fairford Liaison Group.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm

There were no members of the public present