

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

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Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 12th April 2006 at 7.00 p.m. at Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall.

Present:

Councillor A.M. Bucknell Chair

Councillors, K.A. Dixon, G.R. Greenaway, M.E.M. Groom, , P.S. Roberts, S.R. Walls, C. Wannell and J. Webb

County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:

Cllr V. Stubbings	Broad Town Parish Council
Cllr B. Atfield	Cricklade Town Council
Cllr D. Avenell	Cricklade Town Council
Cllr C. Wilce	Cricklade Town Council
Cllr S. Still	Tockenham Parish Council

Officers Present:

A. Davies (Strategic Manager Planning Services), M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnership Officer), B. Gray (Sponsorship and Campaigns Officer), W. Oulton (Policy & Democratic Services Officer) and S. Parker (Community Partnerships Officer).

CR45. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors H.M. Dixon, M.P. Hatton and J.M. Read.

CR46. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

Councillor C. Wilce of Cricklade Town Council asked in light of the issues surrounding the future of NWLL was there a possibility that the Tennis Courts at Cricklade could be transferred to the Town Council. Councillor Wilce stated that he had sent a letter to the Chief Executive of North Wiltshire District Council but had not yet had a reply



The Chairman replied that the query would be referred to the Lead Member and the most appropriate officer for response and that ask why a letter had not yet been received.

CR47. Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th February 2006 (circulated with the agenda).

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th February 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

CR48. Chairman's Announcements (if any)

The following announcements were circulated at the meeting:

(A) Community Area Award Scheme

I am pleased to announce that in 2006/07 Community Area Award funding will once again be available from the Area 2 Committee for projects being led by community and voluntary groups and Town and Parish Councils to help them achieve priorities identified in the Northern Community Area Plan.

Funding is available for large as well as small projects, where Area 2 Committee will fund up to 50%. We are especially looking for groups wanting smaller amounts of £500 or less, to come forward as last year some of this budget went unspent.

The application process has been improved to make it clearer, which we hope will encourage even more people to apply for funding

There will be three funding rounds during the year. The deadline for the first round is Friday, 5th May for consideration by the Area 2 Committee on 14th June.

Details of the Scheme, including funding criteria, guidance for completion, and details of other funding sources plus the application form is available on the Council's website: www.northwilts.gov.uk/communitygrants. Applications can be emailed to Shelley Parker or if preferred, paper copies can be obtained from her on 01249 706449.

(B) Other Community Awards News

I am pleased to announce that at its meeting on 9th March, the Executive awarded £20,000 from the Executive Capital Partnership Fund to the Jubilee Lake Project in Wootton Bassett. This match funded an award granted to Wootton Bassett Town Council by the Area 2 Committee on 8th February. We wish this project every success and look forward to hearing about its progress.

Other recent success stories include the opening of the rebuilt Old Court Play Area in Wootton Bassett, which I attended in February. The Area 2 Committee jointly funded this project with the Town Council. This play area is a good facility with new equipment for both toddlers and juniors and was clearly a well thought out scheme, which should benefit local children for many years to come.

A letter has been received from Bradenstoke Village Hall and Recreational Centre thanking the Committee for its award allowing much needed restoration work to its wooden floor. We have also received appreciative feedback from Lydiard Millicent

Parish Hall Committee to confirm that following Area 2 funding the new fire alarm system has been installed in the hall. Thankfully, there has not yet been an emergency situation where it might be put to use!

(C) Wiltshire Community Web-site

The Wiltshire Community Web has been set up by the Wiltshire Customer First Partnership, a partnership that brings together all of Wiltshire's major public sector agencies. Funding was secured from County and District Council's along with the Voluntary and Community Sector through the Governments 'Change Up' Programme.

A local voluntary organisation, 'Community First' manage the site on behalf of the partners.

The idea is simple - to allow local groups, parish councils, councillors and clubs the chance to build and maintain web-sites for **free** and provide a single place in which a range of community sites can link and be easily found.

The site is going to be officially launched on 24th April 2006, however we need as many local groups, clubs and Councillors etc. to create sites before this date to help populate the site.

If you already have a web-site, then you are still able to create a single web page and have a link to your main web-site.

Just click on the 'Create a Site' button when you enter the site.

<http://www.northwilts-communityweb.com/>

Kathryn Spencer from Corporate Admin & Member Support will be happy to offer support, if you need help setting up your web-site.

Please contact Kathryn on 01249 706371

CR49. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

CR50. Area 2 Community Area Revenue Funding 2006/2007

Consideration was given to Report No. 6, circulated with the agenda, asking Members to consider a virement from their 2006/07 Community Area Awards revenue budget.

Resolved to agree to a one off virement of £1000 from the Area 2, 2006/07 Community Area Awards revenue budget to the District-wide Awards revenue budget after consideration of the 2nd round of Area Awards.

CR51 The North Wiltshire Festival

A presentation was received from the Sponsorship & Campaigns Officer on the North Wiltshire Festival. The purpose of the presentation was to raise awareness of the event and to explain how Town & Parish Councils and Chambers of Commerce would be using the event to promote their Town or Parish.

Resolved

- 1) That the project team be asked to consider the issue of transportation for those who have limited access to transport; and
- 2) To ask whether the event complies with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

CR52. Community Plan Update

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

Follow-up to the Area 2 Committee Meeting on 8th February

At the last meeting, officers were asked to investigate how parishes are informed about NCAP meetings and activities. From the initial consultation stage through to the publication of the Community Plan and now with identifying projects, John Allen and Shelley Parker have always kept Town and Parish Councils informed. Details of up and coming meetings or events are passed by e-mail or post. In turn, the vast majority of Area 2's Town and Parish Clerks have been very helpful in passing on information to their Councillors and have also distributed Plans or leaflets on NCAP's behalf. It's worth remembering that both officers would like to build an even better dialogue with Towns and Parishes but are restricted by part time hours. It may now be time to look again at all parishes nominating a representative to work with the Partnership.

Cllr Atfield also asked why, when North Wiltshire District Council had grant aided NCAP, that the County Council had not also provided funding. Since the last meeting the County Council has awarded £500 to the Partnership. Members should know that we have recently received confirmation that our bid to the Wiltshire Market Town Partnership has been successful and we have been awarded £10,000 for capacity building work. We are hoping to allocate this money to employing a part time administrator, support project work with venue hire and other administrative costs and to improve our advertising. We have also been awarded up to £2000 to buy IT equipment.

Ideas for Action Event

In spite of a disappointing turnout for the Ideas into Action event on 10th April – the event clashed with other meetings in the area as well as being so close to the Tunnel meeting the following evening - the session went well. A number of projects where NCAP may be able to help were discussed. These included finding a permanent site for a pre-school group in Cricklade, work to a verge in Purton, better support for vulnerable people in the area and improving the facilities offered by the Memorial Hall. All have clear links to the Community Plan. This will be followed up by a meeting in Cricklade on Tuesday, 6th June to which the relevant officers and service providers will be invited. A funding adviser from the Charities Information Bureau will also be there to help to identify possible funding streams to help move projects forward. Shelley Parker will also be there to offer advice about the Area 2 Community Awards Scheme.

If Members know of community groups who are looking for funding, this will be an opportunity to come along and speak to funding advisers as well as an opportunity to talk to Partnership about their projects.

The Committee also noted that John Allen would no longer be working in support of the NCAP and that a vote of thanks should be recorded.

Resolved that a letter be sent to John Allen recording the thanks of the Area 2 Committee for his tireless efforts towards the development of the Northern Community Area Partnership.

CR53. Spatial Plan Update

In the absence of the Lead Member the Policy & Democratic Services Officer gave a verbal update regarding Spatial Planning issues.

Issues discussed included:

- That the Statement of Community Involvement is out for consultation till the 12th May 2006;
- The Local Development Scheme goes before Council on the 25th April 2006;
- The consultation period for the Core Strategy had ended and officers were analysing the results;
- The results of the Local Plan inquiry were awaited;
- That a meeting was held by the CPRE regarding M4 tunnel.

Resolved that the Leader be asked that when a representative is unable to attend a meeting regarding Spatial Planning Issues a substitute is sent or consideration be given to appointing a member more able to attend.

CR54. Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to Report No. 10, 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 as necessary.

Resolved

- 1) That the Lead Member for Leisure be asked to investigate the Committee's concerns about the effectiveness of the Management/Liaison Committees operating in the Leisure Centres;
- 2) That Parish & Town Councils receive a update regarding the future of leisure provision as soon as practicable;
- 3) That an update on the development of the Parking, Access & Transportation Strategy and NWLL be brought to the next Area 2 meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.25 pm

There were 2 members of the public present