

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING ON 28th FEBRUARY
2007**

**Draft Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee
meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2006 in Bowls Pavilion, Purton**

Present:

Councillor M.P. Hatton - Chair

Councillors: A.M. Bucknell, H.M. Dixon, K.A. Dixon, G.R. Greenaway, M.E.M.
Groom, J.M. Read, P.S. Roberts, O.J. Thomas, S.R. Walls, C.
Wannell and J. Webb

Other Members Present: D.M. Moore and T.R. Sturgis

County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:

Cllr S. Still	Tockenham Parish Council
Cllr P. Gantlett	Clyffe Pypard Parish Council
Cllr G. Jones	Purton Parish Council
Cllr B. Attfield	Cricklade Town Council
Cllr C. Wilce	Cricklade Town Council
Cllr M. Bell	Purton Parish Council

Officers Present:

A. Davies (Strategic Manager Planning Services), J. Whittleton (Policy &
Democratic Services Assistant), G. Wilson (Customer & Business Support Team
Leader) and M. Gilmour (Community Partnerships Officer)

CR33. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dr R. Pagett.

CR34. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

A public question was received from Councillor C. Wilce of Cricklade Parish Council. Councillor Wilce stated that Councillor G. Offord gave a rather sensitive and emotional speech at the Council meeting, the previous evening, expressing sentiments that he very much welcomed. He added that he hoped the time for criticism was over and that the community can move forward.

Councillor M.P. Hatton stated that he welcomed Councillor Wilce's statement.

A public question was received from Councillor M. Bell of Purton Parish Council. He asked how the Council intended to meet the contents of the community strategy and its' duty of well being whilst closing leisure centres.

Councillor M.P. Hatton responded by stating that he believed that all the leisure centres in the District should remain open.



CR35. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th October 2006 be confirmed as correct record.

CR36. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Councillor M.P. Hatton:

The Chairman stated that it was his intention to move item 9, Leisure Provision, to be taken ahead of item 6, Community Area Funding Awards Funding Criteria 2007/08.

The Chairman wished all those in attendance a merry Christmas and a happy new year, as this was the last meeting before the holiday period.

CR37. Declarations of Interest

None.

CR38. Community Area Funding Awards Funding Criteria 2007/2008

Consideration was given to Agenda Item 6 which asked the Committee to nominate and give delegated authority to 2 representatives, to represent the Committee on a Joint Community Area Funding Advisory Body (Task Group).

Resolved that Councillor G.R. Greenaway and Councillor H.M. Dixon be appointed representatives of the Committee on the Advisory Group.

CR39. Area Committee Review Feedback

Consideration was given to Report No.7 (circulated with the Agenda) which sought to provide a summary of results from the review of Area Committees, confirm the Councils resolutions and timetable for implementation, and to ask Members to consider methods for implementing the Short Term Recommendations.

Suggestions from those in attendance included:

Publicity

- That the poster circulated ahead of this meeting was a good idea. It could in future include a picture conveying local issues;
- Advertisements in Parish magazines could be useful, though consideration needs to be given to advance notice for publication;
- The possibility of emailing invites;
- That basing meetings around a subject of local interest could prove useful;
- Blanket advertising (possibly through school bags);

- That the meetings may be better attended if called forums and not committees; and
- The cost of advertising in the local press may prove prohibitive.

Room layout

- That the café-style option (1) be tried at the next meeting.

Agenda Setting

- Agendas could be set two meetings in advance;
- Partnerships could provide items; and
- Parish/Town Councils could provide items.

Voice & Influence

- The possibility of dealing with all the official committee business quickly before going into a forum type set up;
- Officers to discuss work plans at the working party;
- The possibility of appointing lay members to the group;
- That groups formed from the leisure issue could be used to disseminate information; and
- That youth issues could be discussed, once per year.

Resolved that

- (1) Members note the findings of the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Area (2) survey and workshop and use this evidence to inform debate under Option 3.
- (2) Note the resolutions from Council, together with the timetable for implementation.

CR40. Budget Consultation

An interactive exercise was undertaken to gather views from Partner Organisations, the public and Councillors to help inform the budget setting process for 2007/08.

Attendees were encouraged to recommend better ways of the Council keeping the public informed of the budget setting process. It was stated that the Council was interested in hearing the public's view on how we can best present this information.

Suggestions included:

Publish information in the press.
Look at the Swindon BC process.
Set up a stall at various festivals.

Admin Note – A. Davies undertook to provide information on (1) funding for information points and (2) whether the Council has discretionary power to reduce Council Tax for the elderly.

CR41. Leisure Provision

Councillor D.M. Moore, the Lead Member for Healthy Lifestyles, was in attendance to answer questions from Councillors and members of the public in attendance.

Resolved that the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee fully supports the continued use of the leisure centres in Wootton Bassett, Calne and Cricklade and that they should be properly managed, funded and maintained.

CR42. Community Planning Update

Councillor M.E.M. Groom gave a verbal update to the Committee on Community Planning issues.

Issues raised included:

- Consultation on the Regional Spatial Strategy; and
- Transport issues in the Community Plan.

CR43. Parish Council Update

The purpose of this item was to allow Parish and Town Council representatives to update the Committee on any issues in their locality.

A verbal update was received from Councillor A. Gantlett of Clyffe Pypard Parish Council, who updated the Committee on the benefits and problems faced in running the Village Hall. Councillor Gantlett went on to thank the Committee for its support of the local Post Office.

CR44. Spatial Planning Update

Councillor H.M. Dixon informed the Committee that the Second Revision of the Local Development Scheme was approved by Council the previous evening.

CR45. Outside Bodies

N/a

The meeting finished at 10.05pm.

There were 19 members of the public present.