

Draft Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20th June 2007 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Wootton Bassett.

Present:

Councillor Councillor G.R. Greenaway Vice-Chairman in the Chair

Councillors: A.M. Bucknell, T. Clements, P. Doyle, M.E.M. Groom, M.P. Hatton, J. Lay, W. Roberts, S.J. Still and A.M. Wannell.

County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:

Councillor R. Harris	Purton Parish Council
Councillor T. Price	Purton Parish Council
Councillor A. Rae	Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council
Councillor G. Yates	Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council
Councillor V. Stubbings	Broad Town Parish Council
Councillor T. Pepperall	Lydiard Millicent Parish Council
Councillor B. Atfield	Cricklade Town Council
Councillor H.M. Dixon	Wiltshire County Council
Councillor M. Bell	Purton Parish Council
Councillor D. Avenell	Cricklade Town Council

Officers Present:

S. Parker (Community Partnerships Officer), J. Kashdan Brown (Principal Urban Design Officer), D. Stirling (Asset, Design & Regeneration Manager) and J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant)

CR3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P.S. Roberts, C. Wannell and from Councillor S. Bucknell of Wootton Bassett Town Council.

CR4. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

A public question was received from Councillor G. Yates of Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council:

“We congratulate North Wiltshire District Council on reversing their decision to abolish themselves by now voting not to support Wiltshire County Council in their bid for unitary status. However, we are concerned that the decision apparently does not mean that North Wiltshire District Council are opposed but only that they are ‘sitting on the fence’. Our Parish Borders Swindon Borough Council and in the light of the Swindon Borough Council statement that they would seek boundary changes if Wiltshire becomes a unitary authority we would ask you to reconsider your position and formally declare your outright opposition to the proposal in line with other District Councils in Wiltshire.



We are sure that the majority of voters in North Wiltshire do not want direct rule from Trowbridge and that they would support the status quo.”

Councillor A.M. Bucknell responded by stating that there were two issues; the unitary bid and the possible ‘land grab’ by Swindon Borough Council. She stated that regardless of whether the unitary bid is successful, Councillors in the area are committed to preventing Swindon taking parts of North Wiltshire. She appreciated that the issue was one of concern for Towns and Parishes in Area 2, especially ones which border Swindon, but that the Council had taken a positive decision.

A petition was received, bearing 64 signatures to the following statement:

‘We would like to have a cardboard recycling facility in Purton.’

CR5. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 11th April 2007 and the 16th May 2007 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 11th April 2007 and the 16th May 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CR6. Chairman’s Announcements

The Vice Chairman, Councillor G.R. Greenaway, read the following statement on behalf of Councillor C. Wannell, the Chairman:

Community Area Awards

Over the weekend, I was very pleased to be invited to an art exhibition by the Cricklade Art Group, which was being held alongside the Cricklade Festival. This Committee awarded £500 to the group in February 2006 towards the purchase of screens, lights, plinths and easels.

I was given a warm welcome and it was good to see how an award by Area 2 has been of real benefit to a small group like this one.

CR7. Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
M.P. Hatton	6 – Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements	Personal	Member of Royal British Legion	Spoke and did not vote.
	7 – Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Member of Cricklade Town Council	

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G.R. Greenaway	7 – Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Purton Institute and Village Hall Charity Trustee	Spoke and did not vote.
T. Clements	7 – Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Member of Cricklade Town Council	Spoke and did not vote.
M.E.M. Groom	7 – Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Member of Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council	Spoke and did not vote.
S.J. Still	7 – Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Member of YELL Committee	Spoke and did not vote.
A.M. Wannell	7 – Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Governor at Longleaze School	Spoke and did not vote.

CR8. Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 informing the Committee of options for expenditure of the 2006- and 2007-8 Capital Budgets for the continuation of Streetworks in Area 2.

The Committee received a presentation from J. Kashdan Brown (Principal Urban Design Officer) on street works projects in Area 2.

Representations were received from Councillor M. Bell of Purton Parish Council, from Councillors B. Atfield and D. Avenell of Cricklade Town Council.

Issues discussed included:

- That street works funds are generally used to enhance works in the County Council's highway, they are therefore dependant on agreement with the County Council;
- That neither the Wootton Bassett retaining walls or the Cricklade War Memorial projects have been shelved;
- The Council is awaiting revised instructions on the Cricklade War Memorial;
- The £2,500 allocated to works to the Cricklade War Memorial is still available;
- It is planned to address 3 areas of the Wootton Bassett retaining walls during the 2007 school Summer holiday; and
- Requirements for traffic management during the planned retaining walls works.

Resolved that the Area 2 2006/7 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated as a contribution towards planned works at Purton, subject to consideration of the detailed design of the works and other streetscene enhancement opportunities within Area 2 by this Committee during 2007-08.

CR9. Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2007/08

Consideration was given to Report No. 7, which presented 5 applications and recommendations for funding from the 2007/8 Community Area Award Scheme.

Representations were received from Councillors B. Atfield and D. Avenell of Cricklade Town Council, Ms K. Seal of Longleaze Pre-school and Nursery, Councillors T. Price and R. Harris of Purton Parish Council and from Councillor G. Yates of Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council.

Issues discussed included:

- Cricklade Community Garden – safety issues concerning the proximity of the site to the road, noise and restrictions around the flying of flags;
- Refurbishment works to improve disabled access to the Village Hall – The overall cost of the project, and the importance of village halls to communities;
- Play equipment for the Hive Information Centre at Lyneham – That the Centre is open to all the community, not just service personnel; and
- That only £9,665 remains in the capital budget.

Resolved that

- (1) The 2007/2008 budget allocation and funding criteria for the Community Area Award Scheme be noted;
- (2) Cricklade Town Council – Award £12,843 from the capital budget, towards the cost of providing a Community Garden, conditional on

the balance of funding being in place
that discussion with NWDC about the Scheme continues as the design is progressed towards the construction stage and
that a safety analysis is undertaken.
- (3) Longleaze Pre-School and Nursery – Award £4,264 from the capital budget, towards the cost of developing a new outside play area, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and planning permission being granted;
- (4) Purton Institute and Village Hall Charity – Award £12,000 from the capital budget towards Phases 1 and 2 of refurbishment works to improve access for the disabled, disabled toilet facilities and a baby changing unit, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and that the applicant does not request funding from the Area 2 Committee for further phases of this project;
- (5) Youth Entertainment and Leisure in Lyneham (YELL) – Award £2,065 from the capital budget for new indoor play equipment for the Hive Information Centre, RAF Lyneham, conditional on the balance of funding being in place; and

- (6) Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council – Award £272 from the revenue budget towards cleaning and re-enamelling work to the War Memorial.

CR10. A Play Strategy for North Wiltshire

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 informing Members that a draft Play Strategy is now available for consultation and to invite comments from the Area Committee.

Issues discussed included:

- The possibility of schemes in Lyneham and Cricklade; and
- The Playful Ideas Scheme for Parish & Town Councils.

Resolved that the Report be noted.

CR11. Community Planning Update

The Chairman of the Northern Community Area Partnership gave a verbal update on Community Planning issues:

Since the last Area 2 Meeting in April, we have held Steering Group and Full Partnership Meetings. NCAP representatives have attended an event hosted by the Wiltshire Federation of Community Area Partnerships to discuss the possible formation of Area Boards.

Full Partnership Meeting at RAF Lyneham on 12th June.

Marian Rayner of Community First gave a presentation about Parish Planning and the resources and support available to Parish Councils. We were delighted to see a number of representatives from our parishes at this. Dr Richard Pagett gave an informative presentation on 'NCAP's Response to Climate Change'. And we were given a demonstration on the County Council's hand held voting system. This is an innovative way of conducting interactive consultation with instant results on screen. (It runs along the lines of 'Who wants to be a Millionaire'). We finished up with an up date on NCAP's attendance at the Examination in Public (EiP) on the Regional Spatial Strategy held in Exeter in May.

European Social Fund (ESF)

We are about to receive our second tranche of funds from the ESF. This can be used towards capacity building for the Partnership, feasibility studies and public consultation around issues in the Community Plan. It is not for financing projects but more for getting things to a funding ready stage. We have already asked parishes if they require this sort of funding. The Partnership can then be involved and consider making a small contribution from our ESF grant. We would also like to fund training for 10 members of the Partnership on the hand held voting system which will enable trained users to hire the equipment and use it to consult locally. Again if there are any interested parishes, please let us know and we will try to include them to in the training too.

Examination in Public (EiP) in Exeter

Cllr Groom also gave an update on the above meeting held at the South West Regional Assembly. This included NCAP's representations around the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). These centred mainly on the future roles of Swindon and Chippenham, development to the west of Swindon, the strategic importance of Swindon Town Centre, peripheral settlements and appropriate levels of housing and employment.

CR12. Parish Council Update

Representations were received from Councillor V. Stubbings of Broad Town Parish Council, who was disappointed that Wiltshire County Council's Unitary bid was not discussed at the meeting. She stated that the bid was the most important issue to arise in decades.

CR13. Outside Bodies

Resolved that the Outside Bodies be appointed as follows:

Outside Body	Representatives
Cotswold Water Park	M.P. Hatton & G.R. Greenaway
Cricklade Country Way	G.R. Greenaway & T. Clements
Cricklade Leisure Centre Advisory Committee	Cllrs M. Hatton & T. Clements
Eastern Co-Ordination Canal	A.M. Bucknell
Great Western Community Forest	P. Doyle
Replacement for Lime Kiln Leisure Centre Advisory Committee	A. Wannell
Community & RAF Fairford Liaison Group	M.P. Hatton and T. Clements

Councillor M.P. Hatton gave an update on the Cotswold Water Park:

- At a recent meeting the Master Plan for the area was discussed along with the grant from the South West Regional Assembly. He stated that the Project had demonstrated good partnership working.

Councillor T. Clements gave an update on the Community & RAF Fairford Liaison Group:

- There was a forthcoming exercise which would include some low flying (8 jets).

The meeting finished at 9.07pm

There were 15 members of the public present.