

Draft Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 7.00pm in Purton Village Hall

Present:

Chairman Councillor C. Wannell

Councillors: T. Clements, 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 I Wood	Ashton Keynes Parish Council
Councillor DJ Avenell	Cricklade Town Council
Councillor T Pepperall	Lydiard Millicent Parish Council
Councillor P Willis	Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council
Councillor RD Lynch	Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council
Councillor H Dixon	Wiltshire County Council

Officers Present:

J Cogswell (Community Partnership Manager), J Macey (Spatial Plans Officer), L Robertson (Head of Policy and Performance) and M Todd (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

CR48. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors B Atfield, A Bucknell, P Doyle, G Greenaway and P Roberts.

CR49. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

Councillor D Avenell circulated photographs of the Cricklade war memorial which had been refurbished with the help of funding from the Committee. Councillor Avenell thanked the Committee for their contribution to this successful project.

CR50. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2008 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of County Councillor Helen Dixon in the list of those present.

CR51. Chairman's Announcements

(a) Gypsy Site Consultation

At the last meeting of the Executive it had been decided that a public consultation should take place regarding the provision of gypsy sites in North Wiltshire.



As part of the consultation process an Extraordinary meeting of the Committee had been arranged to discuss and put forward views on the proposed sites. The meeting would take place on 9 June 2008.

(b) Community Board Update

The Chairman informed members that at the meeting of the Implementation Executive held on 19 March it had been agreed that the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area would be one of the pilots for Community Boards. A development phase would now take place during 2008/09 to test out new community governance arrangements. The development phase would test community engagement events and style including:

- state of the community area debates (an annual progress report and visioning event)
- decision days (setting budget priorities and allocating project funding for community initiatives using participatory budgeting techniques)
- local assessments (identification of local issues and priorities for action)
- local challenge (identifying persistent “sticky issues” and holding failing services to account)

More detailed information would be available at the next meeting in July.

CR52. Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Councillor M Hatton	Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/09 – Application 3	Personal	Member of Royal British Legion	Spoke and Voted
Councillor M Hatton	Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/09 – Application 4	Personal	Member of RAF Liaison Group	Spoke and Voted

CR53. Swindon Core Strategy

A verbal update was given on the Swindon Core Strategy from Lachlan Robertson and Jane Macey.

Issues discussed included:

- The Swindon Core Strategy was currently out for consultation with a deadline of 12 May for responses.
- A response to the consultation had been drafted and objections were being raised regarding the identification of specific housing sites for 1000 dwellings in North Wiltshire.

- The Panel Report on the draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the south west has recommended 3000 houses should be allocated west of Swindon in the North Wiltshire administrative area.
- A study was currently being carried out to look at identifying the most appropriate and sustainable locations for these dwellings.
- The draft response to the Swindon Core Strategy also stated that these dwellings should be planned for through an Area Action Plan, not the Swindon Core Strategy.
- Members expressed concern about the number of houses proposed for the North Wiltshire area and felt that no consideration had been given to the existing infrastructure.
- There was concern that large building developments would worsen existing flooding problems in the area. The drainage and sewage provision would not be sufficient for so many extra houses. There was also a high lead-in time to provide this necessary infrastructure.
- It was suggested that planners should be included on the Flooding Working Group as it was felt that many of the flooding problems in the area had been caused by overdevelopment.
- It was important to protect the rural buffer and to prevent Western expansion.
- Cricklade was particularly at risk from flooding because it was being “squeezed” by development and the Cotswold Water Park.

CR54. Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/09

Consideration was given to report no. 7 which presented four applications for funding from the 2008/09 Community Award Scheme. Mrs Sharon Gater spoke in favour of the Ashton Keynes School application, Ms Kim Hanney-Young spoke in favour of the North Wiltshire Portage application, Mr Bob Jones spoke in favour of the Royal British Legion application and Miss Lisa Mitchell spoke in favour of the RAF Lyneham application.

Issues discussed included:

- It was noted that this was the first funding round of the financial year.
- Funding applications would be brought to each Area 2 Committee meeting until January 2009.
- The funding had to be spent before the end of the financial year prior to the transition to a unitary authority.

Resolved that members note the 2008/09 budget allocation and funding criteria for the Community Area Awards Scheme. The Committee agree funding distribution of the Area 2 Community Area Awards budget, based on the agreed criteria for 2008/09 as follows:

- (1) Ashton Keynes Pre-School – Award £5,177 from the capital budget towards an outside play area, conditional on the balance of funding being in place, any relevant planning permission being granted and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- (2) North Wilts and Devizes Portage Service – Award £1,300 from the revenue budget towards drop in sessions for

families and professionals working with pre-school children with additional needs, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;

- (3) Royal British Legion – Award £500 from the revenue budget towards a Veterans' Day celebratory event in Cricklade on 28 June 2008, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009; and
- (4) RAF Lyneham – Award £2,300 from the revenue budget towards a summer activity camp for children and young people living in Lyneham and Bradenstoke conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009.

CR55. Community Planning Update

The Chairman of the Northern Community Area Partnership (NCAP) informed members that since the last Area 2 Committee, there had been a well attended full Partnership meeting at Cricklade. The Group had received presentations from the police with the latest updates around Neighbourhood Policing Teams, the Primary Care Trust with an update on health and the latest news on the progress on the development phase of the Community Boards which involved a lively debate around the shape that these might take and the role of Community Area Partnerships in the process.

One action to come out of the meeting was that Care for the Elderly was likely to be a local issue followed up further by the Partnership.

NCAP had taken part in a 'Fit for Purpose' evaluation of all of Wiltshire's Community Area Partnerships. Feedback would be available soon.

NCAP had objected strongly to the proposals put forward under the Swindon Core Strategy.

The next full Partnership meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 July 2008.

CR56. Parish Council Update

Councillor H Dixon expressed concern that The Cedars Day Centre at Purton was threatened with closure. Wootton Bassett could also be affected by possible closures.

Resolved to send a letter to the County Council requesting further information on The Cedars Day Centre at Purton and the Lorna Doone Day Centre at Wootton Bassett.

CR57. Outside Bodies

Councillor M Hatton gave updates relating to the Cotswold Water Park and the Community and RAF Fairford Liaison Group.

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The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.05pm

There were 6 members of the public present.