

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING ON 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2006**

**Draft Minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>TH</sup> September 2006 at Oaksey Village Hall at 7:00pm**

**Present:**

Councillors, P.J. Goldstone, I.J. Henderson, T.R. Sturgis and J.P.S.S. Thomson.

**County, Town and Parish Council Representatives:**

Cllr O. Gibbs	Brinkworth Parish Council
Cllr M. Bawden	Hullavington Parish Council
Cllr P. Fuller	Lea & Cleverton Parish Council
Cllr. B. Plews	Luckington Parish Council
Cllr A. Reid	Minety Parish Council
Cllr C. Soden	Wiltshire County Council

**Officers Present:**

L. Bell (Strategic Manager - Community & Environment), M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnership Officer) and W. Oulton (Policy & Democratic Services Officer).

**M26. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors A.R. Baines, A.L. Davis, N.T. Maidment and S.L. Scruton.

**M27. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions**

Councillor A. Reid of Mintey Parish Council asked if an update could be given regarding the illegal encampment at Minety.

The Chairman stated that a written answer would be given to the relevant local County, Parish and District Members.

**M28. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Area 1 Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006 be signed as a correct record.

**M29. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that item 8 - Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Planning Update would be discussed prior to item 7 - Sustainable Communities Bill.



The Chairman also announced that the Parish Councils for Charlton, Great Somerford, Little Somerford and Oaksey were seeking a new clerk. Anyone interested in the vacancy or vacancies should contact Mark Edwards on 01249 463337.

**M30. Declarations of Interest**

The following declaration of interest was made:

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Cllr I.J. Henderson	Item 6 – Application from St Pauls Malmesbury Without Parish Council	Personal	Member of Parish Council	Remained in Chamber

**M31. Area 1 Community Area Award Funding Distribution 2006/2007**

Consideration was given to report No. 6 (circulated with the Agenda) presenting recommendations relating to 8 applications seeking funding from the 2006/2007 Community Area Award Scheme. It links the applications to the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan where appropriate and sets out the implications of accepting these recommendations. It also requests that an application for a skateboard facility, planned for Malmesbury be brought to the January 2007 meeting.

**Resolved** that the funding distribution of the Area 1 Community Area Awards budget, based on the agreed criteria for 2006/2007, be as follows:

- (1) Lea & Cleverton Parish Council – Award £1,938 from the capital budget, towards the provision of additional play equipment at the Jubilee Playing Field, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.
- (2) Malmesbury Concert Band – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of providing window screens in the room used by the Band.
- (3) Malmesbury Community Area Partnership – Award £2,875 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of the pilot Malmesbury & Villages Transport Hub, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.
- (4) St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council – Award £1,500 from the capital budget, towards the provision of replacement play equipment and safety surface at the Corston Children’s Play Area, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.
- (5) Somerford Scribes – Award £491 from the revenue budget, towards the production costs of a booklet of writing by local writers.
- (6) North Wiltshire Mediaeval Pond Society - Award £4,000 from the capital budget, towards the restoration of Alderton’s ancient fish pond, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.

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- (7) Crudwell Village Hall & Recreational Ground – Refuse an award of £500 from the revenue grant towards the cost of folding tables.
- (8) Crudwell Village Hall & Recreational Ground – Award £1,100 from the capital budget towards the cost of replacing flooring in the toilets and communal area of the village hall, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
- (9) To request that a formal application for funding is received from the Malmesbury Skate Board Group for consideration at the January 2007 Area Committee.

**M32. Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Planning Update**

A representative of the Community Planning Group gave a verbal update on issues relating to the Local Community Plan.

Issues discussed included:

- A representative from the Constabulary gave an update on the Neighbourhood Policing Programme;
- Feedback from the Young Foundation on research into community engagement done earlier in the year;
- An update on the Wiltshire County Council Voice to Choice Project. The partnership requested that a briefing be held for Parish Council representatives regarding the proposals; and
- That the decision was made at the Council meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September to retain and enhance the Area Committees. Officers would be presenting a report to the Area Committees in November and December.

**Resolved** that NWDC officers liaise with WCC officers to deliver a briefing on the Voice to Choice project in the context of the review into Area Committees.

**M33. Sustainable Communities Bill**

Consideration was given to Report No. 7, circulated with the agenda, discussing the request from Dauntsey Parish Council that the Committee support the campaign to re-introduce the Sustainable Communities Bill Parliament.

Issues discussed included:

- That an Early Day Motion asking to have the bill introduced had been signed by both MPs in the North Wiltshire District Area;
- That many of the issues covered in the Draft Bill could be covered by the Local Government White Paper; and
- Whether a decision should be made at an Area Committee level.

**Resolved** that the matter be referred for debate to a meeting of the Full Council.

**M34. Outside Bodies**

Consideration was given to Report No. 9 enabling those Members appointed to outside bodies to update the Committee on any topical issues.

**Resolved**

- (1) that Councillor T.R. Sturgis and Councillor P.J. Goldstone liaise to arrange a substitute for Councillor N.T. Maidment on the Malmesbury Conservation Liaison Group;
- (2) that local and district police representatives be invited to discuss the Neighbourhood Policing Programme; and
- (3) That officers from WCC be invited to discuss the policy on road closures.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and ended at 8.15.

There were 6 members of the public present.