

**Draft Minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at Crudwell Village Hall, Crudwell at 7.00pm**

**Present:**

Councillors A. R. Baines, P.J. Goldstone, I.J. Henderson, N.T. Maidment, S.R. Scruton, T.R. Sturgis and J.P.S.S. Thomson.

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

Councillor O. Gibbs	Brinkworth Parish Council
Councillor A. Read	Minety Parish Council
Councillor Poole	Malmesbury Town Council
Councillor V. Vines	Dauntsey Parish Council
Councillor M.A. Wilkins	Charlton Parish Council
Councillor C. Soden	Wiltshire County Council
Councillor P. Gilchrist	Crudwell Parish Council

**Officers Present:**

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

**M46. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B. Fenner.

**M47. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions**

A response was provided to Councillor O. Gibbs' question at the previous meeting by M. Scott (Strategy, Education & Enforcement Officer) (Minute Ref M36); We would hope that the refuse collection problems in Brinkworth would have sorted itself out by now. This was caused by confusion during the round changes and lack of local knowledge of the new driver. Most of Brinkworth is collected on a Tuesday and the remainder on Wednesday. If this is still a problem, contact Steve Bowcock on 01249 706357.

Councillor O. Gibbs commented that he was happy with the answer provided and that the service had indeed improved.

A Public Question was received from Dauntsey Parish Council (read out on behalf of the questioner):

"Why don't schools (especially Primary Schools) have kerbside recycling facilities?"

A written response was read out on behalf of M. Scott (Strategy, Education & Enforcement Officer):

Kerbside recycling is for household waste only. Hills Waste run a Schools Programme. Through this programme paper recycling facilities are provided for the Schools use. Contact Cliff Carter at Hills Waste on 01249 811100.

A Public Question was received from Dauntsey Parish Council (read out on behalf of the questioner):



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“What is the point of asking Parishes for questions if the Committee is unable to debate the issues and answer them at the meeting?”

The Chairman Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson responded by saying that the Committee would do its best to debate any issues raised by Parish Councils. If answers to Parishes questions could not be answered at a Committee meeting, a written answer would be given. He added that he would encourage Parish Councils to be involved in area meetings and ask questions.

### **M48. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Area 1 Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 be signed as a correct record.

### **M49. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman, Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson:

#### **Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership:**

The Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership have asked me to remind you that their Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007, at 7.00pm in Malmesbury Town Hall, and will form part of the Area 1 Committee agenda.

I hope that those of you attending tonight's meeting will encourage other members of your parish/community to attend.

#### **Agenda Topic for the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 Area Committee Meeting:**

From the feedback received so far from Parish Councils and the public about topics for future Area Committee agendas, it has been decided that Affordable Housing will feature on the March agenda. Please put this date in your diaries and encourage members of the public from your communities to attend.

#### **Agenda Topics for Area Committee Meetings 2007/08:**

At the November Area Committee meeting, those people attending the meeting were invited to identify topics they would find interesting for Area Committee to debate in future. This would include specialist speakers and allow public involvement and debate.

Following the meeting, parishes that were not at the meeting were contacted for their views. The deadline for responses was 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and we are looking forward to being deluged with your ideas! Without this information we are unable to plan meetings which are of value to you.

It is a chicken and egg situation: on the one hand you tell us you want more relevant topics on the agenda, but we need to hear from you with your ideas.

We have forms here tonight, so if there are any members of the public that would like to make their views known, please complete a yellow sheet before you leave the meeting tonight.

**M50. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**M51. Area 1 Community Area Funding Awards Funding Distribution 2006/07**

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 (circulated with the Agenda) presenting recommendations relating to 7 funding applications from the 2006/07 Community Area Award Scheme. The report links the applications to the Malmesbury and Villages Community Plan where appropriate and sets out the implications of accepting these recommendations.

Representations were received from Mr P. Kearney of the White Lion Recreation Association, on the history of the project and its' future plans.

Issues discussed included:

- Funding available and the shortfall in the revenue budget;
- The amount of capital funding remaining; and
- Financial regulations.

**Resolved** that the Committee agree funding distribution of the Area 1 Community Area Awards budget, based on the agreed criteria for 2006/2007;

- (1) Charlton Parish Council – Award £380 from the revenue budget, towards the provision of a new notice board, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place;
- (2) Hullavington Jolly Tots – Award £383 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of additional storage facilities for the parent & toddler group, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place;
- (3) Hankerton North Aisle Community Area – Award £1,648 from the capital budget, towards the cost of installing a composting toilet at Hankerton Church, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place;
- (4) St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council – Award £388 from the revenue budget, towards a replacement boundary fence for Corston Nature Reserve, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place;
- (5) White Lion Recreation Association – Award £8,000 from the capital budget, towards the improvements to facilities in the park, conditional on the Town Council maintaining the path, seating and trees and the balance of the funding being in place;

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- (6) Malmesbury Health Visitors – Award £388, from the revenue budget, towards a post- natal depression programme to be run at Buckley Barracks, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place; and
- (7) Citizen’s Advice Bureau - Award £354 from the revenue budget, towards improvements in the service provided in the Malmesbury Area, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.

An update was received from the Chairman, Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson on progress being made to provide a skate facility in Malmesbury. Councillor Thomson mentioned:

- Support from Malmesbury Town Council, Wiltshire County Council and North Wiltshire District Council, through the Area Committees;
- That the project faced complex planning and property issues;
- That noise tests were scheduled to take place ahead of any construction;
- That an application for funding is likely to be presented to the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee in March; and
- A letter of support received from Ms S. Alexander.

**Resolved** that the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee continue to support the project.

### **M52. Project Feedback – Community Funding Awards**

Ms M. Nicholls provided an update on the project at Oaksey Youth Club, She mentioned: (Further information is appended to these minutes)

- That the funding provided by the Area Committee was used to buy musical instruments;
- That over 100 young people had attended since its opening;
- Any child can join and the ability to read music is not required;
- Attendees have come from Malmesbury and 11 surrounding villages;
- That the project has plans to continue after 2 years;
- The funding from Youth Music, a lottery funded organisation; and
- That young people are encouraged to attend the Club (email: shake-make-create@oaksey.com).

### **M53. Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Planning Update**

A verbal update on Community Planning in the Malmesbury Area was received from Ms V. Price. She mentioned:

- That there were plans for a newsletter, supported by EU funding;
- That there are plans for a Barnados children's centre in Malmesbury;
- That the Jackdaw newspaper has been resurrected; and

- That an arts and crafts workshop, supported by Malmesbury Town Council was planned.

**M54. 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.

Councillor O. Gibbs, of Brinkworth Parish Council stated that work would start in April on the Village Hall; a project which had received funding from the Area Committee. He added that work on the Church would start in March, a project which had received funding from the English Heritage Lottery Fund.

Councillor V. Vines, of Dauntsey Parish Council stated that the Clerk, Mrs M. Pile, was due to retire after 18 years of service.

**M55. Outside Bodies**

Malmesbury Community Safety Group, Councillor I.J. Henderson:

- The importance of getting the neighbourhood policing scheme in place as Optimus make take resources from the Area; and
- That the Ashton Keynes & Minety pilot area may have been increased.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and ended at 7.55pm.

There were 13 members of the public present.