

Draft Minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21st March 2007 in Malmesbury Town Hall at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors A.L. Davis, 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 A. Read	Minety Parish Council
Councillor V. Vines	Dauntsey Parish Council
Councillor E. Blacker	Dauntsey Parish Council
Councillor M.A. Wilkins	Charlton Parish Council
Councillor C. Soden	Wiltshire County Council
Councillor P. Gilchrist	Crudwell Parish Council
Councillor M. Rea	Sherston Parish Council
Councillor P. Fuller	Lea & Cleverton Parish Council

Officers Present:

M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnership Officer), J. Moore (Research & Projects Officer), J. O'Brien (Housing Services Team Leader) and J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant).

M56. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Hullavington Parish Council.

M57. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

M58. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th January 2007 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved

- 1) That the attendance of Councillor A.L. Davis be added to the Minutes.
- 2) That subject to the above amendment being made, the Minutes of the meeting of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee held on the 24th January 2007 be signed as a correct record.

M59. Chairman's Announcements

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



Community Area Awards 2007/2008

I am pleased to inform you that once again North Wiltshire District Council is making £48,000 available through Community Area Awards to people and projects in the Malmesbury Area, the majority of which will be awarded to those projects which address issues in the Malmesbury & Village Community Area Plan.

There will be three funding rounds during the year, the first being on **May 23rd 2007**. The deadline for receipt of applications for this round is **13th April 2007**, so people organising events/projects over the summer need to act swiftly. Details of funding guidelines and application forms are available on the Council's web site www.northwilts.gov.uk/communitygrants. Paper copies are available tonight from Miranda Gilmour or via the District Council office.

Additional Papers

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee and those in attendance to the additional papers, circulated at the meeting, relating to item 11, Formal Request to Wiltshire County Council.

M60. Declarations of Interest

None.

M61. Adjournment of Committee to allow the Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership to hold their Annual General Meeting

The Committee adjourned to allow the Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership to hold their Annual General Meeting. Following which the Committee reconvened.

M62. Affordable Housing

The Committee received a presentation from North Wiltshire District Council's Housing Team on affordable housing research and affordable housing in the Malmesbury Area.

Issues raised during the presentation and question & answer session included:

- The process by which housing need is identified;
- That the Gypsy & Traveller needs assessment should be completed shortly. Consultation will take place with stakeholders and the Survey will be available on the Council's Web site;
- That there are approximately 2,000 households on the Housing Needs Register. About 450 households are housed each year;
- That key worker housing is due to be met by the Lucient Technology site; and
- That approximately 11% of the District's housing need is in the Malmesbury area and that about 100 households are awaiting housing in the Town.

Note – Those in attendance were asked to contact the Housing Team if they became aware of any land opportunities in their area.
To contact the Housing Team in this, or any other issue, please use the contact details below:

Email Housing@northwilts.gov.uk Telephone 01249 706423

M63. Report of the Young Foundation

Consideration was given to Report No.8, Transforming Neighbourhoods, produced by The Young Foundation.

Representations were received from V. Price, Chairman of the Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership.

Issues discussed included:

- Remuneration for community area partnerships representatives;
- That the new Area Committee Working Group at the District Council will pick up many of the issues in the Report; and
- That the Report seems to concentrate on the national picture rather than the Malmesbury Area.

Resolved that the Report be noted.

M64. Cowbridge – Presentation from Wiltshire County Council

The Committee received a presentation from Officers of Wiltshire County Council and from Mouchel Parkman representatives on planned works on Cowbridge. Councillors and members of the public were able to ask questions following the presentation.

Issues discussed included:

- The condition of the bridge, all 7 spans have defects;
- The environmental, practical and cost constraints on rebuilding;
- Options considered by Wiltshire County Council;
- The impact on trade in Malmesbury town centre;
- Signage during the period of works;
- The need for continued dialogue between the County Council and Parish Councils during the period of works;
- The possibility of damage to the smaller roads to be used as alternative routes;
- The design of the replacement bridge;

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- Events scheduled in the area, including the WOMAD festival and the Air Tattoo;
- Fish spawn; and
- Bus services during the period of works.

Resolved

That the Committee make the following requests/representations to Wiltshire County Council:

- 1) The Committee supports a 7 ½ tonnes vehicle weight limit and an appropriate vehicle width limit on the alternative route roads.
- 2) That the County Council request that the Police enforce any weight and width restrictions.
- 3) That WCC Highways Authority hold regular meetings with Parish Councils to determine the position of signs and their starting points and that the meetings begin in advance of the commencement of works.
- 4) That the County Council ensures adequate publicity of the works and temporary traffic arrangements.
- 5) That WCC Highways Authority determine, ahead of works taking place, whether there is a speeding problem in the area to be affected by the works. If this proves to be the case, ask the Wiltshire & Swindon Safety Camera Partnership to monitor the area.
- 6) That WCC Highways Authority undertake a structural survey of the diversion routes before and after the works and if damage occurs, return the roads to their original state as soon as the works are complete.
- 7) That WCC Highways Authority confirm the construction period.
- 8) The Committee supports any possible improvement in relevant bus services and the possibility of a park and ride scheme from the former Lucent Technology site. The Committee requests that Wiltshire County Council approaches the owners of the Lucent Technology site to enquire about use of the car park for this purpose.
- 9) That the County Council present the design for the replacement bridge at the next meeting of the Committee (23rd May 2007).

Resolved

That the following recommendation be made to the Executive at North Wiltshire District Council with a response to be brought back to the Area (1) Committee meeting on the 23rd May 2007:

- 1) To amend the parking charges in Malmesbury for the duration of the works at Cowbridge to include free parking for ½ hour.

M65. Area 1 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/07

Consideration was given to Report No.10, circulated with the Agenda, which recommended granting £16,191 of the Community Area Awards budget to the Malmesbury Skater and Riders Action Group.

Representations were received from members of the Malmesbury Skater and Riders Action Group and (in written form) from Ms S. Alexander.

Issues discussed included:

- That the facility will be situated at the Malmesbury Youth Development Centre;
- That Wiltshire County Council will maintain the facility and erect fencing;
- That there is a need for such a facility in Malmesbury; and
- How noise will be dealt with.

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

Malmesbury Skater and Riders Action Group – Award £16,191 from the capital budget, towards the provision of a skate board facility at the new Malmesbury Youth Development Centre, conditional on the receipt of planning permission, acceptable noise survey report and Wiltshire County Council agreeing to operate and maintain the facility and the balance of the funding being in place.

M66. Malmesbury Area (1) – Formal Request to Wiltshire County Council

Consideration was given to the item as well as to a letter from Wiltshire County Council (circulated as an additional paper).

Representations were received from Mr Sanderson of the Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership.

Issues discussed included:

- That the measures will be temporary, until May 2008;

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- That adequate signage will need to be in place; and
- Health provision in Malmesbury and ambulance response times.

Resolved

- 1) That a formal request be made, on behalf of the Committee, for the Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust to be allocated a parking space (as outlined in appendix 1 to these Minutes), for the use of the community based paramedic.
- 2) That the scheme operates between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

M67. Parish Council Update

The Committee were thanked for their funding contribution towards the composting toilet in Hankerton.

M68. Outside Bodies

There were no reports.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and ended at 9.22pm.

There were 41 members of the public present.