

Draft Minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2007 at the Malmesbury Town Hall, Malmesbury, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Vice Chairman Councillor R.L. Cinnamond, in the Chair.

Councillors C. Berry, V. H. Greenman, I. J. Henderson, R. Sanderson, T. R. Sturgis and V. A. Vines.

County, Town and Parish Representatives

Councillor E. Blacker	Dauntsey Parish Council
Councillor A. Chapman	Dauntsey Parish Council
Councillor J. Cull	Lea & Cleverton Parish Councillor
Councillor M. Wilkins	Charlton Parish Council
Councillor G. Lynham	Luckington Parish Council
Councillor M. Rea	Sherston Parish Council
Councillor B. Ingham	St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Officers Present:

M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnership Officer), J. Cogswell (Community Partnership Team Leader) and J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant).

M3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson and from Mr A. Weston of Wiltshire County Council Highways Authority.

M4. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

A public question was received from Councillor O. Gibbs of Brinkworth Parish Council. Councillor Gibbs expressed His concern over the situation involving the gypsies at Minety. He also stated that another group of gypsies had set up camp near the railway at Blunsdon and that a public meeting in Purton had recently taken place to discuss the situation. He asked for an update on both situations from the District Council.

The Chairman stated that Councillor Gibbs would receive a written answer.

M5. Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meetings held on 21st March and 16th May 2007 (circulated with the Agenda)

Resolved

- 1) That the attendance of Councillor Seagar of Brinkworth Parish Council be added to the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2007.



- 2) that following the above amendment, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Malmesbury Area 1 Committee held on 21st March and 16th May be approved and signed as a correct record.

M6. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Councillor R.L. Cinnamon:

I would like to draw your attention to two items to be found on the table as you came in.

Firstly, the yellow sheet suggests a range of possible future topics for consideration at Malmesbury Area Committees. This was completed by Members of this Committee, local Parish representatives and members of the public earlier in the year. I would invite all new members to take one away and fill it in and return to Miranda Gilmour. Secondly, to encourage involvement of local people in this Committee, The Committee Section have produced a useful leaflet explaining ways in which the public can participate.

A letter from Ms C. Simmens relating to a project which received a Community Funding Award from the Committee was read out.

M7. Declarations of Interest

None.

M8. Response of the Executive to the Request of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee

The Committee's attention was drawn to the additional papers, circulated ahead of the meeting, which featured a progress report from Mouchelparkman, the County Council's contractors, on the Cowbridge Replacement Scheme.

Issues discussed included:

- Whether the plans of the bridge are for consultation or are definitive plans; and
- That the replacement will not be an exact replica of the existing structure, but could be similar in style.

Resolved to determine whether the plans of the replacement bridge are for consultation or are finalised plans.

M9. Project Feedback – Community Funding Awards

The Committee received a Report from Mr B. Fenner, on the refurbishment of Hullavington Village Hall.

Issues raised included:

- On the 17th March 2007, the old Hall burnt down and was declared a 100% loss;
- That the Hall was uninsured;

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- That the total project cost to rebuild the Hall was £280,000;
- The new Hall was opened in September 2006;
- The Hall has numerous uses including religious purposes, the local fete, the Parish Council, line dancing, ballroom dancing, keep fit sessions, yoga, poetry group, rambles, bowls, a film club and the Women's Institute;
- The involvement of Community First in helping to support the project; and
- Councillor Fenner thanked the Committee for the £5,044 grant which was used to purchase chairs, tables and trolleys.

The Committee received a Report from Mr D.W. Clemson on the Somerford Scribes.

Issues raised included:

- That the group now has 16 members who meet each Thursday morning during school term time;
- That it is important for writers to have their work published;
- That the grant was used to purchase ISBN numbers and to print a book containing the work of 12 members of the Group; and
- Mr Clemson thanked the Committee for the Grant.

M10. Area 1 Community Area Funding Distribution 2007/08

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 presenting recommendations relating to 2 funding applications from the 2007/08 Community Area Award Scheme.

Issues discussed included:

- That the funding criteria is reviewed annually and is informed by the Community Plan; and
- That last year the Committee struggled to spend its capital budget, yet spent its revenue budget relatively quickly.

Resolved that

- (1) Members note their 2008/2009 budget allocation and funding criteria for the Community Area Award scheme;
- (2) The Committee agree funding distribution of the Area 1 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2007/2008;

- (3) Lea & Cleverton Parish Council – Award £114 from the revenue budget towards the cost of providing new cricket netting on the Jubilee Playing Field, conditional on the Parish Council funding the balance; and
- (4) Sherston Arts Festival 2007 – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of installing a new hanging system for the Art exhibition in the Church, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the hanging system being available for use by other local group when practical.

M11. A Play Strategy for North Wiltshire

Consideration was given to Report No. 9 informing Members that a draft Play Strategy is now available for consultation and to invite comments from the Area Committee.

Issues discussed included:

- That the Council's hoped for allocation of Big Lottery money is conditional on a strategy being in place;
- That the full submission will be made to the Big Lottery Fund in September and the result should be known in November;
- That the Strategy is not a pump-priming exercise;
- That National Play Day will take place on the 1st August 2007;
- That play is to be encouraged through all age groups;
- If you would like any further information about the Wiltshire Play Partnership or the Wiltshire Play Strategy, please contact Carolyn Port, play development advisor for Wiltshire County Council on 01980 863698 or at carolynport@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Resolved that the Committee note that the draft Play Strategy 2007/2012 is now available as a working document for consultation and that adoption of the Play Strategy and agreement of the project portfolio for the lottery bid has been delegated to Team Leader in consultation with the Executive Portfolio Holder.

Recommends that the date on which consultation expires, be added to the Report.

M12. Neighbourhood Policing

Consideration was given to Report No. 10 Neighbourhood Policing Teams area currently being rolled out across Wiltshire. Neighbourhood Policing is based on local priorities identified by local people as the issues that need to be dealt with in their area and Policy and partners will work together to tackle them. Key to this success is the involvement and support of local people.

Issues discussed included:

- Whether there is capacity to take on the project;
- That meetings could start at 6:05pm, ahead of Area Committees;
- The possibility of having Neighbourhood Police Officers blogs;
- Problems of recruitment and retention of PCSO's;
- That the Police are looking to improve communication;
- Direct dial numbers for Neighbourhood Policing Teams are as follows; Malmesbury Town 07704117147 and for the surrounding rural area 07704117148; and
- Contact Jo Cogswell (Community Partnership Team Leader) on 01249 706455 for further information on the Scheme or if you wish for further involvement.

Resolved that the Committee supports the Pilot Scheme.

M13. Parish Council Update

Councillor B. Ingham of St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council, raised the issue of the recently installed informal pedestrian crossing in Corston, which was widely condemned by local people. He also stated that fencing around the Parishes nature reserve had been installed.

Councillor Ingham was advised to contact Councillor J.P.S.S. Thomson on the matter.

Councillor M. Rea of Sherston Parish Council informed the Committee that the Parish Council is looking to purchase the school building in the Village following a public meeting last Thursday. He stated that the building could be used for the local Post Office, the local pre-school and a commercial outlet. The estimated cost may total £750,000 and the Parish Council may seek Community Area Funding.

Councillor E. Blacker of Dauntsey Parish Council stated that the Parish Plan had gone out to consultation and that the Parish Magazine was due to be re-established.

M14. Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Planning Update

The Committee received an update on community planning from Councillor C. Soden.

Issues raised included:

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- The Transport Hub is now in operation, posters have been produced advertising the service. These were circulated to those able to display them in the area;
- That a sports programme for 8-12 year olds was being considered for the school holidays;
- The Partnerships' website is now up and running – www.malmesburyandthevillages.net ; and
- Contact Leslie Bennett if you wish to put anything on the website.

M15. Outside Bodies

Resolved that the following appointments be made:

Outside Body	Previous Representatives
Activity Zone Leisure Centre Advisory Committee	V.H. Greenman and R. Sanderson
Malmesbury Conservation Liaison Group	R.L. Cinnamond
Malmesbury Community Safety Group	I.J. Henderson
Malmesbury Project Board	J.P.S.S. Thomson and I.J. Henderson as deputy