

## WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Minutes of the: **WESTBURY AREA SEMINAR**

Held on: **WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2005**

Held in: **THE LAVERTON, WESTBURY**

Present:

District Council Representatives: J Clegg (Chairman), M Clegg, Conley, Manasseh, Swabey

County Council Representatives: Newbury

Town Council Representative: Prickett

Parish Council Representatives: Jones – Dilton Marsh  
Miller – Bratton  
Morland – Heywood

Community Area Partnership Representative: Rev Paul Richardson

Parish Cluster Representative:

Also in attendance: Frank Brine – Heywood Parish Council  
Michelle Slade – Westbury & District Development Trust

Officers: Sue Bellamy - Community Development Officer  
Melanie Stimpson – Member Support Officer

#### 17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bower and Braid

#### 18 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 February 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Morland declared a personal interest in Westbury Bypass, as he was a member of Westbury Bypass Action Group.

## **20 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman explained that the membership of the Seminar was governed by Section 11.3.4 of the Constitution. Accordingly the membership list on the agenda and room layout had been arranged to reflect this. Town and Parish Councillors should nominate between themselves who would be the representative at the Area Seminar meetings. However the Chairman emphasised that this was purely for voting purposes and did not wish to deter others from attending as they would still be able to contribute to the meeting.

## **21 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **Westbury Youth and Community Centre**

Councillor Manesseh reported on a recent activity children from Westbury and Dilton Marsh had been involved in, which had been organised by Wiltshire Music Centre. It was a very successful day where the children had been able to show their achievements to a large audience. Cllr Manesseh congratulated the children and thanked the portfolio holder for the support and West Wiltshire District Council for the funding.

Concerns were also raised that it was rumoured the Community Centre was to be demolished or sold and that the building was not suitable to be modernised for disabled access.

### **Westbury Bypass**

Councillor Newbury updated the Committee on the progress of the Westbury Bypass planning application. It was established that only two parish councils had received the background papers to this application. Cllr Swabey had written to Mr Batten expressing concern that only two parish councils had received the background papers and requested the deadline for feedback to be extended until the end of June 2005. The reply received was very unsatisfactory and did not answer any questions raised. Cllr Newbury agreed to take this matter up with the County Council and informed members that copies of the papers were available in Westbury Library. Cllr Morland invited all to attend the Heywood Parish Council meeting, as they would be discussing this matter at the meeting on 9 May at Heywood Village Hall. He encouraged those present to obtain a document titled 'Summary of the Environmental Statement' as it provided much useful information – several copies were available from the planning department at the District Council.

### **Westbury CCTV Partnership**

The Chairman reported that all cameras were functioning and progress was being made for further camera sites in Westbury. However as previously reported, Westbury was still desperately short of operators. Cllr Prickett reported that a recent recruitment drive via the press had not been successful and resulted in no extra volunteers. One reason it may be difficult to recruit was that the operations room was in Warminster and volunteers had to pay for parking. Warminster Police had offered the use of the police station car park free of charge for volunteers.

The Chairman requested that at future meetings members' deliver more reports on representatives on outside bodies when appropriate.

## **22 HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE**

At the previous Area Seminar meeting on 16 February 2005 the committee recommended Cabinet give consideration to the provision of a household recycling centre in Westbury. At the meeting on 9 March Cabinet considered the recommendation and resolved that:

‘ “Wiltshire Waste Partnership be asked to provide a Household Recycling Centre in Westbury ASAP” ’.

The Wiltshire Waste Partnership considered the provision of a household recycling centre in Westbury at its meeting on 14 April 2005.

Melanie Stimpson reported that the minutes of the Wiltshire Waste Partnership were not yet available but informed the Committee of some information, which had been presented by Wiltshire County Council regarding the feasibility of a further HRC in the area.

The Chairman explained he had attended the Cabinet meeting on 9 March to speak on behalf on Westbury Area Seminar expressing the need for Westbury to have a household recycling centre.

An area that Westbury Area Seminar could look to encourage was the re-establishment of a free bulk waste collection. It was established that flytipping was an area, which needed tackling

### **RESOLVED:**

**That West Wiltshire District Council looks at increasing the publicising of the location of Household Recycling Centres and the flytipping hotline telephone number**

## **23 WESTBURY AREA COMMUNITY PLAN**

The purpose of this meeting had been to allow members more time to consider and comment on the Community Plan. Sue Bellamy, Community Development Officer and Rev Paul Richardson, Chairman of Westbury Area Action Group delivered a report highlighting the main issues arising in the Westbury Area Community Plan that linked to services provided by West Wiltshire District Council. The official launch date of the Community Plan is the 12 May.

The Community Plan links to all councils, not just the District Council. The issues under discussion at this meeting were those that linked to the District Council which could be referred to Cabinet if necessary. Questions were raised over the level of involvement by Parish Councils. It was noted however that every parish council had been consulted and it was up to each individual Parish Council as to the level of their involvement. Drafts of the community plan had also been sent to each Parish Council. Members were reminded that the community plan was a continuously evolving document that could be revised as appropriate.

Michelle Slade, a Director of Westbury and District Community Development Trust, as the accountable body and fund holder for WAAG was invited to the Area Seminar Meeting to assist the Area Seminar understand the role that they might take in helping WAAG to implement the plan. Michelle explained to members that the Trust had been formed to set up a heritage centre, which is

situated in the High Street. The Trust may soon take responsibility for the operation of the Tourist Information Centre. It can also assist other community groups access funding.

**RESOLVED:**

**That:**

- (i) Westbury Area Seminar asks Cabinet to give serious consideration to issues raised in the Westbury Area Community Plan**

**24 AREA SEMINAR AND AREA PARTNERSHIP LINKS**

Members were asked to give consideration to holding the Area Seminar meetings directly after the Area Partnership meetings. The Area Seminar would be able to take items further that had been discussed during the Area Partnership meeting. Members were not convinced that this would be a good idea as the duration of the meeting could be very long and could also affect the debating part of the Seminar meeting. Some also felt that the Area Partnership meetings should be abolished as they were seen to duplicate the issues discussed at the Parish Council meetings.

**25 ANY ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE REFERRAL TO CABINET**

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) Westbury Area Community Plan – please refer to minute no. 23.**
- (ii) Cabinet be asked to investigate the progress of Westbury Town Council request to enforce alcohol free zones in Westbury**

**26 MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Parish clusters

**27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Westbury Area Seminar meeting is 21 July at 7pm in the Laverton Hall

(7.05pm – 9.12pm)