

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the: **WESTBURY AREA SEMINAR**

Held on: **WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2008**

Held in: **THE LAVERTON, WESTBURY**

Present:

District Council
Representatives: Cllrs Conley, Ezra, Jenkins and King

County Council
Representatives: Cllr Newbury

Town Council
Representative:

Parish Council
Representatives: Francis Morland - Dilton Marsh
Frank Brine - Heywood

Community Area
Partnership
Representative:

Parish Cluster
Representative:

Also in attendance: Kerry Eatwell (WAAG)
PC Nick Holt

Officers: Kevin Fielding – Democratic Support Officer

19. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr de Rhe Philipe

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 January 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS UPDATE

PC Nick Holt a community beat manager covering the Westbury area gave the Seminar the NPT update, points raised included:

- That Police are regularly patrolling Grassacres, Pc's now have keys to the public toilets and can now lock them if it is thought that they are being used by local youths etc to gather in.
- That Westbury's Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be targeting anti-social behaviour issues during the School holiday period.
- That there has been a spate diesel and fuel card thefts from business premises on the West Wilts Business Park.
- That 28% of crime is now being detected in the Westbury area, and that there has been a 20% reduction of reportable crime.
- That local youths have been advised by the NPT's to stay out of the Matravers School grounds.
- That a notice will be displayed at Westbury Police Station advising the public where lost property should be taken.

23. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

None

24. OUTCOME OF ITEMS REFERRED TO CABINET

None

25. UPDATES FROM LAST WESTBURY AREA SEMINAR

None

26. MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP THEME GROUPS

Reports from Representatives on theme groups.

Arc Theatre – Cllr Ezra advised the Seminar that there is yet to be a meeting of this group.

Selwood Housing Board – Cllr King advised the Seminar that the re-branding of Selwood Housing had been a success, and that Selwood Housing had received praise for the work carried out on it's estates to tackle anti-social behaviour.

White Horse Area Action Group –Cllr Ezra advised the Seminar that she has found it difficult to attend these meetings due to the early start time of the meetings.

Youth and Community Services Committee – Cllr Ezra advised the Seminar that she was still trying to find out if this group still exists.

27. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP THEME GROUPS

Updates from theme groups.

Education, skills and learning – Cllr Ezra advised the Seminar that there was no update at this time.

Economy – Cllr Jenkins – Advised the Seminar on the following:

- Of the need to be positive about the local economy.
- That the Moonfest music festival should be welcomed, bringing both employment and money to the local Westbury economy.
- The good news that Boots the chemists are to open a shop in the high street.
- The success of the recent town fair, which a good deal of local people had supported.

Housing and the built environment – Cllr King advised the Seminar that this group had not as yet met.

28. MATTERS THAT THE WHITEHORSE AREA ACTION GROUP (WAAG) WISH TO RAISE

Mr Kerry Eatwell advised the Seminar that W.A.A.G. were producing a booklet to be available for all households in the Westbury area which highlights help with transport for the old, sick and handicapped etc.

That W.A.A.G. were looking to change both the venue and start time of future meetings to encourage more people to attend.

29. SMALL GRANTS AWARDED

Seminar members were given copies of the latest spreadsheet

See attached sheet – Westbury Area Small Grants 2008-09

30. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS UPDATE

The Seminar had been advised that the Community Development Officer was unable to attend the meeting as she was unwell.

31. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION UPDATE

Jackie Abbott (WCC) was unable to attend the Seminar, it was hoped that this item will go on a future agenda.

32. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE REFERRAL TO CABINET

None

33. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

34. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22 January 2009.

(7.00pm – 8.09pm)

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