

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007**

**Draft Minutes of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.00pm in Purton Village Hall, Purton**

**Present:**

Councillor H.M. Dixon – Vice Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors: A.R. Baines, A.M. Bucknell, K.A. Dixon, G.R. Greenaway, M.E.M. Groom, J.M. Read, P.S. Roberts, S.R. Walls and J. Webb

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

Councillor R. Thomas	Ashton Keynes Parish Council
Councillor M.P.A. Seymour	Ashton Keynes Parish Council
Councillor P. Gantlett	Clyffe Pypard Parish Council
Councillor B. Atfield	Purton Town Council

**Officers Present:**

A. Davies (Strategic Manager - Planning Services), J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant), A. Inkpen (Principal Environmental Health Officer) and S. Parker (Community Partnerships Officer)

**CR46. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors M.P. Hatton, O.J. Thomas and C. Wannell.

**CR47. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions**

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

**CR48. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

**Resolved**

- 1) Delete 'G' from Councillor Jones Purton Parish Council.
- 2) At Minute Ref CR34 Replace 'Parish' with the word 'Town' to read, Cricklade Town Council.
- 3) At Minute Ref CR43 replace Councillor A. Gantlett with Councillor P. Gantlett and replace 'local Post Office' with 'Village Hall Project'.



That subject to the aforementioned amendments the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **CR49. Chairman's Announcements**

The Vice Chairman: Councillor H.M. Dixon.

#### **Time and Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Area (2) Committee meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2007 in the Purton Village Hall.

#### **Leisure Centres Statement:**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February, the Council agreed to TUPE the former NWLL staff into the Council to enable the 6 centres within North Wiltshire to continue to be run until the end of March 2007.

Urgent negotiations took place with DC Leisure to provide an interim management contract during this period, following the announcement by North Wiltshire Leisure Limited on 16<sup>th</sup> February, that they had filed for voluntary liquidation.

The Executive has agreed that Lime Kiln Leisure Centre will remain open and will not close on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April, the Council will TUPE the remaining staff to DC Leisure who will take over as new service provider in the 4 remaining centres in Chippenham, Corsham, Malmesbury and Wootton Bassett for up to 18 months to enable the Council to tender for a new long term provider.

Officers are continuing to meet with the "Keep Leisure in Cricklade" action group who are looking to submit a recovery plan to keep the centre in Cricklade opening from 1<sup>st</sup> April onwards. A report will be going to the Executive Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> March to consider this plan.

#### **Community Awards Scheme: Funding Success:**

(On behalf of the Chairman, Councillor M.P. Hatton)

At the end of last year I was delighted to be invited to open a revamped playground in Ashton Keynes which had received £5,000 from this Committee. Also to the re-opening of Lydiard Millicent's Post Office towards which we awarded £1,000.

We have received letters of thanks from those running the Bradenstoke Bugle, the local village magazine which also covers Lyneham. We awarded just over £500 towards a new printer which, I am told, works 5 times faster than the old one. We were given a special vote of thanks in the magazine too.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Wootton Bassett Scout group has also written a letter with some photos of works to improve disability access to its Scout Headquarters towards which we contributed just under £2,000.

#### **CR50. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **CR51. Temporary Events Notices and Community Halls**

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 (circulated with the Agenda) addressing questions raised at the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area 2 Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006 regarding the effect of limits on temporary events notices on community halls.

Representations were received from Mr Tetlow.

Issues discussed included:

- The importance of recognising the difference between commercial premises using TENS to extend their existing licensable activities and hours and community facilities that rely exclusively on TENS for events where alcohol is to be sold;
- The importance of events to the viability of rural village halls;
- The Local Government Association; and
- The most effective method of lobbying the Secretary of State.

#### **Resolved**

- 1) That the Committee undertakes to lobby the Secretary of State to amend the Licensing Act to allow local Licensing Authorities to set the number of Temporary Event Notices.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Principal Environmental Health Officer (Licensing), in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee to choose the most appropriate route to lobby the Secretary of State.

### **CR52. Area 2 Community Area Funding Distribution**

Consideration was given to Report No.7 (circulated with the Agenda) setting out recommendations for 2 applications for funding from the 2006/07 Community Area Award Scheme.

Representations were received from Councillor P. Gantlett on behalf of the Clyffe Pypard Village Hall Committee and from the Rev. A. Fletcher on behalf of the St Michael's Church Hall project.

Issues discussed included:

- That the Clyffe Pypard Village Hall project was an excellent example of community work; and
- That the St Michael's Church Hall was a well used and valuable community facility.

#### **Resolved** that the Committee

- (1) Agree to funding distribution of the Area 2 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2006/2007;

- (2) Clyffe Pypard Villiage Halll Committee be awarded £7,500 from the capital budget towards the cost of an extension to the Village Hall and improvements to the car park with the creation of a picnic and play area. Also, that this be released enabling the applicant to begin Phase 1 of the project for extension works to the hall, conditional on:
  - i) the balance of funding being in place for the extension works
  - ii) that the grant is not used for other work; and
  - iii) that the applicant does not request funding from the Area 2 Committee for any further phase of this project.
- (3) St Michael's Church Hall, Lyneham – Award £938 from the capital budget towards improvements to the hall's access for the disabled, conditional on the balance of funding being in place; and
- (4) The Committee notes the historical spread of funding to community facilities in Area 2 to identify where repeat funding has been awarded.

### **CR53 Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements**

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 (circulated with the Agenda) informing the Committee of options for expenditure of the 2006/07 Capital budget for the continuation of Street works in Area 2.

Issues discussed included:

- The previous years budget allocated to works at Mount Pleasant;
- Communication with Wootton Bassett Town Council;
- Getting maximum value out of the £10,000 budget;
- The views of Purton Town Council; and
- That the Capital Budget can be rolled over.

#### **Resolved**

- 1) That consideration of the item be deferred until the next meeting in order to for the appropriate officer to attend.
- 2) That an explanation be produced ahead of the next meeting, of why works at Mount Pleasant have not been carried out and why Wootton Bassett Town Council have not been informed.

#### **CR54. Appointment to the Spatial Planning Working Group**

Consideration was given to Report No. 9 (circulated with the Agenda), to appoint a representative of this Area Committee to the Spatial Planning Advisory Group.

**Resolved** that Councillor H.M. Dixon be appointed as representative of the Committee.

#### **CR55. Community Planning Update**

The Chairman of the Northern Community Area Partnership gave a verbal update to the Committee on Community Planning issues.

Since the last Area 2 meeting in December, NCAP's Steering Group has met twice. It is delighted to be supporting a public consultation exercise in Broad Town around a proposed development in the village and a feasibility study for a footpath to the Post Office in Lydiard Millicent.

##### **Leisure Centres**

The next Partnership meeting will be on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm at the Memorial Hall in Wootton Bassett. We are holding this meeting specifically for KLIC and SOS to enable both groups to update the wider community about what is happening with the leisure centres in each of our towns. All members of the Area 2 Committee are welcome to attend. A letter setting out the Partnership's views on this issue has been sent to the Rt. Hon. Ruth Kelly, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, our local MPs and NWDC. We will continue to support both KLIC and SOS where we able to.

##### **Care for the Elderly**

We will be holding a meeting around the issue of care for the elderly at the Silver Threads Hall in Purton at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. This will a small meeting attended by members of the Steering Group and representatives of the PCT, Social Services, Age Concern and North Wilts Carers. If any members of the Area 2 Committee would like more information or would like to attend, please contact Shelley Parker in the Community Partnerships Team.

#### **CR56. Parish Council Updates**

Councillor P.S. Roberts stated that the play area at Jubilee Lake, which had support from the Area Committee and the Executive is due to open on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007. Unfortunately it has been the subject of vandalism.

Councillor B. Atfield, of Cricklade Town Council, stated that vandalism was costing Town and Parish Councils significant sums of money. He asked what time of day the Police were patrolling areas affected by vandalism.

**Resolved** to invite representatives of the Police to the Area Committee meeting in April to answer questions on the subject of vandalism, neighbourhood policing and anti social behaviour.

### **CR57. Spatial Planning Update**

The Lead Member for Local Planning gave a verbal update on Spatial Planning issues.

Issues discussed included:

- The Local Development Scheme has been submitted to the Secretary of State;
- The draft Affordable Housing SPD is currently out for consultation;
- The Bowood Area Action Plan had been removed from the Local Development Scheme;
- The rural buffer issue may be raised this summer at the SW Regional Spatial Strategy Inquiry; and
- The Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment Survey is taking a long time to complete.

### **CR58. Outside Bodies**

Cricklade Country Way: A Planning Application had been submitted and an application to the Big Lottery Fund was being worked on.

Great Western Community Forest: That a Green Day was planned for the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Lime Kiln Leisure Centre Advisory Committee: That a formal process of communication is due to be set up, which will establish better links.

Community & RAF Fairford Group: The next meeting is due to take place in June.

Other Projects: Moves were afoot to produce a 2000m rowing course in the Cotswold Water Park. Officers have held meetings to discuss it's inclusion in LDF documents.

The meeting finished at 8.15

There were 10 members of the public present.