

MINUTES

Meeting:	DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place:	Corn Exchange, Market Place, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1HS
Date:	Monday 20 July 2009
Start Time:	7.00pm
Finish Time:	9.05pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Phillip Brown, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Mary Douglas (Chairman of Salisbury Area Board), Richard Gamble, Lionel Grundy OBE, Laura Mayes (Chairman), Jeff Ody (Vice Chairman), Fleur de Rhe-Philippe (Cabinet Representative)

Service Director

Mandy Bradley (Director of Public Protection)

Officers

Wendy Beaver (Community Librarian), Ian Brown (Head of Revenues and Benefits), Sandy Corbyn (Learning & Development Manager), Julia Densham (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Chris Franklin (Creative Media Manager), Jonathan Gale (Community Area Manager), Peter Hanson (Divisional Highway Manager), Jay Hookins (Leisure Centre Manager), Niki Lewis (Service Director of Community Governance and Leadership), Heather Lovelock (Senior Team Leader – Customer Services), Steve Smith (Youth Development Co-ordinator), Wayne Smith (Customer Services Operations Manager), Gillian Thompson (Head of Leisure Operations), Phil Tilley (Head of Transport Development)

Parish and Town Councillors

Jim Batt (Urchfont Parish Council), Rosie Berry (Rowde Parish Council), Graham Booth (Roundway Parish Council), Chris Callow (Roundway Parish Council), Eric Clark (Bishop's Canning Parish Council), Kevin Dyer (West Lavington Parish Council), Peter Evans (Devizes Town Council), Simon Fisher (Devizes Town Council), Jim Gudgeon (Devizes Town Council), Liz Ibbetson (Rowde Parish Council), Stan Jonik (Erlestoke Parish Council), John Leighton (Devizes Town Council), Di Lunn (Market

Lavington Parish Council), Jon Masterson (Urchfont Parish Council), Tony Molland (Potterne Parish Council), Val Noviss (Great Cheverell Parish Council), Chris Saunders (Easterton Parish Council), Marge Steel (Roundway Parish Council), Margaret Taylor (Devizes Town Council), Jeanette Vonberg (Roundway Parish Council), C Winchcombe (Devizes Town Council)

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Sergeant Andy Peach

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Rob Wild and Mike Matthews

Devizes Community Area Partnership – Paula Winchcombe

Devizes School – Malcolm Irons

Community First – Helen Franklin

Members of Public in Attendance: 70

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<u>Chair's Welcome and Introductions</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Devizes Area Board and invited the Wiltshire councillors and officers to introduce themselves.	
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> An apology for absence was received from Bryony Brown (NHS Wiltshire.)	
3.	<u>Minutes</u> DECISION: The minutes of the meeting on 16 June 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.	
4.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> The Chairman explained the purpose of this item that promoted transparency in the dealings of the Council. There were no declarations of interest.	
5.	<u>Introducing the Area Boards</u> The Area Board watched a DVD presentation that described the background to the development of the Area Boards and what it aimed to achieve, primarily local communities tackling local issues. The Community Area Manager introduced his role, the Community Award Grant Scheme and the Devizes Area Profile that aimed to work with the key partners to understand the local trends and needs. The Community Area Manager's contact details were as follows: email: jonathan.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk or telephone: 01380 734617. Further information can also be found on the area board website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard .	
6.	<u>Making it Work for You</u>	

	<p>The meeting broke into small groups to discuss local issues which were reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour and its policing • Housing development 'creep' • Youth issues • Creating sustainability in the Devizes area • Social deprivation • Community grants • Long Street crossing • Town signage • Access to information about the voluntary sector • Public transport to treatment centres and Chippenham • Lack of a minor injuries unit • Traffic and speeding • Highways • Credit unions • Dropped kerbs • Footpath maintenance 	
7.	<p><u>Role of Community Area Partnership and Community Plan</u></p> <p>Roger Chadwick, Chairman of the Devizes Community Area Partnership, introduced the role of the organisation and its local consultation exercise that kept the Community Area Plan updated. A brief question and answer session followed that clarified how the partnership was constituted.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Updates from Partners</u></p> <p><u>Wiltshire Police</u>: Sergeant Andy Peach answered questions on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police patrols in the town centre • Alcohol consumption in public areas • The lack of a police presence in the town and villages • Police charges for public events • Recent anti-drugs activity <p><u>CAYPIG</u>: Steve Smith (Youth Development Worker) introduced the organisations role in bring young people together with key decision makers to solve local youth issues. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissatisfaction with the way young people were stereotyped; a promotional postcard had been produced to raise their profile • The popularity of the Devizes Youth Club 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street based youth work • Education • Young people hoped to have a more powerful voice through the Area Board • Transport issues <p>Councillor Gamble said that he was looking at the transport needs of young people and other groups. He said it was not easy to change bus timetables, routes or fares, and any changes would take time to implement. By way of encouragement, however, he did report that Wilts & Dorset, in association with Wiltshire Council, had recently made improvements to a route that should be of particular benefit to the people of Market Lavington.</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service (WF&RS)</u>: Group Manager Rob Wild introduced himself and his Case Manager, Jackie Tozer, and invited feedback on the format of the circulated WF&RS update.</p> <p><u>NHS Wiltshire</u>: Paula Winchcombe spoke on behalf of Bryony Brown and updated on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Lane Hospital • Primary Care Centre • Travel survey 	
9.	<p><u>Issues Update</u></p> <p>The Service Director of Community Governance and Leadership introduced the Issues process and described how solutions would be sought for local problems.</p> <p>Issues that could not be resolved immediately would be tracked on the Wiltshire Council website and it was the responsibility of the Community Area Manager to determine the necessary steps and partnership working arrangements. Area Board agendas would be shaped by local issues, partners' issues and consultations, and Wiltshire Council items.</p> <p>The time taken to find a solution was dependent on the issue and its complexity but the process aimed to resolve problems between meetings.</p> <p>Issues sheets were available from the Community Area Manager, local libraries and online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard.</p> <p>Regarding the Voluntary Organisation Grants, Wiltshire</p>	

<p>a)</p>	<p>Council had committed to continue these for the current year.</p> <p><u>Congestion in Devizes</u></p> <p>The Head of Transport Development introduced the subject by supplying background information to the traffic congestion issues in the town. Three locations were considered of particular concern and design proposals were being drawn up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bath Road / Dunkirk Hill • Brewery Corner • Southbroom Road gyratory <p>Concern was expressed regarding these proposals and the issue would continue to be discussed at future Area Board meetings.</p>	
<p>b)</p>	<p><u>Issues that had recently been submitted</u></p> <p>Multiple highways issues had been submitted and the Divisional Highway Manager was being consulted. Issues had also been raised concerning skateboarding in residential areas.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Election of Representatives</u></p> <p>The following appointments to outside bodies were made:</p> <p>Devizes and Area Community Partnership Philip Brown</p> <p>Devizes & District Association for the Disabled Executive Committee Jane Burton and Jeff Ody</p> <p>Devizes Development Partnership Nigel Carter and Richard Gamble</p> <p>Devizes CAYPIG Laura Mayes and Lionel Grundy</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman closed the meeting, thanking all those that had attended. She requested that issues sheets and evaluation forms be completed and confirmed that the next meeting date would be 28 September 2009.</p>	

