

MINUTES

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Devizes School, The Green, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 3AG
Date: Monday 23 November 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 10.20pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Phillip Brown, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Richard Gamble, Lionel Grundy OBE, Laura Mayes (Chairman), Jeff Ody (Vice Chairman)

Cabinet Representative

Dick Tonge (Highways and Transport)

Service Director

Mandy Bradley (Director of Public Protection)

Officers

Jonathan Gale (Community Area Manager), Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

Parish and Town Councillors

Bishops Cannings - Eric Clark

Bromham – Jo Partt

Cheverell Magna – A Lund

Devizes Town – Edward East, Peter Evans, Sue Evans, Simon Fisher and Margaret Taylor

Easterton – Chris Saunders

Erlestoke –S Jonik and G Phillips

Etchilhampton – M Woods

Potterne – Tony Molland

Roundway - Jeannette Von Berg, Rick Rowland and Albert Wooldridge

Rowde – Jan Barber, Jackie Bawden and Janet Giles

Urchfont – Jim Batt

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andrew Noble
Devizes Community Area Partnership – D Roseaman, Tony Sedgwick, Charles
Winchcombe and Paula Winchcombe

Bikeability – M Nightingale and B Stocker
Carers Voice – Mavis Hutchins and M Johns
Citizens Advice Bureau – F Lumb
Conservative Party for Devizes – Claire Perry
CPRB Wiltshire East Group – Alan Cannon
CPRE – Robin Eccles and John Vint
Devizes Canoe Club – A Cox, N Cox and Ann Slator
Devizes Development Partnership – M Rosern and Noel Woolrych
Devizes Guardians – Judy Rose, Ian Rose and G Saunders
Devizes Opendoor – Sue Kemp
Devizes Partnership of Churches – Lawrie Smithson
Devizes PHAB – Michael Braund
DHCR – Alan Truscott
ENTEC – Marc Rennie
Future Rowde – Jan Barber, Jackie Bawden and Steve Pearson
Kennet Passengers – Kate Freeman
Liberal Democrats – B Selwyn and C Wordley
Potterne Cricket Club – Ian Wheeler
Wiltshire Heritage Museum – D Dawson

Total Number in Attendance: 104

Members of Public in Attendance: 38

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>																									
1.	<u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Devizes Area Board meeting which was focused on traffic issues and invited the top table to introduce themselves.																										
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from Juliet Bennett (Partnership of Churches), Michael Franklin (Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service), Jo Howes (NHS Wiltshire) and Chris Humphries (Police Authority).																										
3.	<u>Minutes</u> DECISION: The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record, with the expansion of minute 5, regarding an update on The Shambles, as attached to the agenda.																										
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5.	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> The Chairman announced that the review of speed limits on A and B class roads had been completed. A consultation event on the Local Development Framework and the Local Transport Plan would take place on Monday 7 December from 1.00-7.00pm in the Wessex Room of the Corn Exchange in Devizes and a display would be on view in the library. A NHS consultation event would take place on Friday 4 December from 3.00-7.00pm in the Town Hall, details to follow.						
6.	<u>Update on Community Issues</u> The Chairman explained the community issues received by the Area Board could be divided into three types; service issues, Councillor case work issues and complex multi-agency issues, for example a skate park. Questions on specific issues were taken from the floor and the Chairman emphasised that issues could be submitted and tracked online through the Wiltshire Council website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk .						
7.	<u>Setting the Council's Spending Priorities</u> Mandy Bradley, Wiltshire Council Service Director, introduced a DVD which provided information about the Council's budget consultation, in effect from April 2010. The DVD included the following main points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where Wiltshire Council funding came from; • How Wiltshire Council spent funding; • Challenges faced by the county; • Plans for the future; • Savings resulting from the transition to One Council; and • Challenges faced by the Council. Those at the meeting were invited to complete a voting card which would be used to inform the budget setting process. Voting cards could be returned to the Freepost address below if more time was wanted to complete them: Wyman-Dylan, FREEPOST (BS 7607), Bristol, BS35 3YA. Further information on this subject was available from Martin Donovan, the Service Director for Finance and Procurement: Tel: 01225 703600, E-mail: martin.donovan@wiltshire.gov.uk .						
8.	<u>Air Quality at Shanes Castle</u> Councillor Carter summarised work that had taken place to monitor						

	<p>air quality at Shanes Castle. Levels of nitrogen dioxide at this location exceeded the threshold considered acceptable. The Area Board was asked to approve an order relating to air quality in order to avoid potential problems for vulnerable individuals.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> That the Devizes Area Board accept the proposals in the detailed assessment and approve the making of the Air Quality Management Area Order for Shanes Castle, as attached in Appendix A.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> For air quality at New Park Street in Devizes to continue to be monitored.</p>	<p>Gary Tomsett to facilitate</p> <p>Gary Tomsett to facilitate</p>
9.	<p><u>Brewery Corner</u></p> <p>Detailed plans for improvements to the junction layout at Brewery Corner were presented. The junction had been identified as a priority for work over several years, with concerns regarding road safety and delay times.</p> <p>Improvement to the roundabout would take place by displacing the junction away from the brewery, providing the opportunity for two lanes of traffic on the approach from Northgate Street. There would also be new pedestrian crossing facilities and the footway around the edge of the Gaiger Bros' yard would be widened.</p> <p>Work was scheduled to commence at Brewery Corner in early January 2010. While a certain amount of disruption in the area was inevitable, traffic control by temporary signals would be restricted to between the times of 9.30am and 3.30pm, avoiding the peak periods.</p> <p>Traffic signals at the junction had been considered as a second stage of improvement, but would not be progressed at this time.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Devizes Traffic Model</u></p> <p>The Devizes Traffic Model was explained as a computer based simulation of road systems in Devizes which was built and run in 2007.</p> <p>There had been an issue of credibility with the original model in that it did not reflect real life experience of congestion in the town. Officers from Wiltshire Council had agreed to work with the consultant Mouchel to collect additional data using automatic number plate recognition, assess the traffic impact of the revised Local Development Framework, refresh the traffic model and report 2026 traffic forecast results.</p>	

	<p>Specific traffic issues in the town were discussed. This included the following main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mouchel had concluded that linking pedestrian crossings in the town would be of minimal benefit; • A conventional bus stop would not improve traffic flow at the Estcourt Street bus stop, however the present 'build out' layout would benefit from a 0.5m extension to reduce boarding times. There were no plans to make changes to the current arrangement; • In the long term traffic signals would enable greater traffic control, a signalised pedestrian crossing facility and improved capacity at the Estcourt Street/Southbroom Road junction compared with the existing road layout; • There was the opportunity for those at the meeting to comment on four potential options for road layouts for the Estcourt Street/Southbroom Road junction. This was to test opinion in whether the public would be willing to lose green space to improve traffic capacity/flow; and • There was insufficient funding available from central Government for a bypass for the town to be a viable option in the short to medium term. <p><u>Decision</u> That information regarding the cost and capacity of each potential road layout option be brought to a future Devizes Area Board meeting, along with plans for each option that show an outline of the road layout at present.</p> <p>b) Tony Sedgwick from the Devizes Community Area Partnership updated the meeting on transport strategy options in the town and invited comments from the floor. This item covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling bottle necks; • Issues in the villages - rat runs and HGV traffic; • Reducing local traffic - green travel plans for local major employers, reducing school run traffic, a Devizes car club, car sharing , encouraging cycling and the Bikeability scheme; and • Public transport - the underuse of buses, the Connect 2 bus service, the taxi-bus-carrier concept; Lydney and the Chocolate Poodle railway stations. <p>Tony Sedgwick invited comments and queries from the public via email: tonysedg@aol.com. Please contact Jonathan Gale if you wish to feed comment back in another format. Tel: 01380 734617, E-mail: jonathan.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk.</p>	<p>Martin Aldam</p>
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11.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the nine funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Devizes Hospital and Community Radio were awarded £2,500 for the purchase and fit out of a portakabin studio and invited to bid for Performance Reward Grant Scheme funding for their longer term plans;</p> <p>Devizes Opendoor were awarded £1,000 for the purchase of equipment;</p> <p>Devizes Development Partnership were awarded £800 for purchase of Storennet radios;</p> <p>Bromham-Rowde Monday Club were awarded £783 for purchase of Nintendo Wii package and widescreen tv;</p> <p>Potterne Cricket Club were awarded £4,900 for construction of a female changing room;</p> <p>Devizes Canoe Club were awarded £1,620 for equipment purchase; and</p> <p>Market Lavington Parish Council were awarded £2,760 for refurbishment of Broadwell play area.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The above applications met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Wiltshire Wildlife Trust were not awarded funding towards a Greener Living Roadshow, as funding had been received from other Council sources.</p> <p>Consideration of application from Bromham Parish Council for provision of public access defibrillators was deferred, pending additional information.</p>	
12 a)	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Inspector Andrew Noble spoke about the Community Speed Watch Scheme. If a parish would like to become involved in the Scheme, please contact the Area Board via an online issues sheet available at: https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/report_issue.php?area_board=Devizes</p>	

b)	<p>or Jonathan Gale. Tel: 01380 734617, E-mail: jonathan.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk.</p> <p>The Inspector encouraged the meeting to take note of the written Wiltshire Police update included with the agenda papers.</p> <p>Paula Winchcombe reported there had not been a Devizes Community Area Partnership meeting since the last Area Board meeting. There had been a change in thematic groups and Janet Giles was welcomed to lead the community housing group and Tony Sedgwick the transport group. There was a drive for new members and the Partnership were seeking someone to lead the economy themed group. Devizes Community Area Partnership were working with the Wiltshire Forum for Community Area Partnerships.</p> <p>The Community Area Partnership then requested release of the remaining allocation of Wiltshire Council funding for this financial year, being £7,787.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> To release the remaining allocation of funding to Devizes Community Area Partnership in 2009/10.</p>	Jonathan Gale to facilitate
13.	<p><u>Any Other Questions</u></p> <p>There were no other questions taken.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The next Area Board meeting would take place on 25 January 2009 at Lavington School at 7.00pm, with refreshments available from 6.30pm.</p>	