

MINUTES

Meeting: MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY AREA BOARD
Place: Marlborough Leisure Centre, Barton Dene, Marlborough, SN8 1PB
Date: Monday 7 December 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9.00pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Chris Humphries (Chairman), Nick Fogg and Jemima Milton

Officers

James Cawley (Service Director), Julia Densham (Acting Community Area Manager) and Kevin Fielding (Democratic Services Officer)

Parish and Town Councils

Baydon Parish Council - Anthony Prior
Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council – James Keith
Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council – Sue Rogers
Ogbourne St Andrew Parish Council – Steven Heaven and Roger Swan
Ogbourne St George Parish Council – Keith Wallace

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate

Claire Perry

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andrew Noble
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin
Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership – Richard Pitts
Community Area Young People's Issues Group – Ellie Vesey-Thomson, Ash Hall and Scott Grubb
Ducks Meadow Residents Association – Gordon Hutt
Home-start Kennet – Kate Maurice
Marlborough Area Development Trust – Martin Cook
Rural Needs Initiative / Children's Centre – Betty Dobson

Marlborough Cluster Extended Schools – Karen Davis
Campaign to Protect Rural England – Roger Hicklin and John Kirkman

Members of Public in Attendance: 12

Total Number in Attendance: 38

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Chair's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board councillors, the Service Director, the Acting Community Area Manager and the Democratic Services Officer.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peggy Dow, Councillors Sheila Glass and Dianne Barnett (Ramsbury and Axford Parish Council), Councillor Nigel Thomson (Mildenhall Parish Council), Councillor Joan Davies (Savernake Parish Council) and Andy Devey (Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership).</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting on 5 October 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Chris Humphries declared a personal interest in the grant application from Aldbourne Parish Council.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>John Thomson (Cabinet Representative) was unable to attend the meeting due to being double booked as a result of the merger of IT systems.</p> <p>There had been one written question submitted to Councillor Thomson who had given a reply. This was available at the meeting.</p> <p>A review of speed limits on A and B class roads was now complete and the strategy for dissemination and implementation has been signed off by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor Dick Tonge.</p> <p>Detailed results and background information would be sent on a CD to all Parish and Town Councils by late December / early January and this would be followed by an eight week period for comments to be returned.</p>	

	Attendees were requested to partake in the interactive ballet box session that would form part of the 'Wiltshire Council's Spending Priorities' presentation.	
6.	<p><u>The Role of the Service Director</u></p> <p>James Cawley (Service Director for Adult Care: Strategy & Commissioning), gave a brief verbal presentation which outlined his area of responsibility within the Council and his function on the Area Board.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Wiltshire Council's Spending Priorities</u></p> <p>James Cawley (Service Director) gave a brief verbal presentation which outlined how Wiltshire Council currently spent its budget and the budget setting process for 2010 – 2011.</p> <p>Attendees were requested to partake in an interactive ballet box session which gave them an opportunity to comment on the spending categories they considered to be of greater and lesser importance. The results of the questionnaires that attendees had completed would be announced at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Questions were then invited from the floor, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An online survey would give a much wider, community feel to the survey; • The lack of sports pitches in Marlborough and surrounding areas; and • A proposed skate park and recreation area. 	
8.	<p><u>Communities Issues Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Chris Humphries briefly ran through the outstanding community issues which formed the Communities Issues Update report that had been tabled. He also re-iterated the issues reporting process and informed the meeting on how to submit an issue sheet, either electronically at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards or in paper format (available from the CAM).</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Parishes with any speeding related issues were encouraged by the Police to contact the CAM; • Police were looking to hold a meeting with the Area Board and parishes to plot a way forward to tackle the speeding 	

	<p>issues around the Beckhampton area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlborough Town Council were congratulated for the work carried out on young peoples issues; • Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership were keen to be involved in any transport/speed related issues that came to the Area Board; • Apparent unwillingness of some of the Parishes to attend the Area Board and that the Area Board was weakened by their absence. The Chairman made the point that some Area Board meetings had clashed with Parish Council meetings, it was hoped that in the future this would be avoided and that the Area Board was still evolving; and • The status of Parish Council issues should be raised, if the Parishes were to be considered partners. 	
9.	<p><u>Community Area Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to five funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p>Keith Evill addressed the meeting on behalf of Ramsbury & Aldbourne Bowls Club.</p> <p>David Hunter addressed the meeting on behalf of the Christchurch Friendship Club.</p> <p>Louisa Davison addressed the meeting on behalf of We Love Marlborough.</p> <p>James Keith addressed the meeting on behalf of Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Ramsbury & Aldbourne Bowls Club were awarded £2387 towards the purchase of a special mower for use on the newly constructed bowling green.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The above application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and was considered to fill a gap where there was a lack of local facilities, especially in rural areas.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Christchurch Friendship Club were awarded £900 to fund three activities through their drop-in club open to all.</p>	

	<p><u>Reason</u> <i>The above application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and encouraged events that create a sense of pride and well-being and generally provided opportunities for the growing number of older people.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> We Love Marlborough's application seeking £3087 towards a weekend of drama and performance for 7 -11 year olds was refused.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>Area Board Members felt that the high costs of the project were not commensurate with scale of community benefit.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Aldbourn Parish Council were awarded £604 towards the purchase of a metal picnic bench for the Goddards Lane play area.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The above applications met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and that the bench was designed to cater for disabled needs and encouraged the involvement of young people in activities and events.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council were awarded £308 towards the purchase of a replacement parish notice board.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The above applications met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and it enabled a wide cross section of the Winterbourne Bassett community, particularly those without email access, to read notices detailing what is happening in the parish.</i></p>	
10.	<p><u>Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership (MaVCAP)</u></p> <p>Rich Pitts (Chairman) gave a brief verbal update, including some of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been detailed consultation between the Area Board and MaVCAP relating to the sharing of information; • MaVCAP would liaise with the Community Area Manager as to whether issues are channelled through MaVCAP or straight to the Area Board; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MaVCAP would still prefer to see the Savernake Hospital site remain as a community hospital; • In shaping the community plan, a workshop had been held but MaVCAP have yet to progress this further; however, it was expected that this would become an important item in the future; • A youth issues meeting was planned for the near future; • MaVCAP was keen to initiate partnership working with the Parish Councils; and • The next MaVCAP meeting would be held on Thursday 14 January 2010 at a venue to be confirmed. <p>[The MAVCAP document outlining the role of the partnership was unavailable to append to the minutes.]</p>	
11.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p><u>Wiltshire Police</u>: Inspector Andy Noble updated the meeting on current policing activities in the Marlborough community area and gave information on local area events. The Inspector urged communities to continue feeding their issues through to Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership (MAVCAP.)</p> <p>The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.</p> <p>The Area Board thanked Police Constable Michael Bayliss who had attended many parish council meetings.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> A letter to be sent to Police Constable Michael Bayliss underlining members' thanks for his efforts in policing the community within the local parishes.</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</u>: The written update distributed with the agenda was noted. Mike Franklin reminded the meeting of the importance of safety when using candles at this time of year. Further details were available on the Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service website: http://www.wiltshirefirebrigade.com/docs/leaflets/Christmas%20Safety.pdf</p> <p><u>NHS Wiltshire</u>: The written update distributed with the agenda was noted. It was also noted that representatives from the NHS Wiltshire were again unable to attend the meeting and the lack of</p>	Julia Densham

	<p>Marlborough related content within the update.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> A letter be sent to NHS Wiltshire outlining these issues and requesting that future updates be relevant to the local community area.</p> <p><u>Children's Centre</u>: Betty Dobson gave a brief verbal presentation that highlighted the work of the Children's' Centre.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Centres were a Central Government initiative to tackle the issue of child poverty; • The site of the Marlborough Children's Centre was the old Tourist information Centre; and • Children's Centres operated with partners including the Police and Jobcentre Plus. 	Julia Densham
12.	<p><u>Wiltshire Council's Spending Priorities – Results</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the results of the meeting's earlier vote on how the attendees viewed the Council's spending priorities.</p> <p>The meeting considered that the following were the top three spending priorities for the council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult social care for older people; • Schools; and • Adult social care for people with mental / physical disabilities. <p>The meeting considered that the following were the lowest spending priorities for the council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning; • Trading standards; and • Town centre improvements. 	
13.	<p><u>Any Other Questions?</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked the meeting for any remaining questions and the following was received:</p> <p><i>Clarification was requested on when the results of the Marlborough Town parking review would be known.</i></p>	

	<p>The Chairman agreed that the Acting Community Area Manager would investigate when the results of the review would be available and report back to a future meeting.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> This information to be researched and brought back to a future meeting.</p>	<p>Julia Densham</p>
12.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked all those who had attended and wished everybody a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. He reminded those present to complete an evaluation form. The next Marlborough Community Area Board would take place on Monday 8 February 2010 at the St John's School & Community College.</p>	