

Just a Minute

Melksham, Melksham Without, Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Bulkington, Great Hinton, Keevil, Poulshot, Seend, Semington and Steeple Ashton.

Melksham Area Board meeting

1st July 2009

Just a Minute is a summary of the official minutes for the Melksham Area Board. Copies of the full set of formal minutes are available from Kevin Fielding, the Committee Clerk - contact details can be found on the back page.

First Meeting

The first meeting of Melksham Area Board took place on 1st July 2009 in Melksham Town Hall. The meeting opened with an introduction by Jonathon Seed, chairman of the board.

DVD

A short film was shown which further set out the aspirations for the Area Board. This film can be found the Council's Youtube Page <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoOtnanbpQc>. We can also provide you with a copy of the DVD to share with friend or colleagues.

Community Area Manager

The Melksham Community Area Manager introduced herself and her role. Abbi is available to support councillors and help solve issues raised by the community. Abbi also explained how the Community Grant Scheme would operate. More information about the Community Grant Scheme can be found on www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Budget

The Chairman briefly outlined the budget the Melksham Area Board would have, which is £37,321 for 2009/10 and £49,762 for 2010/11.

Up to 20% of the area board budget can be used for the running costs of the Community Area Partnership. The remaining funds are available as Community Grants of up to £5,000 for local projects.

Raising Local Issues

There was an explanation of how local issues could be raised and the process to address them. Issues can be submitted online via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards or by contacting Abbi Gutierrez, Community Area Manager.

Melksham Oak Community School



Neil Ward from Wiltshire Council and Rob Williams from Cowlin Construction gave an update on the Melksham Oak Community School project. They explained that it was

hoped there would be enhanced community access to the school's facilities both sporting and academic. The also explained that a good deal of work had gone into ensuring that the access roads into and out of the school were good, with dedicated cycle ways and a reduced speed limit.

Community Issues

The following issues were raised:

King Street Lorry Park

This issue will be discussed at a future board meeting when further information is obtained as to possible sites for relocation.

Future of Leisure Facilities in Bowerhill

This issue will be discussed at a future board meeting when further information is obtained from Wiltshire Council Planning Department.

Speeding

Several villages as well as parts of Melksham have issues with speeding traffic.

Community Transport

Seend PC raised the issue of the future of the Seend shuttle bus. They asked whether the new Wiltshire Council will continue to fund repairs to the bus as Wiltshire County Council had done in the past. Dick Tonge (Cabinet Member for Transport) advised that a review of community transport had just been undertaken to look at such issues.

Parking

Several parking issues were raised including at pick up/drop off times at Manor School in Melksham, and parking enforcement issues in Church Street, Melksham.

Train Service

Residents want to know what the Council can do to improving the frequency of train services at Melksham railway station.

Melksham Community Area Partnership & Network

The Board is working with Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships (WFCAP) to support the setting up of a Community Area Partnership for Melksham. If you would like to be involved please contact Abbi Gutierrez. We have also set up a social networking site: Melksham Community Area Network to help you stay informed about the work of the Area Board and the Community Area Partnership. There are currently 37 members, why not join today: <http://melksham.ning.com/>

Next Meeting

Why not come along to the next Melksham Area Board meeting on

Wednesday 23rd September
6.30pm
Bowerhill Village Hall

Questions or comments?

We ask that any questions you may have are sent to use in advance of the meeting to enable us to prepare a response.

Further information

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