

Minutes

Meeting of : Northern Area Committee
Meeting held in : Antrobus House, Amesbury
Date : Thursday 7 December 2006
Commencing at : 4.30 pm

Present:

Councillor M A Hewitt – Chairman
Councillor C G Mills– Vice-Chairman

Councillors M Baker, J A Brady, D W Brown, Mrs J M Greville, J C Noeken, A G Peach, J Rodell, F Westmoreland, T Woodbridge and I C West.

Apologies: Councillors J R G Spencer and K C Wren

Parish Councillors: Mr S Stubbs (Newton Toney) and Mr R Small (South Newton and Stoford)

Apologies: Mrs J Swindlehurst (Amesbury Town Council)

Officers:

A Davies (Democratic Services), J Crawford (Legal and Property Services) and A Madge (Development Services)

635. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

636. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

Councillor Westmoreland personally apologised to the Members of the Northern Area Committee for the statements that he had made at the last meeting in connection with the agenda item, which considered the operation development on land at the rear of Bourne View, Allington.

637. Minutes:

Resolved: That the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 2 November 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



638. Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

639. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman informed Members that the applicant had appealed against the appeal in relation to the planning application for No. 11 Salisbury Road, Amesbury.

640. Neighbourhood Policing in the Northern Area

The Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector Dibble and Inspector Sweett of Wiltshire Constabulary who gave a presentation on the Neighbourhood Policing Teams Project for the Amesbury Area. A copy of the presentation is attached at Annex A to these minutes.

The Committee noted that the figures detailed for the allocation of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) had reduced from those indicated in the presentation (by approximately 25%). However, these PCSO's represented additional appointments, not replacements. Members expressed their support for the funding promise that was originally made.

Chief Inspector Dibble informed the Committee that it was proposed that Neighbourhood Task Groups would be held every three months and it was hoped that these would be chaired by community figures. In turn, these task groups would report back to the Area Committees.

Inspector Sweett informed Members that the first Neighbourhood Task Group (NTG) had taken place in Amesbury and Councillor Peach had been nominated as the Chair. The NTG had decided on three priorities: (a) noise from youths, (b) people leaving pubs and (c) speeding. It was hoped that a further update on this would be brought back to the Northern Area Committee for consideration at its meeting in February.

Chief Inspector Dibble informed Members that PCSO's are being recruited for a minimum of two years, adding that the Chief Constable is keen to maintain the commitment to the local community.

Agreed: that the Police Representatives be thanked for their excellent presentation.

641. Amendments to SWAG grant for Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum:

Members noted that on 26th January 2006 the Committee granted £450 to Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum to run a puppet workshop for young people in Durrington and Amesbury. However, in October the lead for the project contacted the Council to inform officers that it was proving difficult to engage the services of the puppet group to deliver the project (as set out in the letter previously circulated with the agenda).

In light of this, Members of the Northern Area Committee considered the Museum's request that the terms of the grant be varied to allow the alternative project to be delivered as outlined in the letter. Members noted that the project would be delivered between December 2006 and the end of February 2007 and the budget would remain the same. Since the attached letter was written, Ms Beasley has contacted Stonehenge School in Amesbury and the revised project would be targeting at least 130 –160 young people based at this school.

Resolved – that the above variation be approved, but if the funds are not spent by the end of February 2007, then these will be returned to SWAG funds.

642. S/2006/1980 – Change of use from Post Office to Residential at The Old Post Office, Warminster Road, South Newton Salisbury SP2 0QW for Stephen J Linard:

Mr Hutchinson, the applicant spoke in support of the above proposal.

Mr R Small, Chairman of South Newton and Stoford Parish Council, informed the Committee that the Parish Council supported the application.

Further to the receipt of these statements and further to the site visit earlier that day, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services.

Recommended to the Planning and Regulatory Panel – that the above application be approved subject to the applicant (a) preparing a valid flood risk assessment prior to the Planning and Regulatory Panel Meeting, (b) providing information on the most recent marketing undertaken at the property and (c) entering into a S106 agreement under the provisions of the

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) in respect of policy R2 of the adopted local plan

and for the following reasons:

It is considered that in view of the fact that marketing of the property has been undertaken in the recent past without success and the fact that provision for a new Post Office has been made elsewhere in the village it is not considered that this shop unit is viable and neither is it considered necessary to retain this shop unit.

The built form of the proposed residential unit exists at present on site by way of the existing shop unit. Subject to a Flood Risk assessment being provided it is considered that the use of the premises as a residential unit is unlikely to add significantly further to the risk from flooding in the area.

and subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

*The meeting concluded at 6.00pm
Members of the public present: 1*

Neighbourhood Policing Teams Project

Neighbourhood Policing Teams
SALISBURY AREA

Dec 06

Wiltshire Constabulary

'I am not talking about modest further reorganisation but something quite different and more fundamental.

We are proposing to put an entirely different dynamic in place to drive our public services: one where the service will not be driven by the government or by the managers but by the user.'

Tony Blair
Speech on public services – 23 June 2004

What are 'Neighbourhoods'?

“...geographic areas which are of a size and character that best serves the needs of local communities.”

Source: Practice Advice on Professionalising the Business of Neighbourhood Policing Draft 2005

Signal events – The Communities Priorities



Neighbourhood Teams The Citizens Perspective

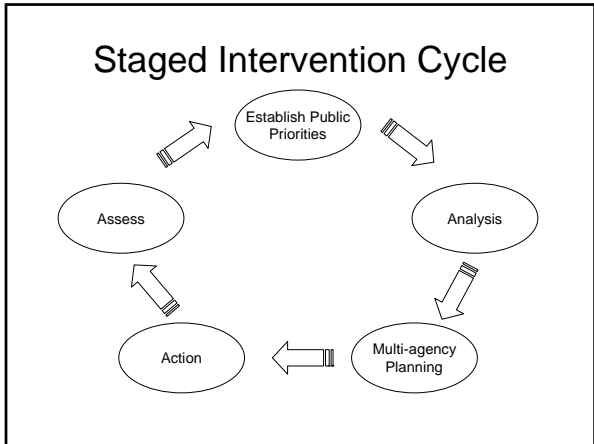
1. Access – Know your local Officer
2. Influence – Over local priorities in their neighbourhoods
3. Joint Action – By partners & the community
4. Answers – Sustainable solution with feedback



What The Teams May Look Like



- Beat Manager Constable
- Special Constable
- PCSO
- Volunteer
- Partner Agents
- Wider Police Family



ALLOCATION OF PCSOs

AREA	PA DEFINED PROVISION	TARGET	GAP
SWINDON	55	74	19
NORTH WILTSHIRE	26	35	9
WEST WILTSHIRE	31	41	10
SALISBURY	28	37	9
KENNET	14	19	5
TOTAL	154	206	52

The Role of the PCSO

The three primary functions:

- To provide a high visibility uniform presence in areas where there is no regular police patrol
- To enhance the level of community policing
- To deal with a range of incidents, in particular antisocial behaviour and providing public reassurance

STRUCTURE

- Salisbury will have a dedicated Inspector supported by a Sergeant.
- Sergeants will supervise the NPTs
- Five Sergeant's will supervise the Response teams

FURTHER LAYERS OF POLICING SUPPORT

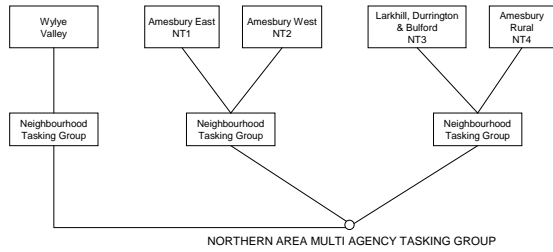
- CID inc DVU/CPU/VAU
- Roads Policing Unit
- Tasking Group
- ANPR(automatic number plate recognition)
- Armed Response Group
- Dogs
- Helicopter
- Major Incident Team

What about police stations?

- There are no plans at this time to close any of our 23 sites across the County
- However we are looking at sharing sites such as:
 - Fire Stations
 - Libraries
 - Other public buildings

REPORTING STRUCTURE

NORTHERN AREA



ANY QUESTIONS?
