

MINUTES

Item No.04

Meeting: SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Mere Lecture Hall, Salisbury Street, Mere, BA12 6HE
Date: Tuesday 14 July 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9:05pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Richard Beattie, Tony Deane, Josephine Green (Vice Chairman), George Jeans, Bridget Wayman (Chairman).

Keith Humphries, Cabinet Member

Parish Councillors/Representatives

F Coombes – Barford St Martin, T Long and J Thompson – Bishopstone, K Hudson – Bowerchalke, M Fowler and P Boyles – Chilmark, C Smith – Dinton, B Miller and D Mayley – Donhead St Andrew, J Barnes and J Pendrill – Donhead St Mary, S Garrett – East Knoyle, T Phillips – Fovant, N Meeker and G Cotton – Kilmington, M White L Wood and E Mitchell – Mere, J Green – South Newton, C Fearon – Stourton, D Adeley – Stretford Tony, G Ewer – Swallowcliffe, R Long-Fox and Z Faulkner – Teffont, L Wood – West Knoyle, P Matthews – Wilton.

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector's Dave Minty and Dave McMullin

NHS Wiltshire – Bryony Brown

Wiltshire Forum for Community Area Partnership (WFCAP) – Len Turner

Tisbury and Parish Community Area Partnership (TAPCAP) – Nigel Knowles

Community Area Young People's Issues Group – Jaki Farrel, Demarco Benjamin (Mere), Zita Hooper and Ryan Austin (Tisbury).

Members of Public in Attendance: 64

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introduction</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the Board Members, and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Mike Franklin and Ian Rennie – Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Hindon Parish Council Jacky Thomas – Wiltshire Wildlife Debbie Stephens – Tisbury and District Sports Centre Steph Little and Laura Pictor – Wiltshire Forum for Community Area Partnership Graham Hogg – Service Director for Housing, Wiltshire Council</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Introducing Your Area Board</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced Keith Humphries, the nominated Cabinet Member for the meeting. He explained that a Cabinet Member would be assigned to attend each of the Area Board meetings in the future, on a rota basis. It was the responsibility of the Cabinet member to feed back to Cabinet on issues, from individual areas as well as across the county as a whole.</p> <p>The Area Board received a DVD presentation, and was introduced to Katharine Dew the South West Wiltshire Community Area Manager (CAM). Katharine explained that the Community Area Manager had a prime role in the coordination and support of the work carried out by the Board Members, Parishes, Partners, Officers and local residents. Katharine introduced Richard Munro who would be replacing her as CAM for the South West Wiltshire Area Board, in due course.</p> <p>Katharine gave an update on the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Grant Scheme • Area Assessments • Future Funding 	

	<p>There are three pots of funding for the areas of Mere, Tisbury and Wilton, totalling £90,784 for 2009/10. These funds are for projects in the South West Wiltshire area. Grant applications need to be completed and handed in six weeks prior to the next meeting date.</p> <p>The next deadline for completed applications is 4 Aug 2009.</p> <p>Copies of the DVD and the Grant application packs are available by contacting the South West Wiltshire CAM Katharine on 07836 341372 katharine.dew@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>or by looking on the web page www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</p>	
6.	<p><u>Making it Work for You</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked each table in the room to work in groups to come up with some local issues for discussion. The issues highlighted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Indicator Device ownership within villages • Speeding in villages • Funding to support facilities and activities for the elderly • Funding to provide more leisure activities for the youth • Implementation of footpaths along some dangerous stretches of road. • Lack of rural Public Transport • Access to culture and sports facilities • Relaxation on the criteria for spending R2 money • Could R2 money be used to improve the entrance to the cemetery in Donhead St Andrew • Problems with HGV's using C grade roads • Road signs to alert drivers to pedestrians walking in the road • Highways works causing heavy traffic in surrounding villages • Protection of rural infrastructure • Problems with parking at Tisbury Train Station • Lack of affordable housing for rent • Removal of weight limit on B3089 • Lack of support for separate refuse collection • Area Board website's font size is too small for visually impaired • Limited broadband and mobile phone reception in the Chalke Valley • Youth Leisure Credit scheme could provide trips out and daytime holiday provision • Lack of activities for young people, would like to see activities such as mountain biking, alternative sports at weekend, surfing, power kiting, skiing and skating • Transport – evenings/weekends to Blandford, Shaftesbury, Yeovil, Gillingham, Salisbury and the Beach. Also Southampton, Bristol and Bath once a month. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised activities for younger children of 8 – 12 years of age. • Lack of jobs, especially part time for teenagers, young adults and single parents. • A lower speed limit is needed on the bus route through Donhead St Andrew • Traffic problems at Brook Hill on the A30 – what can be done <p>The Councillors on the Area Board each gave an update on local issues, these issues were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a new Children’s Centre for the Tisbury Community Area • Membership of the Southern Planning Committee • Strategic Planning issues could be brought to the Area Board for discussion • The ownership of Council Housing be kept by the Council instead of being transferred over to a Housing Association. • Concern that the free rodent service should be maintained. • Support be given to the Parishes seeking to own their own speed monitoring devices. • A disabled parking space be created in Mere. • A skate park be created for the youth as planning permission had been granted some time ago. • The mobile speed cameras in Fovant should be moved around the whole South West area, targeting the areas that experience speeding problems in particular, such as Ugford. • The Area Board should be focusing on main strategies and Issues • There were parking issues at Tisbury Train Station • Being on the edge of Wiltshire, it is important to remain aware of what is happening in the surrounding areas. • The prospect of a cycle track from Wilton to Salisbury be considered. • It was with regret that the Area Board had lost it’s say on planning applications. • Local development be in keeping with the style and tradition of the surrounding area <p>Action: That the location of a new Children’s Centre be included as an Item for discussion at the next meeting in September.</p> <p>Action: That the membership of the Southern Area Planning Committee be reconsidered by Cabinet.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and informed them that the issues raised at the meeting would be recorded and worked on in the future.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Keith Humphries</p>
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7.	<p><u>Role of Community Area Partnership, the Community Plan and Future Challenges</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update from Nigel Knowles of the Tisbury and Parish Community Area Partnership (TAPCAP). The points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Partnership had been established in January 2009, after almost nine months of planning. • Officers involved with the setting up had produced a report which could be used as guidance in setting up other Community Area Partnership's (CAP's) • TAPCAP would be happy to share their experience with emerging CAPs in Mere and Wilton. • Since January TAPCAP has collated all the outstanding actions from pre-existing Town & Parish Plans • Now the Board was established it was essential that Community Area Partnerships, the Board and Service providers, work together to begin to clear down local priority actions; and to break through the culture of inertia and start to put ticks against every outstanding item • At the start-up meeting a list of the top ten priorities for the area was confirmed and work had begun to address them. The ten priorities were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Resist loss of services (Post offices, pubs, shops), support campaigns where these are threatened, & develop positive community responses 2) Help to resolve the parking problem outside Tisbury rail station 3) Increase Youth (Development) Services/facilities and activities, e.g. Support/lobby for/organise extra evening for Youth Clubs 4) Support the agricultural economy, local food, and Farmers/Country Markets, e.g. Local Food festival 5) Support increase in/availability of Affordable Housing for rent 6) Assist the acquisition of Speed Indicator Devices for use in our Area 7) Support local projects such as the Semley School new pedestrian access and parking area 8) Ensure the survival and improvement of Tisbury Sports Centre & swimming pool. 9) Working with our partners, actively engage local communities, including young people, in Wildlife projects, River projects, etc 10) Work with partners to encourage the setting up of befriending schemes for vulnerable & elderly people 	
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	<p>Len Turner of Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships (WFCAP) explained that CAP's were in place to work with and strengthen the work of the democratic representatives on the Area Boards. Some of the existing partnerships operated in a more refined way, where others were highly active. It was hoped that the various partnerships in the area would be keen to work together.</p> <p>He also explained that the CAP's had information and access to alternative avenues of funding, and could provide information and assistance to local projects seeking funding in addition to the Area Board Grant Scheme.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils and other Partners</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that as the Parishes had already had an opportunity to speak in item 6, the Area Board would now receive updates from the Partners.</p> <p>Inspectors Dave Minty and Dave McMullin of Wiltshire Police informed the Area Board that they would aim to have a representative attend each Area Board meeting to give feedback on local issues, and to work with the Partnerships to resolve local issues. They explained that as the South West Wiltshire Area Board covered an area which was on the edge of Wiltshire, it was important for the police to work with other forces, such as in the Shaftesbury area, as criminal activity didn't stop at the county boundaries.</p> <p>They also explained that although the police were responsible for speed enforcement in villages, enforcement alone wouldn't stop the problem. Work was needed to re-educate speeders to drive within the remit and conditions of the road.</p> <p>Bryony Brown of NHS Wiltshire gave an update, some of the points covered were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Wiltshire was responsible for all of the Health Service access in Wiltshire; and • Available to listen and feed back on what local people want <p>The Chairman thanked the Partners and informed the Area Board that Bryony Brown would in the future, be able to feedback information on a variety of issues including childhood obesity and teenage pregnancy in the area.</p> <p>Partnership representatives would be at most of the Area Board meetings in the future, any questions or queries from the public should be forwarded to Democratic Services to be relayed to the appropriate Partner.</p>	

9.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Steve Milton, Head of Community Governance explained the issue logging process, the points he covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue forms available online or by contacting the CAM • Progress of submitted issue forms can be tracked online • Common issues are dealt with at the Area Board • Action starts as soon as the issue is submitted • Discussion and research may find a solution without referral to the Area Board <p>Queries on the process can be emailed to stevemilton@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Steve Milton outlined the grants process, the points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple criteria and process, explained in application packs • Up to £1,000 available without match funding • Up to £5,000 available with match funding • Applications to be submitted six weeks prior to the next meeting <p>The Chairman informed the board that, although listed on the agenda, the Speed Indicator Device project had already been discussed.</p> <p>The board received an update on Youth Initiatives, which was an issue brought forward from the pilot Area Board, the points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds sought for a Leisure scheme • Credit scheme in operation – e.g. a footpath was widened by team of young people in exchange for credits to be used on activities in the community. • Area of land sought for mountain biking • Allotments for young people in Tisbury had been made available in partnership with the Police. <p>The Chairman asked the public if they had any unused gardening tools, if so could they be donated to the youth allotment project. This could be done by contacting the CAM.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Election of Representatives</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced the nominations for representation on the Community Area Partnership, and other local outside bodies. A table of the appointments made is attached.</p>	

11.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates:</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that there would be an additional meeting scheduled for 16th September 2009. Applications for funding would be considered at that meeting and applications will need to be received six weeks before.</p> <p>Schedule of meetings 2009/10</p> <p>Wednesday 16 September 2009 - Nadder Hall, Tisbury. Wednesday 21 October 2009 – venue tbc Wednesday 9 December 2009 – venue tbc Wednesday 17 February 2010 – venue tbc</p> <p>Please note that from 3 August 2009 Richard Munro will be the South West Wiltshire Area Manager. He can be contacted on 07824 599665 or by email Richard.munro@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>	
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