

MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Winterslow Village Hall, Middleton Road, SP5 1PQ
Date: Thursday 23 July 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9:00pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Richard Britton (Chairman), Chris Devine, Julian Johnson, Ian McLennan.

Parish Councillors

M Hitchings – Britford, S Barnhurst Davis, C Hall, J Launchbury, J Brown, N Barley and B Cornish – Downton, P James – Firsdown, J Wrigley – Grimstead, J Martin – Landford, V McLennan – Laverstock, Ford & Old Sarum, R Parsons – Odstock, A Shaw and C Purves – Pitton & Farley, L Pallas, L Perry and C Morrison – Redlynch, J Gimpel – West Dean, T King – Whiteparish, R Sheppard, G Verity, P Robinson and D Newton – Winterslow.

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Chief Inspector Jon Tapper
Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group (CAYPIG) – Tony Nye
Community Librarian – Hilary Glyde

Members of Public in Attendance: 54

<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, Richard Britton, welcomed everyone to the inaugural Southern Wiltshire Area Board meeting and outlined some of his thoughts and aspirations about how the board would work for the area.</p> <p>The Board Members then introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Leo Randall (Vice Chairman) – Area Board Member Bryony Brown – NHS Wiltshire Ian Rennie & Mike Franklin – Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Inspector Dave McMullin – Wiltshire Police (Substituted by Chief Inspector Jon Tapper)</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Mr Chris Hall, of Downton Parish Council, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Brian Whitehead Sports Centre Association.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Introducing Your Area Board</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a DVD presentation, introduced by Tom Bray the Southern Wiltshire Community Area Manager (CAM). Tom explained that the Community Area Manager had an important role in the coordination and support of the work carried out by the Board.</p> <p>Tom also gave an update on the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Wiltshire Area Board's Budget • Community Area Grant's Scheme for Southern Wiltshire • Southern Wiltshire Area Profile <p>The Area Board has an average budget of around £40,000 per year; however, as the Board was formed part way into the financial year a total of £30,815 of funds are available for projects in 2009/10. Grant applications need to be completed and handed in six weeks prior to the next meeting date.</p>	

	<p>Tom outlined the grants process which is available in the guidance document circulated with the grants packs.</p> <p>Copies of the DVD and the Grant application packs are available on the website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard) or by contacting Tom (Southern Wiltshire Community Area Manager), on 01722 434252 tom.bray@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>	
6.	<p><u>Making it Work for You</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked each table in the room to discuss and then feedback some local issues affecting them in their community. Some of the issues highlighted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes and low maintenance of roads • Cross area (authorities/boards) issues • Parish newsletter to be more integrated with the information available online • Possible use of portable CCTV systems to record anti-social behaviour • Future of the area – Local Development Framework, Core Strategy and Planning Policy • R2 funds to remain in jurisdiction, greater flexibility in spending R2 monies. • Voice for young people in local community • Managing and reducing school run traffic • Inappropriate market housing • Lack of affordable housing • Speeding through villages • Loss of amenities e.g. post offices • Preservation of rural environment • Lack of rural public transport • Lack of sports facilities • Lack of Youth facilities • Lack of funding for youth projects • Insufficient clearance of the drains • Lack of clarity over grass cutting arrangements round council properties <p>The Chairman thanked the public for their input and invited them to log any further issues not discussed at the meeting, and informed them that the issues raised would be recorded and where possible, ways of solving the issues would be explored.</p> <p>The Chairman pointed out that he agreed that youth service provision was an important issue for the area and stated that the board would raise this issue at a future meeting. He then invited the other Board Members to give feedback on the issues raised, and any other issues.</p>	

	<p>The points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deprivation in certain areas of Southern Wiltshire are not financially recognised • Lack of facilities near areas of social housing. • 'Community Speedwatch' had been successful in piloted areas and needs expanding into new areas. • Police patrols through villages not frequent enough • Wiltshire should receive a larger grant from Central Government 	
7.	<p><u>Role of Community Area Partnership, the Community Plan and Future Challenges</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that there was not a Community Area Partnerships (CAP) in Southern Wiltshire at present. He stated that this meant the community could play an important part in the formation of a CAP so that it meets the needs of the area.</p> <p>The Chairman initiated discussion on the formation of a Community Area Partnership (CAP). Some of the points raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Wiltshire is diverse, therefore making it difficult to establish one CAP • Parish clusters within the Community Area could be established • The police force and other service providers are keen to work with a CAP in the Southern Wiltshire area • A question was raised about having more than one CAP in the area <p>The Chairman asked the room for a show of hands in favour of taking part in a CAP, and asked that those who showed an interest give their contact details to Tom.</p> <p>It was decided that various options, including that of parish clusters be explored and views be sought on the formation of a CAP.</p> <p>Following on from the issues discussed at item 6 the Chairman sought the views of the room about how the issue of speeding could be tackled. After some discussion on the creation of a task group to tackle speeding issues, the Chairman asked for a show of hands in favour of creating a task group only a few volunteers came forward; therefore he decided that the best approach would be to liaise with Parish Councils outside the meeting on the best way to move forward.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That a report be brought back to the October meeting setting out different options for forming a CAP, including a case study of good and bad experiences. 2) The CAM would contact Parishes to liaise with them regarding a Speeding Task Group. 	CAM

8.	<p><u>Updates from Parish Councils and other Partners</u></p> <p>Chief Inspector Jon Tapper from Wiltshire Police, informed the Board that it was their aim to have a representative attend each Area Board meeting to give feedback on local issues, and to work with the Board and Partnerships to resolve local issues.</p> <p>A range of Parish Council issues were discussed at item 6.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Mary Cullen, South Wiltshire Locality Team Leader explained the issue logging process, some of the points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue forms are available online or by contacting the CAM • Progress of submitted issue forms would be tracked online • Common issues that arise across Area Board's could be dealt with using a County wide strategic approach. • Notification will be given that the issue sheet has been received and the issue will be investigated. • Discussion with relevant parties, research and consultation may find a solution without referral to the Area Board • Where necessary Issue may be taken to the Board for action <p>Queries on the process can be emailed to Tom Tom.bray@wiltshire.gov.uk</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: Hot Issues for Consideration</u></p> <p>An additional meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 15 September 2009 to discuss the Local Development Framework. This meeting will be held at the Trafalgar School, Downton and starts at 7.00pm, refreshments available from 6.30pm.</p> <p><u>Meeting schedule for 2009/10</u></p> <p>Tuesday 15 September 2009 – Trafalgar School, Downton</p> <p>Thursday 15 October 2009 – venue tbc (Area Grant deadline = 2 September)</p> <p>Thursday 17 December 2009 – venue tbc (Area Grant deadline = 5 November)</p> <p>Thursday 4 February 2010 – venue tbc (Area Grant deadline = 24 December)</p>	

