

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
Date: Monday 6 July 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9:00pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Mr Chris Williams (Chair), Mr Mark Connolly (Vice Chair) and Mr Charles Howard.

Mr Lionel Grundy, Cabinet Member

Parish Councillors

Partners

NHS Wiltshire – Jo Howes

The Army – Maj. (Retd.) Richard Amery

Tidworth Community Area Partnership (TCAP) – David Wildman (Vice Chairman)

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue – Rob Wild

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Martyn Sweett

Wiltshire Council – Alistair Cunningham, Service Director

Members of Public in Attendance: 41

<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 Amesbury Area Board.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Steve Dancey (Andover Advertiser), Mike Franklin (Wiltshire Fire and Rescue), Col P J Tabor (Chairman of Tidworth CAP), Martin Cook, Martin Aldham and Paul Bolland (Highways).</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 Chair.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Introducing Your Area Board</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a DVD presentation, and was introduced to Val Powley, the Tidworth Community Area Manager (CAM). Val 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.</p> <p>An update on the following was given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Grant Scheme • Area Assessments • Future Funding <p>There is £50,237 available to the board annually (for a full year). This includes funding the core costs of the Community Area Partnership and grant aiding of projects in the Tidworth Community Area. Grant applications need to be completed and handed in six weeks prior to the next meeting date until March 2010.</p> <p>Copies of the DVD and the Grant application packs are available by contacting the Tidworth CAM Val Powley on 01722 712 487 val.powley@wiltshire.gov.uk or by looking on the web page www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboard</p>	

6.	<p><u>Making it Work for You</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked each table to work as a group to come up with some local issues that they consider the Area Board should be focusing on. Some of the issues highlighted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The lack of activities, expansion of Skate Park needed. - The lack of bins causing a littering problem • Poor condition of roads, pot holes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not enough money allocated to highways to resolve problems • Highways and safety issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The lack of appropriate signage in and around Tidworth - Changes to bus route in and out of Tidworth mean cessation of service to Perham Down - Poor vehicle management on roads • Ease of recycling issues • Speeding through villages • Lack of transport to hospital for children with special needs. <p>The Chairman thanked the public for their input and informed them that the issues raised would be noted and updates would be brought to the next meeting.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Role of Tidworth Community Area Partnership, the Community Plan and Future Challenges</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update from David Wildman, Vice Chairman of the Tidworth Community Area Partnership, Mike Winterbourne, TCAP Co-ordinator and Baz Reilly, Station Manager Castledown Radio and Chair of Communications Working Group. Points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCAP is not just community-based. It is a Local Strategic Partnership which has taken issues forward and influenced organisations at county level, regional level and beyond. • The Partnership has a good track record of achieving actions and running projects which improve life for those living and working in the Community Area. This is now being extended to the parishes of Netheravon, Enford and Fittleton, which have recently joined the Community Area. • Importance is in local people knowing what is happening locally. Extensive work has been carried out through a communications project, including local community radio, to link all parts of the Community Area and keep people informed. 	

8.	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils and other Partners</u></p> <p>The Area Board received updates from the Partners and Parish representatives.</p> <p>Inspector Martyn Sweett from Wiltshire Police gave an update on policing in the area, some of the points covered were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policing teams have changed their boundaries to fit with the Area Boards. • As a result, rural teams and Ludgershall have combined to create a new healthy policing team for the area. • Teams are making efforts to attend Parish Council meetings and maintain the public feedback website. • Tidworth and Amesbury have some of the best crime figures across the county. • Current problem areas are anti social behaviour and underage drinking, these will be reported on at later AB meetings. • When asked about the legality of the 30mph stickers used in Enford, the Inspector responded that neighbourhood policing teams thought this was a good scheme, but there are still legal issues being looked into. <p>Jo Howes from NHS Wiltshire gave an update, some of the points covered were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a proposal for a new dental practice in Tidworth • Swine Flu update, the national status has now changed from 'containment' to 'treatment'. Any possible cases should contact their GP where 'anti viral' medicines can be prescribed and then collected by a nominated 'flu buddy'. • Currently there have only been mild cases of Swine Flu reported. <p>Rob Wild from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue informed the Board that in the future updates would be provided on incidents in the area by a representative at each Area Board meeting.</p> <p>Bill Dowling from the MOD informed the Board about the Military and Civilian integration project being undertaken countywide and work that had been carried out on this in the local area.</p> <p>Richard Amery of Tidworth and Bulford Garrison provided the Board with an update of work being carried out in the Garrison including the building of new single soldiers' accommodation and facilities by Aspire Defence Limited.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the public that partner organisation 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>	
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9.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Steve Milton, Head of Community Governance explained the issue logging process, some of 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 across the Board area • Action starts as soon as the issue is submitted • Discussion and research may find a solution without referral to the Area Board by action from frontline services of the Council and/or its partners • Issues may be taken to the Board for action if still unresolved <p>Queries on the process can be emailed to stevemilton@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Steve Milton outlined the grants process, some of 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 board then received an update on three issues brought forward from the pilot Area Board, some of the points covered were:</p> <p><u>Signage in Tidworth and the approach to it –</u> The Board was informed that there had been a suggestion that a more uniform system of signage in Tidworth and better signage to the town from major routes was needed, and that officers were looking into this with updates to follow at future meetings. TCAP are also involved through their Transport Working Group.</p> <p><u>Recycling skips in Ludgershall Car Park –</u> The Board was informed that the skips had been attracting ‘fly tipping’ and anti social behaviour. The request was made that the skips be removed or relocated. It was explained that there would be a response from the relevant services at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Ambulance response times -</u> The Board was informed that the issue of delayed response times in rural areas had been raised several times. It was explained that there was a meeting on the 26th July of the Health and Social Care Working group which was an opportunity for concerns to be voiced to the appropriate parties, and anyone wishing to contribute their personal experiences should contact Hilary Hollinsworth of Tidworth Development Trust (01980 842226 or hilary@tidworthtrust.co.uk).</p>	

10.	<u>Election of Representatives</u> 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.	
11.	<u>Future Meeting Dates: Hot Issues for Consideration</u> The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 14 th September in Tidworth Community Centre starting at 7pm with light refreshments available from 6.30pm.	