

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: Tidworth Community Centre, Tidworth
Date: Monday 14 September 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9:00pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Mr Stuart Wheeler (Cabinet Member)

Parish Councillors

Partners

NHS Wiltshire – Jo Howes

The Army – Bill Dowling and David Marks

Chamber of Commerce (Tidworth & District) – David Wildman

Tidworth Community Area Partnership (TCAP) – Col Paddy Tabor

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue – Rob Wild and Richard Humphrey

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Martyn Sweett

Wiltshire Council – Alistair Cunningham, Service Director

Members of Public in Attendance: 47

<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 Tidworth Area Board.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Kevin Sweeney (Senior Manager Operations and Staffing, Development Service for Young People). Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council Highways Department)</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Chairman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 11a (Grant Funding – To make decisions on grants requested from the Area Board funding – Ludgershall Scout Hall Application) because he is a trustee for the Ludgershall Scout Hall. The Chairman handed over the meeting to Mark Connolly (Vice Chairman) for this item and did not speak or vote.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Update on issues raised and any new issues arising</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager and those working on existing issues updated the board in conjunction with a table of all issues and their current status circulated at the meeting. Issues highlighted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy – Alistair Cunningham informed the board that work was county wide and ongoing, and that once more ground is gained it would be reported back to future Area Boards. It was also highlighted that Item 6 on the agenda would also deal with spatial matters effecting the economy. • Highways/Transport – Mark Connolly explained that the Tidworth Thematic Group was due to meet before the next Area Board and once they had met, more could be known on what could be achieved over the coming year, which again would be reported back. • Young People – Wendy Higginson explained that the Youth Development Service had made their own contact regarding having litter bins in the field next to the Esso Garage in Tidworth, and were waiting to hear back. Colonel Paddy Tabor also offered to look into this due to it being military land. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling – Owen White of Ludgershall Town Council was able to positively report to the board that the skips in Ludgershall car park had successfully been moved as requested. <p>The Chairman highlighted that issue sheets were available in each pack and online and should be completed for any new issues on the board so that the Community Area Manager can allocate actions to the relevant departments and progress can be achieved and reported back at the next Area Board.</p>	
6.	<p><u>The Local Development Framework and Consultation</u></p> <p>Carolyn Gibson, Principal Planning Officer in Spatial Strategy, presented the board with a description of the LDF consultation process and how members, residents and other stakeholders can have their say on the spatial future in Tidworth and Wiltshire as a whole. Some of the points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spatial planning purpose is to develop a clear vision for the future, creating guidance for developments. If guidance and background is not achieved through avenues such as the Core Strategy, planning would instead be by appeal from outside bodies. Many elements make up the process, such as the overall vision, strategic objectives, key issues, core policies, community opportunities, development sites, strategy and vision. The South West Regional Spatial Strategy will be taken into account. Consultation is only part of the process of the whole Core Strategy, alongside other inputs from research and an independent inspector for example. Representations from the public are always taken into consideration and are a valid and important contribution to the process as a whole. <p>Carolyn explained what the next steps in the consultation would be. In the Nov/Dec period there will be awareness raising including a planning newsletter and press release. There will be direct involvement from officers in the form of exhibitions and workshops. Existing networks will be utilised in the process and online information and activity packs with DVD's will become available. The board were also informed that an exhibition is due to come to the Tidworth Community Centre on Wednesday 18th November and that the means of hosting one in Ludgershall were also being explored.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Signage Issues in and around Tidworth</u></p> <p>In substitute to the scheduled presentation, Baz Reilly presented the board with a detailed description, supported with photographs and maps to explain the problem Tidworth has with signage.</p> <p>Resolved: that this information be passed onto Mark Stansby to</p>	

	support his ongoing work to help move the issue forward and any progress be reported back to the Area Board.	
8.	<p><u>Updates from the Community Area Partnership</u></p> <p>Colonel Paddy Tabor gave an update on the Tidworth Community Area Partnership and the Community Plan, highlighting the importance of working with the Area Board closely to move forward in the future and also informed the board that the Partnership meets quarterly as a steering group and will hold an annual meeting where the public are welcome to take part. The Board were also informed that work among the thematic groups within the Partnership was ongoing. The following update on the South East Kennet health and Social Care thematic group was given by Rodney Haverson, Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the group have met with Great Western Ambulance officers regarding ambulance response times in the area and they had been reassured that there is the capacity to meet demand. Having an ambulance on standby at Tidworth or Ludgershall was being looked into to improve service. Any further progress would be reported back at future Area Boards. <p>The Chairman thanked the Community Area Partnership and Thematic groups for their continued work and stressed the importance to keep moving forward with the issues.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils, the Police, the Army, NHS 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"> Efforts are now being made to get Officers out into the community to consult with the public in forums such as Parish Council meetings. Rural policing team – focuses have been on antisocial behaviour and speeding in Enford and the A303. Problems around the recreation ground have seen an improvement since police presence in that area has increased. Tidworth policing team – focuses again have been on antisocial behaviour and there have been efforts of joint patrols with the military police to overcome this. There have also been problems on the Ludgershall road with speeding and cyclists using the footpath. Other actions have focused on young people and drinking and a recent surge in bike thefts in the area. Future plans and focuses for the policing team include issuing a 	

	<p>monthly or bi-monthly newsletter on crime trends etc, rising scrap metal theft and reducing urban speed.</p> <p>Paddy Tabor and Bill Dowling from the MOD informed the board that the disruption from the rebuild of barracks would now be dying down but there were also aspirations for new housing in several areas. David Marks was also introduced to the board as Richard Amery's replacement following retirement.</p> <p>Jo Howes from NHS Wiltshire gave an update, some of the points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidworth Library will be having a health information service from 12 October 2009. • An NHS treatment centre will be opening in Devizes. • Swine Flu – waiting for information from central government as to when immunisation will begin and how this will be carried out, although this is likely to be from G.P's. <p>Rob Wild from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue referred the board to the written update that had been provided within the packs and elaborated that the house fire incident had started from the kitchen and the resident was asleep at the time but it was a domestic fire alarm that had alerted him to the danger.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan</u></p> <p>The board received a presentation on the Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan from Richard Humphrey of the project team. The main points raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government used to prescribe standards for the Fire Service but now instead a plan needs to be produced that the public can comment on. • The plan will be available to view online at www.wiltsfire.gov.uk from 21 September 2009 or you can call 01380 732982 to register and receive a hard copy. • Following registration and consultation, focus groups will be held at a later date that a selected number of the public will be invited to attend. 	
11.	<p><u>Grant Funding</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited each applicant of Area Board funding to address the board and elaborate on their applications. Each application was then considered by the board and the following decisions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St James Church (Repair to clock on outside of Church) Resolved: That the applicant be awarded £750. • St James Church (Equipment for new hall) 	

	<p>Resolved: That the applicant be awarded £1,250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scout Hall (Improvements to venue) Resolved: That the applicant be awarded £1,084 Castledown Radio Station (Expenditure of licence) Resolved: That the applicant be awarded £5,000 	
12.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates: Hot Issues for Consideration</u></p> <p>The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 16 November (venue to be confirmed) starting at 7pm with light refreshments available from 6.30pm.</p>	