

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: The Wellington Academy, Castledown, Tidworth, Wiltshire
Date: Monday 16 November 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9.00pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Chris Williams (Chairman), Mark Connolly (Vice Chairman), Robert Hall and Charles Howard

Wiltshire Council Officers

Alistair Cunningham – Service Director, Economy and Enterprise
Martin Donovan – Service Director, Finance and Procurement
Wendy Higginson – Assistant Youth Worker
Phil Morgan – Research Manager
Val Powley – Tidworth Community Area Manager
James Hazlewood – Senior Democratic Services Officer

Parish Councillors

Tidworth Town Council – Humph Jones, Janet White (Clerk)
Ludgershall Town Council – Owen White, (Janet White (Clerk))
Chute Parish Council – David Brown
Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council – Mike Cox (Chairman)
Enford Parish Council – Stan Bagwell, Ken Monk
Everleigh Parish Council – D Bottomley
Fittleton Parish Council – Alan Wood
Fosbury and Tidcombe – Alan Butterworth
Netheravon Parish Council – David Burke (Chairman), Geoff Dyer

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Martyn Sweett

Tidworth Community Area Partnership (TCAP) – Colonel Paddy Tabor

MOD – Bill Dowling and David Marks

Wellington Academy – Andy Schofield

Members of Public in Attendance: 23

Total in attendance: 48

<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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone present to introduce themselves. A particular welcome was extended to Councillor Robert Hall, the Chairman of Wiltshire Council, who was present to maintain the required quorum (i.e. number of Councillors present) for voting on grant applications.</p> <p>The Chairman expressed his thanks to Andy Schofield for arranging the use of the Wellington Academy for the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman announced that there would be an additional item on the agenda, to appoint a representative to the Wellington Academy Board of Governors. This had been accepted onto the agenda as a matter of urgency which could not wait until the next meeting of the Area Board. There were no papers to consider for this additional item, and it would be taken as item 11 on the agenda.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies had been received from the following:</p> <p>Jo Howes – NHS Wiltshire Phil Edwards – Wiltshire Council Councillor Fleur de Rhé-Philippe (Cabinet Representative) Patricia Caddick – Chute Forest Parish Council Mike Holt – Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council Steve Daggar – Tidworth Town Council (Chairman)</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in item 10(a) specifically in relation to the application from Ludgershall Scouts, as he was a trustee of the Scouts Hall. The Chairman indicated that he would leave the room during consideration of this application.</p> <p>Councillor Mark Connolly declared a prejudicial interest in item 10(b), specifically in relation to the application from Tidworth Town Council, as he was a Town Councillor. Councillor Connolly indicated that he would leave the room during consideration of this application.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2009 were</p>	

	approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
5.	<p><u>Update on issues raised and any new issues arising</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager updated the board in relation to progress made against the issues submitted to the Area Board. A table of all issues and their current status had been included in the agenda papers. The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to concerns over speeding traffic at certain sites, it was noted that the Area Board would take this into consideration when prioritising sites for the Community Speed Watch scheme. • A problem with fly tipping in Ludgershall car park had been addressed by relocating the large bin. • Regarding the issue of activities for young people across the Community Area, projects would have to be identified to provide such activities. <p>Further to the issue of speeding traffic, the Chairman announced that the review of speed limits on A and B class roads was now complete. The detailed results would be circulated to Town and Parish Councils for consultation around the start of the New Year. It was anticipated that a presentation on the review would be made to all the Area Boards during January and February 2010.</p> <p>The Chairman encouraged those present to use the issue sheets to raise concerns, ideas and requests.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Community Speedwatch</u></p> <p>Inspector Martyn Sweett gave an overview of the new Community Speed Watch Scheme.</p> <p>Speeding traffic was an issue often raised as a priority concern by residents and elected representatives across the county. Traditionally this was addressed by enforcement, through use of static, mobile or hand-held speed cameras, and the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for drivers caught in excess of the speed limit.</p> <p>The Community Speed Watch scheme sought to involve local people in educating drivers regarding the issue of speeding. Each individual scheme required a minimum of six volunteers, who would be given appropriate training and equipment. Sites with a perceived speeding problem could then be nominated for assessment in terms of safety and to identify whether there was a speeding issue.</p> <p>Speed checks would then be undertaken by the volunteers at the selected sites, and drivers who were recorded as being in excess of the speed limit would receive a letter warning them of the incident.</p>	

	<p>Repeat offenders would be identified by the coordinator and referred to the police for consideration of further action. More information on the scheme was set out in a briefing paper included within the agenda.</p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, Inspector Sweett responded to questions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently sites for the Community Speed Watch scheme were generally limited to 30 mph zones for safety reasons. However, if a site was identified within a 40/50/60 mph speed limit, where there was a suitably safe location for volunteers to stand, then this could be considered. • Congratulations were offered to Stan Bagwell, who had been instrumental in setting up a successful Community Speed Watch scheme. • The verification of vehicle tax and insurance was not the primary objective of the scheme. However, police officers would automatically be notified of inconsistencies in these records on a vehicle which was caught speeding. 	
7.	<p><u>Wiltshire Council's Spending Priorities</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that this exercise was part of the consultation on the Council's budget 2010-11. Residents' views were sought on how the Council's services should be prioritised, and this would form part of the consultation process prior to the Council setting the budget in February 2010.</p> <p>A short film was shown, which set out the main services provided by Wiltshire Council, how much these cost, and how they were funded. Following the film, those present were invited to complete "voting cards" which asked whether more, the same, or less money should be spent on various services. The results from this Area Board would be made available later in the meeting, and the overall results would be reported to the Cabinet. Additional copies of the voting cards and freepost envelopes were available for those not present at the meeting.</p> <p>Responding to a question, Alistair Cunningham, the Service Director for Economy and Enterprise, explained that the Council was making on-going savings on staff salaries as a result of the move to one council for Wiltshire. In addition, other reviews were being undertaken to ensure that services were provided efficiently and were customer focussed; it was anticipated that these reviews would result in the rationalisation of back-office staff, without impacting on the delivery of front-line services.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Updates from the Tidworth Community Area Partnership</u></p> <p>Colonel Paddy Tabor reported that the Tidworth Community Area</p>	

	<p>Partnership (TCAP) had not met since the last meeting of the Area Board. The next meeting of TCAP was scheduled for 11 December 2009. In addition, the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The post of the TCAP Coordinator remained under consideration, as details such as funding and office accommodation still needed to be addressed. • The 2003-2013 Community Plan, copies of which had been circulated at the start of the meeting, would be subject to consultation and review during 2010. • The success of the Sidbury Teenage Activity Ground (STAG) project was evident through the building work which had recently begun on the football pitch. It was anticipated that this would be useable by summer of 2010. <p>Councillor Mark Connolly gave an update on the Community Transport Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft Transport Plan review document as included within the agenda, had been agreed by the working group, and was awaiting final endorsement by TCAP. • The review of the plan had covered the revised boundaries of the Community Area and all schemes had been assessed against the Government's Local Transport Plan priorities. • Consultation had been undertaken with Town and Parish Councils. • The appendix set out in the agenda papers showed the schemes which had been selected for inclusion in the Plan, having met at least one of the objectives of the Local Transport Plan priorities. 	
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 Partners and Parish representatives.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the use of 30 mph reminder stickers on the side of wheelie bins. This was considered to be most effective at the start of 30 mph zones, as a reminder to motorists. It was noted that this could be an expensive measure at around £800 for 1000 signs, although Pewsey Parish Council may have found a cheaper supplier.</p> <p>Inspector Martyn Sweett from Wiltshire Police gave an update on policing in the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Wilkins had now left the post of Beat Manager. It was anticipated that the replacement would be PC Michael Bayliss, 	

	<p>although this had yet to be confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tidworth Community Policing Team had focussed on Anti-social behaviour in Forest Court and Juniper Court, underage drinking and on the theft of pedal cycles. • The Ludgershall and Rural Team had focussed on speeding and on anti-social behaviour. • The Neighbourhood Policing Priorities would be updated in January 2010. <p>Alistair Cunningham, Director of Economy and Enterprise at Wiltshire Council, updated the Board on the new Business Park at Castledown. A “topping out” ceremony had been held earlier in the day to mark the milestone in the building work which was currently underway. The site was designed to help new and existing small businesses to grow and to support the economic development of the area, by building a sustainable community in the Tidworth area. The buildings on the site had been designed with a high level of sustainable development and included measures such as solar panels. Over half the buildings at the site had now been let and many of the new businesses were run by former military personnel or spouses of those currently serving in the armed forces.</p> <p>The Chairman commented that the business park may be a suitable venue for a future meeting of the Area Board</p> <p>Colonel Paddy Tabor from the MOD informed the Board that the large-scale re-building project was now mostly complete in the Tidworth garrison and that the focus of the work would now move to Bullford. The project sought to replace older buildings with more modern facilities. One of the main benefits of the programme was the large on-site gym which would reduce the need for military personnel to use the Tidworth Leisure Centre, thus freeing up this facility for more civilian use.</p> <p>Colonel Tabor also referred to the planned changes in the way in which Salisbury Plain was used. In future, it was anticipated that there would be more activity around the eastern side of the Plain, and that overall, there would be fewer minor exercises and more major exercises. The next major exercise was planned for 14-15 February. In addition, a northern “tank route” was planned, to reduce the level of heavy military traffic on the surrounding road network.</p> <p>Councillor Robert Hall gave a brief update on Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, in his role as the Chairman of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority. Incident statistics were set out in the paper included within the agenda papers, and attention was drawn to the Home Safety Check service provided by the Fire and Rescue Service, which was free for eligible residents. More information was available on the website (www.wiltshirefirebrigade.com)</p>	<p>Val Powley / James Hazlewood</p>
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10.	<p><u>Grant Funding</u></p> <p>a) <u>Performance Reward Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>Having declared a prejudicial interest in this item, the Chairman left the room during consideration of the application.</p> <p><i>Councillor Mark Connolly in the Chair</i></p> <p>Responding to a question, the Community Area Manager explained that Performance Reward Grant funding was windfall funding from central government, as a result of the county's performance against a number of agreed targets. This funding was separate from the Community Grants scheme and money could be sought from both funding streams.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board agreed to support the bid for funding towards the building works to Ludgershall Scout Hall</p> <p><i>The Chairman returned to the meeting at this point and resumed the Chair.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board agreed to support the bid for funding towards the provision of toilet facilities at St Andrew's Church, Collingbourne Ducis.</p> <p>b) <u>Community Grants</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited each applicant for 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> <p><u>Decision</u> The Trustees of Phoenix Hall, Netheravon were awarded £1,415 for various minor works to the hall. <u>Reason</u> The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2009/10 and would extend the life of a multi-use community facility.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council was awarded £1,605 to dismantle and overhaul the clock on St Andrew's Church. <u>Reason</u> The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2009/10 and would enable the repair of the 140 year old clock on the Grade 2 listed building.</p>	<p>Val Powley</p> <p>Val Powley</p> <p>Val Powley</p> <p>Val Powley</p>
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	<p><u>Decision</u> Collingbourne Ducis and Everleigh Parochial Church Council (PCC) was awarded £5,000 towards the provision of toilet facilities at St Andrew's Church. <u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2009/10 and would encourage community involvement and volunteering through a wider range of activities possible at the church with improved facilities.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Ludgershall Pre-School Play Group was awarded £5,000 to equip and furnish the newly built pre-school. <u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2009/10 and would allow this charity to expand to 64 places from the existing 36.</i></p> <p><i>Having declared a prejudicial interest in the following item, Councillor Mark Connolly left the room during consideration of the application.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Tidworth Town Council was awarded £750 to reinstate lettering to nine memorials in St Mary's Chapel, Tidworth. <u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2009/10 and would support the maintenance of monuments providing historic knowledge of Tidworth's heritage.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Enford Camera Club was awarded £659 to purchase a PC projector for the use by the Camera Club and other organisations in the village. <u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2009/10 and would support and encourage new and existing community groups.</i></p> <p>c) <u>Core Funding (Second Tranche) to Tidworth Community Area Partnership (TCAP)</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained the Area Board was being asked to agree the second tranche of funding to TCAP, comprising £6,731.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> That the second tranche of funding to the Tidworth Community Area Partnership (£6,731) be released.</p>	<p>Val Powley</p> <p>Val Powley</p> <p>Val Powley</p> <p>Val Powley</p> <p>Val Powley</p>
11.	<p><u>Appointment of a representative to the Wellington Academy Board of Governors</u></p> <p>The governing body of the Wellington Academy had previously included an appointee from the former Wiltshire County Council. An</p>	

	<p>appointed representative was now sought from the Area Board.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Councillor Mark Connolly was appointed as the Area Board's representative on the Wellington Academy's Board of Governors.</p>	<p>James Hazlewood</p>
12.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates: Hot Issues for Consideration</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting was to be held on Monday 18 January 2010 at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall starting at 7pm with light refreshments available from 6.30pm. The subsequent meeting would be on Monday 15 March 2010 at 7pm at Enford Village Hall.</p> <p>The Chairman also drew attention to the Wiltshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy consultation exhibition and workshop at Tidworth Community Centre on Wednesday 18 November 2009 from 1pm-9pm.</p>	