

# **MINUTES**

Meeting: CORSHAM AREA BOARD

Place: Springfield Campus, Corsham

Date: 23 November 2016

**Start Time:** 7.30 pm **Finish Time:** 9.05 pm

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## In Attendance:

#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Alan MacRae (Chairman), Cllr Sheila Parker, Cllr Dick Tonge and Cllr Philip Whalley (Vice Chairman)

## **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Richard Rogers - Community Engagement Manager Kevin Fielding - Democratic Services Officer Richard Williams - Community Youth Officer Tim Martienssen - Head of Economic Regeneration Service Delivery

#### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Corsham Town Council – Kirsty Gilby & Steve Abbott Biddestone Parish Council – Tim Smith Box Parish Council – Mike Curd

#### **Partners**

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Mark Unwin Corsham Chamber of Commerce – Roger Stockley Healthwatch Wiltshire – Anne Keat

**Total in Attendance: 35** 

Agenda Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
1	Chairman's Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Corsham Campus and the meeting of the Corsham Area Board.
	The following Chairman's Announcement was noted:
	<ul> <li>Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) event in Corsham on 7th December, 7pm start (6.30 - refreshments).</li> </ul>
	A proposal was received from Corsham Town Council that the Corsham Campus swimming pool should be named the "Stephanie Millward swimming pool", to celebrate the success of paralympic swimmer Stephanie Millward.
	Decision
	That the Corsham Area Board agrees that the Corsham Campus swimming pool be named the "Stephanie Millward swimming pool".
2	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received from:  Ben Hayday – LYN representative , Tom Hall – Colerne Parish Council, Julia Mitchell – Corsham Town Council, Darren Nixon – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service.
3	<u>Minutes</u>
	Decision
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016 were agreed as the correct record with the following amendments:
	Item 7 – Youth Fest Update
	Ben thanked the area board for the support for the Corsham Youth Zone and asked people to contact corshamyouthzone@gmail.com if they wanted to get involved as a Corsham Youth Zone volunteer.
	Item 8 - Partner Updates
	Wiltshire Police – that local police were broadly supportive of the Corsham Youth Zone project which had had a positive impact on the level of

	complaints.
4	Declarations of Interest
	There were none.
5	Partner Updates
	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mark Unwin
	That the new Chief Fire Officer would take up the role on 1 December 2016.
	Healthwatch Wiltshire and NHS Wiltshire – The written report was noted.
	Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives
	Colerne Parish Council – Cllr Dick Tonge
	That Colerne residents had concerns re the possible development of Colerne airfield for 1,800 residential homes.
	That land at Hullavington had been bought by James Dyson.
	Corsham Town Council – Steve Abbott
	That concerns had been raised re the changing of lunch time swimming times at the Campus swimming pool.  It was agreed that the Community Engagement Manager would look into this issue and report back to a future Area Board meeting.
	<ul> <li>That the Corsham Christmas lights would be switched on at 6pm on Friday 2 December.</li> </ul>
	That some 3,000 visitors had been to look at the recreated WW1 hospital at Corsham Town Hall, the event had also received good coverage on social media.
	That the Batters woodland which runs along the railway line between Prospect Drive and was used by soldiers to prepare for the Western Front, had been unveiled as the first Centenary Field in Wiltshire.

## Chamber of Commerce – Roger Stockley

• That preparations were being made for an event to be held during March 2017 entitled "Building in Corsham means business".

The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.

## 6 Corsham Community Area Health and Wellbeing Group

Richard Rogers – Community Engagement Manager gave a short update regarding the work of the Corsham Community Area Health and Wellbeing Group.

#### Points made included:

- That this group would look to Integrate into the local health & Wellbeing groups.
- That the group had now met on two occasions.
- That volunteers were sought for the role of "voice champions".

The Chairman thanked Richard Rogers for his update.

## 7 Corsham Area Framework

Tim Martienssen - Head of Economic Regeneration Service Delivery, Wiltshire Council a short presentation that outlined the Corsham Area Framework, a document which set out the long term vision to help shape the nature of future development in the Corsham Community Area.

### Points made included:

- In 2015, Wiltshire Council appointed Arup and Cushman & Wakefield to lead the preparation of an Area Framework and Delivery Strategy.
- Much had already been done through the wider working groups for the Neighbourhood Plan; Public Realm Strategy; and the railway station.
- The Framework sought to support these efforts and to continue the natural correlation of place and activity in the Corsham Community Area.
- The framework was finalised in the summer 2016.
- Looking forward, continued dialogue would be required to agree the

specific delivery strategies for projects and the appropriate mechanism/bodies needed to coordinate the activities necessary to get projects/initiatives underway.

It was agreed that Tim Martienssen would attend a future Area Board meeting to give a further update on the plan.

The Chairman thanked Tim Martienssen for his presentation.

## 8 <u>Mansion House Update</u>

Tim Martienssen - Head of Economic Regeneration Service Delivery, Wiltshire Council gave a brief update on the progress and proposals to redevelop Corsham Mansion House.

Points made included:

- The Mansion House was a Grade II-listed architecturally important building located in the heart of Corsham town centre.
- The Swindon and Wiltshire LEP had received a Local Growth Fund allocation of £2.5million to redevelop the property.
- In February 2016 year, project managers Arup were appointed to oversee the project. DKA were appointed as architects for the project in March 2016.
- The project aimed to demolish the now disused library building and extend the capacity of the Mansion House building to accommodate business units of varying sizes from micro to small businesses with a focus on digital solutions in industry and society.
- That from the 25 November 2016, the planning application submitted would be available to the general public to view.
- That the Town Council were keen to see the project started.
- That it was a good opportunity to renovate and revitalise this import Corsham building.

The Chairman thanked Tim Martienssen for his presentation.

## 9 <u>Corsham High Street Project</u>

Clive Henly gave a presentation outlining the Corsham High Street Project.

Points made included:

Why Corsham High Street?

- There are around 70 listed buildings within the space of around 400 yards, some dating back to the sixteenth century or before.
- The layout of the street appears to have changed little for a considerable period.
- Corsham is known to have been involved in various trades in the past, including textiles.
- Little research has been carried out on this area.

Wiltshire Buildings Record was exploring the possibility of undertaking a project with funding provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund. In order to qualify for such a grant, the project defined must cover an aspect of British heritage, with objectives falling into the following three main areas:

- Heritage.
- Community Involvement.
- Legacy.

It was agreed that Richard Roger would put details of the project onto the web, via the Corsham Community Area Network website.

The Chairman thanked Clive Henly for his update.

# 10 <u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u>

Richard Williams – Locality Youth Facilitator introduced one application requesting youth funding for the Area Board members to consider:

Corsham Youth Zone requesting £4,944 for Youth Group Work.

#### Decision

Corsham Youth Zone awarded £3,744 for Youth Group Work.

Note: The Area Board members agreed to award £3,744, which was the

	sum total minus £1,200 which would have funded secretarial support.
11	Community Area Grants
	The Area Board members considered three applications for grant funding:
	Decision Colerne Village Hall Association awarded £3,161.70 for Stage Updates Reason The application meets grant criteria 2016/17
	Decision Sea Squad Explorer Scout Unit awarded £1,000 for Activity room furnishing. Reason The application meets grant criteria 2016/17
	Decision Box Preschool Playgroup awarded £507 for new Tablets. Reason The application meets grant criteria 2016/17
12	Community Area Transport Group (CATG)
	The Chairman presented update of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) dated 2 November 2016.
	Decision
	Issue No: 4482 Devizes Road, Box - Installation of white gates. The Box Parish Council would like to see this funded by CATG.
	Agreed - Area Board would be willing to pay 75% of the cost of installing double gates if the Parish Council choose this option and are willing to pay the remaining 25%.
	Issue No: 4364 Hither Way Lacock - Dangerous crossing across Hither Way from National Trust visitor car park into Lacock. With traffic having to use Hither Way instead of coming through the village and reduced visibility for pedestrians crossing at this point a lower speed limit at present 40mph and a proper pedestrian crossing is required.
	Agreed - £1,500 to be allocated by the Area Board to develop the design subject to Lacock Parish Council paying the remaining £500.

	Area Board Issue 4965 - Corsham, Leafield Industrial Estate Concerns regarding HGVs turning left out of the northern junction of the industrial estate and contravening 7.5T weight restriction  Agreed – That the Area Board contribute £750 to the cost subject to the Town Council paying the remaining 25%.
	Area Board Issue 4911 - Pickwick, Corsham Various traffic management requests.
	Agreed - For the Area Board to contribute 75% of the costs of gates up to £5,200 subject to a contribution from a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party for the remaining 25%.
	To note the update.
13	Future Meeting Dates
	The next meeting of the Corsham Area Board would be held on Thursday 19 January 2017.
14	<u>Urgent items</u>
	There were none.