

MINUTES

Meeting: CORSHAM AREA BOARD

Place: Springfield Campus, Corsham

Date: 19 January 2017

Start Time: 7.30 pm **Finish Time:** 9.45 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Wiltshire Council Officers

Richard Rogers - Community Engagement Manager Kevin Fielding - Democratic Services Officer Richard Williams - Community Youth Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Corsham Town Council – David Martin Box Parish Council – Dave Wright

Partners

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Mark Unwin & Darren Nixon Corsham Chamber of Commerce – Sue Stockley Healthwatch Wiltshire – Anne Keat Transcoco – Nikki Kenna

Total in Attendance: 34

Agenda Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
1	Chairman's Welcome and Introductions
	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Corsham Campus and the meeting of the Corsham Area Board.
2	Apologies for Absence
	There were no apologies.
3	<u>Minutes</u>
	Decision
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2016 were agreed as the correct record with the following amendments:
	Item 5 –Corsham Town Council partner update
	That the Batters woodland which runs along the railway line between Prospect and Brook Drive and was used by soldiers to prepare for the Western Front, had been unveiled as the first Centenary Field in Wiltshire.
	Item 5 –Chamber of Commerce partner update
	That preparations were being made for an event to be held during March 2017 entitled "Corsham means business".
	Item 12 –Community Area Transport Group update
	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% for improved signage.
4	Declarations of Interest
	There were none.

5 <u>Chairman's Announcements</u>

The following Chairman's Announcement was noted:

- The Rural Crime Partnership for Wiltshire and Swindon.
- The official opening of the Springfield Campus and renaming of the swimming pool on 16 February 2017.

6 Partner Updates

The following partner updates were noted:

Wiltshire Police – Written report.

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Written report.

Healthwatch Wiltshire - Written report.

Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives

Box Parish Council

- That the lift in the Selwyn Hall had now been installed.
- That footpaths in Rudloe woods were to be re-established.

Corsham Town Council – Written report.

Chamber of Commerce

- That the "Corsham means business" event would now likely be held during May/June 2017.
- That Sue Stockley would be stepping down as the Chamber of Commerce Chairman at the next AGM.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.

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7	Precept Consultation - Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
	A video outlining the OPCC priorities and precept proposals for 2017/18 was shown.
8	Springfield community garden
	Richard Rogers – Community Engagement Manager gave a short update regarding the Springfield Campus community garden including a member initiative request for funding.
	When Springfield Campus was designed, it included a communal outside space and wildflower area. However the required maintenance and development of this area, either provided by the community or the grounds maintenance contract had not been sufficient.
	The result was an area that was increasingly becoming untidy and in need of vital work. In addition the current maintenance contract would end during 2017 and there was no money identified to renew it let alone improve it.
	Points made included:
	The need to improve the outside space at the campus.
	That the area was under-utilised and in poor upkeep.
	That this was an area that could be a focal point of the campus.
	Thanks to Nikki Kenna – Transcoco for her help in moving the project forward.
	Decision
	That the Area Board assigns up to £5,000 to improve the outside area around Springfield Community Campus.
	 That the current area was adapted to make it more attractive and sustainable, involving the community to get involved and look after it.
	The Chairman thanked Richard Rogers for his presentation.
9	Transcoco - update
	Nikki Kenna – Transcoco gave brief update on the work of Fairtrade locally and news of two recent community orchards.

Points made included:

- The next Transcoco meeting would be held at the Pound Arts Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th January. The topic would be ideas and plans for 2017.
- That Transcoco were on the lookout for volunteers.
- A big thank you to the Area Board for its help and support.

The Chairman thanked Transcoco for the good work being carried out in the Corsham community area.

10 Warm and Safe Wiltshire

Philip Morris - Senior Development Manager, Warm and Safe Wiltshire gave a presentation on fuel poverty and ways residents can be supported to live better in their homes.

Points made included:

What Warm and Safe Wiltshire do

- Free-phone based energy advice and support.
- Home visits.
- Fitting simple energy saving draught proofing measures for free.
- Supported referral on for other relevant services.

How can Warm and Safe Wiltshire help

- Practical advice setting heating controls, managing damp, understanding your energy bill.
- Advice on improvements that will save money and make patients homes warmer.
- Identifying issues and finding solutions to high energy bills.
- Support in accessing discounted or free; boiler/boiler repair, insulation and essential maintenance for vulnerable customers.
- Energy debt support and income maximisation.

- Energy switching support.
- Financial maximisation, support with accessing grants.
- Referrals for other support.

The Chairman thanked Philip Morris for his presentation.

Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) Feedback from 7 December 2016

Richard Rogers – Community Engagement Manager gave a short presentation on the Corsham 'Our Community Matters' event which was held on the 7 December 2016. Members of the public and partner agencies had attended and participated the event.

A short film was then shown, highlighting community priorities for 2017.

Decision

- That the Area Board adopts the priorities identified by the 'Our Community Matters' event and works to facilitate local action to tackle those priorities.
- That the Area Board requests the Local Youth Network, the Health and Wellbeing Group and the Community Area Transport Group (and any other local task groups established by the Board) to adopt and take forward the priorities identified in the relevant theme areas.
- That the Area Board requests the Community Engagement Manager to work with key partners, agencies and community groups to coordinate action around the priorities identified.
- That the Board considers whether it wishes to champion a particular theme or priority and to earmark funding to promote, initiate and support community-led action around the selected priorities.
- That the Board considers appointing a lead member to champion any priority (priorities) adopted.
- That reports are submitted to the Board on progress made to address the priorities to ensure that positive outcomes are delivered and that this be made a regular item on future Board meetings.

The Chairman thanked Richard Rogers for organising such a successful event and expressed the Area Board's thanks to the people who gave their time to participate in the event.

12 CEM Update

Kevin Gaskin presented the Health and Wellbeing Group update which was contained in the agenda pack.

Health & Wellbeing funding applications:

Decision

Springfield Arts Group awarded £350 for help with running costs.

Decision

Centre for Sustainable Energy awarded £1,000 for cookery and advice sessions.

The Chairman thanked Kevin Gaskin for his update.

13 <u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u>

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

Decision

Open Blue Bus awarded £3,000 for youth engagement and outreach in rural and outlying areas.

Decision

KIK Radio awarded £4,479 for accredited introduction courses.

Decision

Last Baguette Theatre awarded £2,640 for youth theatre outreach work Corsham.

Decision

GoActiv awarded £3,000 for parkour event.

Decision

Pound Arts awarded £3,400 for a project for 13-19 year olds in and around Corsham.

14	Community Area Grants
	The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:
	Decision The Open Blue Trust awarded £3,898 towards the conversion of the bus. Reason The application meets grant criteria 2016/17
	Decision Colerne rugby Football Club awarded £5,000 towards new changing rooms. Reason The application meets grant criteria 2016/17
	Decision 1st Lacock Scout Group awarded £1,337.50 towards a new trailer. Reason The application meets grant criteria 2016/17
	Decision FRESCO awarded £500 for dry stone wall project Reason The application meets grant criteria 2016/17
15	Future Meeting Dates The next meeting of the Corsham Area Board will be held on Tuesday 14 March 2017, at Corsham Town Hall.
16	Urgent items There were none.
17	Close