

MINUTES

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Durrington Village Hall, High Street, Durrington, SP4 8AD
Date: 25 May 2017
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.47 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Mike Hewitt (Chairman), Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr John Smale,
Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill (Vice Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Dave Roberts, Community Engagement Manager

Town and Parish Councils

Amesbury Town Council – P Allen & R Allen
Durrington Town Council – D Healing
Figheldean Parish Council – J Menzies
Steeple Langford Parish Council – D Watson
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council – M Atkinson & R Watts

Partners

Police – N Mawson
Fire and Rescue Service – T Brolan & C Browning

Total in attendance: 28

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
4	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Mike Hewitt welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board and thanked the Durrington Village Hall for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, the Councillors introduced themselves.</p>
5	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
6	<p><u>Introduction to your local Area Board</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager; Dave Roberts presented an introduction to Area Boards.</p> <p>The role of the Community Engagement Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help deliver the vision to strengthen local communities and help them to do more for themselves • Maximise the involvement and engagement in council services and decisions; particularly those that affect our local area • Assist the area board to deliver its local priorities • Encourage grant applications and the administration of these • Support the various groups of the area board; Community Area Transport Grants (CATG), Health and Wellbeing Group, Local Youth Network (LYN) • Facilitate and coordinate community events and activities • Connect communities and maximise opportunities • Communicate what's happening <p>Area boards and what they do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host events and meetings where the local community can participate • Invest in local community projects • Agree the local priorities and act to combat these; such as obesity, social isolation, mental health issues • Influence and take decisions on local service delivery • Support and deliver activities for young people • Communicate information every week • Encourage participation and volunteering in community activities • Acts as a consultee on council policy and changes <p>Area Board Achievements over the last 8 years:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120,000 people had taken part in events and meetings • £12m invested in local community projects - every £1 invested secures £4 in external funding • 5,000 local projects and community groups funded • 25,000 people received information each week • 25,000 volunteers supported events and activities • 6,000 local people helped set local priorities • 15,000 young people benefited from 350 projects supported by area boards each year • 4 million area board news articles viewed each year <p>The Amesbury Area Board Budget for 2017/18 was £115,887. To be split into separate funding pots as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £55,530 for community grants (capital) • £28,370 for community transport (capital) • £24,287 for youth projects (revenue) • £7,700 for health and wellbeing and older people’s champion (revenue) <p>This year there would be a number of county-wide and local activities, including the Tree planting initiative, to commemorate the ending of WW1, The Big Pledge - ‘London Calling’ and Clean up Wiltshire. Further details would be provided later in the meeting.</p> <p>It was hoped that 10,000 trees would be planted across Wiltshire, each one to represent a soldier. Dave asked for ideas for the tree planting, some of the comments received included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Larkhill, where the 400 new houses were to be built, some of the trees could go there. • There was previously a project at the Abbot Track, out of Amesbury across Larkhill, where people were trying to preserve the apple trees there a few years ago. Cllr Westmoreland would pass the information regarding this to the CEM after the meeting. • PCs may be asked to look after the trees once planted. <p>The board noted its thanks to the CEM for his diligent work over the last 4 years.</p>
7	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the last two meetings held on 2 March and 16 May 2017, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>

8	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
9	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He thanked those who had taken part in the Board over the last 4 years, especially those who had regularly attended. He asked people to spread the word to those who had not attended so often. • There had been a meeting on Tuesday night at City Hall, to provide information to parishes on street cleaning and litter picking. Everyone had been encouraged to report issues on the My Wiltshire app, where it was then directed to the right team. • Adrian Hampton would be invited to attend a future AB to provide further information. It was hoped that in future a highways Maintenance schedule for the area would be provided to the board ahead of the works to be done so that there was the opportunity to adapt that list. <p>Action: CEM to liaise with Adrian and invite him to a future meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Cllr John Smale and Cllr Ian West, who had Chaired the meetings so well over the last 4 years. • The Board wished to write a letter to former Cllr Ian West for his 22 years of work for the area. <p>Action: Board to work with CEM to write a letter to Cllr West.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A303 meetings were on-going, with another due shortly. A consultation would take place in the spring 2018. Following that public meetings and discussion would take place, where everyone could get involved.
10	<p><u>Appointments to outside Bodies and Working Groups</u></p> <p>The Board considered the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Amesbury Area Board agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Appoint Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix A; b) Agree to reconstitute and appoint to the Working Group(s) as set out in Appendix B; and c) Note the Terms of Reference for the Working Group(s), as set out in

	<p style="text-align: center;">Appendix C</p> <p>d) Re appoint Jan Tidd as the Older People’s Champion for the Area Board, in accordance with Appendix D.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that the CATG was reasonably attended by parish representatives when they had a project for consideration, he urged parishes to send someone even if they were not currently after funding as it was useful to gain an insight in to the work of the group, and of possible schemes taking place around the community area.</p> <p>This also went for the Local Youth Network (LYN) and the Health & Wellbeing Group (H&WB), as both of those Groups needed regular contact with people to get the community working together, for themselves and by themselves.</p> <p>Cllr Henry noted that as the lead Cllr for young people, he has some ideas of how he would like to develop the LYN this year. He was currently looking at the Terms of Reference and would like to set up some Youth Councillors. He would be liaising with the schools, clubs and other places, such as the bluz and twos discos, to bring more young people to these.</p>
11	<p><u>Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda and invited further updates from Town/Parish Councils and other Partners, including outside bodies. It was noted that the preferred option was for written updates, to minimise time spent during the meeting.</p> <p><u>Police – Inspector Nick Mawson</u> Included in the written report in the pack, was info from Chief Constable Mike Veale, regarding the use of the taser.</p> <p>The National Threat level had increased from severe to critical, that meant an attack was imminent, Locally, Wiltshire Police had critical plans in place, no local threat was known in Wiltshire, however we must be prepared. Additional controls were out, in town centres, train stations, and at tourist attractions, but were just there as a reassurance to the public.</p> <p>In some areas, military Police were also on patrol; as the Police had accepted their assistance, this was more visible on the plain and around the barracks.</p> <p>The Police had more staff on the ground, however the public were the eyes and ears effectively. He urged people to let them know if they were unsure about a situation, to enable them to make a judgement.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an incident recently where a lady was followed in her car at

9.30pm, where a man tried to make her pull in. She reported it, was told there was nothing they could do.

- There had been cars speeding late at night through the winterbournes, these incidents should all be reported, so the police can build up a log.
- Answer: We are stretched as are many organisations, we need to prioritise issues, so if everything is logged we can deal with some reports when they come in and if not prioritised professionally.
- Would the Police attend events such as village fetes, due to threat level? Answer: You may well not see Police at local events at the moment, as we may have to re-prioritise our duties. For at least 2 weeks this will be our change of focus.
- The Amesbury carnival is due to take place in the week commencing 12 June, were there any special measures we should be considering that we may not have prior to the threat level? Answer: Make sure your community has a Threat plan, a Community communication plan, an evacuation plan, and a list of stewards, and that all of this is up to date.

Fire – Tom Brolan, District Commander for Amesbury and Pewsey

In addition to the written report circulated at the meeting, Tom gave the following update:

- It had been just over a year since the combination. A Chief Officer had been appointed and the service was revising areas such as IT and HR, there was lots of behind the scenes work going on.
- Jim Marnie Assistant manager was interviewed on BBC, at no point were any 999 calls unanswered.
- Tom drew attention to the links provided in the handout, where people could request a home visit from a safety advisor.
- The statistics detailed recent incidents for the area.
- There were currently 4 newly recruited Firefighters in development. He urged people if they knew of anybody who may be interested in becoming a retained firefighter to spread the word that a recruitment drive was underway. Amesbury held their crew drill on a Wednesday evening, anyone interested was welcome to come down and talk to the officers.

Question

Was there a restriction on how fast people could get to the station?

Answer: Usually within 5 minutes. There was a rule and we can be relaxed about this for the second pump, by extending that to 7 minutes.

	<p><u>The Packway road closures - Cllr Wright</u></p> <p>There has been a situation in Durrington, two weeks previously, when the 4 way traffic lights had been installed. This caused gridlocked, with traffic backing up from the Stonehenge roundabout in all directions. This could cause a serious incident, so Cllr Wright had spoken to the company carrying out the work, and managed to get them to agree to reduce the timescale of the works from 8 weeks to 3. This would be achieved by working longer hours, with a 3 way system working instead of 4. He advised that if people could travel at less busy time, it may be beneficial to do so.</p> <p>From the 4th July the route will be one way working only, with the east side closed, the only access in a west direction. For 7 weeks, there would be no travel permitted from Shrewton to Durrington in a westerly direction. If signs could be placed then they would be.</p> <p>Another statement would be circulated nearer the time. He urged people to feed this update back to the parish councils.</p> <p><u>Question</u></p> <p>When all of the roads were finished would Highways or WC repair all of the smaller roads which were going to be used as rat-runs?</p> <p>Answer: I don't know, this could be taken to highways as an issue to ask what they intend to do.</p> <p>The CEM had spoken to Highways and the Military, there were no further updates, if any should come in then these would be circulated.</p> <p><u>Community Events</u></p> <p>Durrington weekend would take place on Saturday and Sunday 15 & 16 July – attractions to include the duck racing, a jumble sale, a flower and produce show, music in the recreation ground and a vintage vehicle event on the Sunday only. Free entry for members of the public.</p> <p>Amesbury carnival would take place in the week of 12 – 17 July, with a week of events starting on the Monday. There would be a free event on the Friday, with no alcohol. Ending with the Carnival on the Saturday.</p> <p>Winterbourne fete would take place on 1 July</p> <p>Steeple Langford fete would take place on the 17 June.</p> <p>The CEM encouraged people to let him know in advance of upcoming events as he was able to publicise on the community website.</p>
12	<p><u>Foodbank Amesbury</u></p> <p>Lucy Duffy came to present information about the Amesbury Food Bank. An organisation originally set up by a couple in Salisbury, there were now over 426</p>

	<p>food banks across the UK. Lucy was the manager at Salisbury branch, but her patch covered Tisbury out to Downton.</p> <p>The aim of the food bank was to provide three days of emergency food to a person in need.</p> <p>There was a monitoring system for those using the service and other forms of support was also available, including signposting to other agencies which could help people get out of the crisis.</p> <p>It was recognised that people from Amesbury and surrounding areas, were having travel into Salisbury to get their provision. So in February the Amesbury site was opened. This offered an opportunity to collect food locally, one day a week, and was run by an enthusiastic team of 25 volunteers. Offering so much more than just the food, such as conversation, time , a place to relax, signposting to other services, pet supplies and hygiene products.</p> <p>The organisation also ran a ‘More than Food’ programme, which was a 6 week course for 2.5hrs a week to teach people how to eat well. Lucy urged anyone that knew of community groups that could benefit from this service to get in touch.</p> <p>A money advice service was also free for clients, this operated by a 6 week appointment system, teaching them how to manage money and deal with debts.</p> <p>Holiday clubs which offered a replacement for those families with children eligible for free school meals, as this was not available in the break time. Lucy and the team were planning one of these in Amesbury in the summer for children and their parents.</p> <p>Lucy value community support in reaching people that really need this service, she asked people to spread the word in their communities.</p> <p>An even would be held on 5 June at 3.30 – 5.30pm at Wyndham Hall, offering free refreshments, cakes, hotdogs and face painting for children. Invites had been passed out to children through the schools.</p> <p>Cllr Wright noted that Lucy had visited the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting and it was through their suggestion that Lucy come to the Board to give a presentation to promote the services available in the Food Bank. He thanked Lucy and her team for the good work they were doing.</p>
13	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Graham Wright, Lead Member for H&WB, drew attention to the minutes from the last H&WB Group meeting held on 25 April 2017 and asked the Board to consider the recommendations for funding.</p>

	<p>He noted that there had been 2 grants for consideration by the group at its last meeting, these were:</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Music</u> This applicant had raised £90,000 to run events across the community area. Working with isolated older people. Committed to at least 10 sessions with older people, all taking part would also get free tickets to the events and transport would also be arranged to Salisbury.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Amesbury Area Board awarded £1,500 to the Wiltshire Music Centre, with an invite to return the following year and provide a full report on progress including numbers attracted, actual activities and a sustainability plan before any further funding could be considered in years 2 and 3.</p> <p><u>Farleys Malone</u> The Good neighbour scheme funding had been discontinued by WC, following that Farleys Malone had been set up to fill the gap. Some of the work carried out by the group included weekly community lunches at various locations. There were 11 volunteers working alongside Jan.</p> <p>One strategy of the Area Board was caring for the carers. Part of this scheme planned involving the carers coming to activities whilst their loved ones were attending community lunches.</p> <p>There would be a Dinner and Dance evening at Antrobus House on Friday 24 November, to raise some additional funding. Tables could be booked by contacting Farleys Malone.</p> <p>It was hoped that the board would support 2 tranches of funding, £2,500 now and another £2,500 later in the year.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Amesbury Area Board awarded £2,500 to Farley’s Malone, with an invite to return in September with a report on what the funding was for, how many lunches would be provided, actual numbers attending, and outcomes and work with partner organisations, to enable a second tranche to be considered.</p>
14	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p><u>Duck Race</u> Andy Devey thanked the Board for funding they had received at an earlier meeting, which had enabled them to replace their old worn out stock of yellow ducks which had been used for the past 11 years, with a new selection of coloured ducks. The next duck race would be held on 28 July 2017.</p>

	<p>He presented a picture of the ducks to the CEM in thanks for thanks.</p> <p>Cllr Westmoreland, Lead member for Grants, introduced three applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme for 2017/18, thanking the other members of the grants panel who had assisted in reviewing the bids:</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Steeple Langford Parish Council was awarded £2,544.80 towards Children’s play area enhancements. <i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2017/18.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Village Hall Committee (Stephen’s Charity) was awarded £5,000 towards Cholderton Children’s play area, with the condition that Planning Permission was approved. <i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2017/18.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Amesbury Sports Partnership was awarded £4,000 towards an artificial multi use sports Area project. <i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2017/18.</i></p>
15	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
16	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 27 July in Shrewton.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending</p>