

MINUTES

Meeting: CORSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Springfield Campus, Corsham
Date: 25 May 2017
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.45 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Brian Mathew and Cllr Philip Whalley

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 – Sid Gould, Vaughan Hill & Marilyn Tye
Lacock Parish Council – Stuart Gregory

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Sgt Paul Harvey & Lee Stripe
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Mark Unwin
Older Persons Champion – Kevin Gaskin
Healthwatch Wiltshire – Anne Keat

Total in Attendance: 38

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Springfield Campus.</p> <p>A minutes silence was held for the victims of the recent Manchester Arena bombing.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Ben Anderson and Cllr Brian Mathew to the Area Board,</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Sheila Parker, Alan MacRae and Dick Tonge for their hard work and dedication as members of the Area Board.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that a special meeting had been held on the rising of the Annual meeting of the Full Council of Wiltshire Council on the 16 May 2017.</p> <p>That he had been elected Chairman of the Corsham Area Board 2017/18, and that Cllr Ruth Hopkinson had been elected Vice-Chairman of the Corsham Area Board 2017/18.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Sharon Thomas – Corsham Town Council, Sue Stockley – Community Area Partnership and Darren Nixon - Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2017 were agreed as the correct record.
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>There were no Chairman's Announcements.</p>

6	<p><u>Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups</u></p> <p>The following appoints were made to outside bodies and working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corsham Local Youth Network – Cllr Ben Anderson • Corsham Pound Arts Centre Trust – Cllr Phil Walley • Health and Wellbeing Group for Older People – Cllr Brian Mathew • Community Area Transport Group – Cllr Ruth Hopkinson
7	<p><u>Introduction to the work of the Area Board for 2017/18</u></p> <p>Richard Rogers – Community Engagement Manager.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Brief overview of his role and that of the area board, the budgets available and the focus for the year ahead. • WW1 Commemorative tree planting - A proposal for Wiltshire Council to plant 10,000 trees to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. It was to be decided whether a large Wiltshire wood, or smaller community areas would be planted. • Big Pledge 2017 – London Calling. <p>The Chairman thanked Richard Rogers for his update.</p>
8	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The following partner updates were noted:</p> <p>Wiltshire Police – The written report was noted.</p> <p>Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset and Wiltshire Combination: One year on - The two Services combined on 1st April 2016 to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service with Darran Gunter as Chief Fire Officer (CFO).

Since then there have been some changes in Senior Personnel. Ben Ansell is now the CFO and he has been in post since 1st December 2016. Jim Mahoney is now an Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) and has responsibility for Operations (Response).

A great deal of work was put into the combination prior to 1st April 2016 in order that the transition could occur with minimal disruption. On the whole this has been achieved, however there is still work to do in order to align some of the management systems and methods of recording.

Locally, the public should not have noticed any significant change. The local crews still respond to emergency calls, carry out visits and engage with the community in the same way they always have. If anything, in the future, it is this community work that will increase so the crews become more visible to members of the public through new partner initiatives.

- Fire Service Precept Increase - Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority approved a budget of £53.735 million for 2017/18 at its meeting on the 9th February. Within the recommendation was the requirement to increase council tax with a 2.6 pence per week increase for Band D properties in Bournemouth, Dorset, Poole, Swindon and Wiltshire – resulting in an annual fire precept Band D of £70.59 for the Fire and Rescue Service within the council tax for the year starting on 1 April 2017.
- Corsham Fire Station was currently recruiting weekend and day cover firefighters.

NHS Wiltshire – The written report was noted.

Healthwatch Wiltshire – The written report was noted.

Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives

Box Parish Council

- That Box Parish Council had been reformed, with Rudloe now part of the parish.

Colerne Parish Council

- That Colerne Parish Council had been reformed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New bowls lawn and footpaths had been opened up. • Was engaging with the Colerne Young Mothers group. • That neighbourhood planning work was ongoing. <p>Lacock Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns re traffic movement. • Lacock at War event to be held on the August Bank Holiday. <p>Corsham Town Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That there were co-opted member vacancies to be filled. • Corsham Food Festival – Saturday 17 June, with around 42 stalls supported by local eateries and public houses. <p>Digital Corsham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Election - That Digital Corsham had offered video coverage for the Corsham candidates. • Would be covering the election count in Chippenham. • Was currently filming the Garden Cub at Colerne. <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p>
9	<p><u>Neighbourhood Watch Forum</u></p> <p>This Item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p>
10	<p><u>Cyber Crime Presentation</u></p> <p>Lee Stripe – Wiltshire Police gave a presentation that highlighted how Wiltshire Police were dealing with the growing threat of cyber crime.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>Raise Awareness</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the community’s awareness of threat and impact. • Encourage crime reporting and intelligence gathering. <p>High Risk and repeat victims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectively identify high risk and repeat victims. • Work with partners to support repeat victims and prevent ongoing victimisation. • Effective partnership work/understanding the nature of vulnerability across sectors. • Understand impact. <p>Better understand the nature of the threat and response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully appreciate that this is changing and fluid threat. • Engaging at local, regional and national level to benefit from wider comprehension and coordinated response. • Support the production and sharing of analytical products. • Recognise impact upon individuals and organisations. <p>Educate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide co-ordinated, consistent and timely advice. • Coherent <i>communications strategy (internally and externally)</i>. <p>The Chairman thanked Lee Stripe for his presentation.</p>
11	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>Richard Williams gave the Local Youth Network (LYN) update.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the group was currently looking at mental health.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Open Blue Bus” was booked to visit various locations in the community area. • That the next meeting would be held on Monday 5 June. <p>LYN Funding Applications</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Colerne Choices awarded £4,494 to provide a range of positive activities in the Colerne area in response to the consultation undertaken. <p>The Chairman thanked Richard Williams for his update.</p>
12	<p><u>Corsham Older Persons Champion</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Corsham Area Board appointed Kevin Gaskin as the Area Board Older Persons Champion - 2017/18. <p>The Chairman thanked Kevin Gaskin, and looked forward to future updates at the Area Board meetings.</p>
13	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors considered two applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:</p> <p>Decision Box Bowls Club awarded £500 for Equipment storage container. Reason <i>The application meets grant criteria 2017/18</i></p> <p>Decision Pickwick Association awarded £445 towards planters and mobile waterer to maintain verge and flower displays. Reason <i>The application meets grant criteria 2017/18</i></p>
14	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>That Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer would look into the viability of</p>

	holding future meetings on a Tuesday evenings. It was noted that several Parish Councils held their meetings on a Tuesday evening.
15	<u>Urgent items</u> Concerns were raised re the lack of High Street banks still operating in Corsham. It was noted that Nationwide Building Society would have a stand at the Corsham Food Festival on Saturday 17 June.
16	<u>Close</u>