

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Chippenham Area Board  
**Place:** Sheldon School, Hardenhuish Lane, Chippenham SN14 6HJ  
**Date:** 3 February 2020  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.45 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Peter Hutton (Chairman), Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Richard Clewer and Cllr Clare Cape

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Ollie Phipps (Community Engagement Manager), Craig Player (Democratic Services Officer), Dom Argar (Technical Support Officer), Tracy Carter (Interim Waste Transition and Carbon Reduction Lead Officer), Gary Tomsett (Environmental Control and Protection Team Leader) and Steve Manning (Environmental Health Officer)

**Total in attendance: 134**

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<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 present to Chippenham Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers present.</p> <p>The Area Board extended its thanks to the community groups, schools, local authorities, external organisations and local businesses which hosted displays and exhibitions before the meeting.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Melody Thompson and Darren Nixon.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2019 were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>Contributions from members of the public were encouraged. There was also a suggestion box available at the meeting.</p>
6	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the written announcements included in the agenda pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great British Spring Clean 2020</li> <li>• Motiv8 Children's and Young People's Service</li> <li>• Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</li> <li>• Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Plan 2021-25</li> <li>• Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan</li> </ul>
7	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered five applications for Community Area Grant funding and one application for Youth funding.</p>

	<p>The Chairman invited a representative of the applicants the opportunity to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.</p> <p>Cllr Ross Henning declared an interest in Chippenham Rugby Football Club under 11s Minis' application (member of Chippenham Rugby Football Club). He declared he would participate in the debate and vote with an open mind.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. To award St. John Ambulance £1000 for first aid supporting the Chippenham community</b></li> <li><b>2. To award Carer Support Wiltshire £2084 for the Care Outreach Campaign at Chippenham Community Hospital</b></li> <li><b>3. To award Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club £5000 for clubhouse improvements</b></li> <li><b>4. To award Chippenham Police Cadets £94.01 for equipment.</b></li> <li><b>5. To award Chippenham Rugby Football Club under 11 Minis £3800 for their mini squad</b></li> <li><b>6. To award Phoenix Amateur Dance Group £799 for equipment</b></li> </ol>
8	<p><u>Keynote Presentation</u></p> <p>Cllr Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader at Wiltshire Council, gave a presentation on Wiltshire Council's efforts to tackle the climate emergency.</p> <p>Matters raised during the presentation and discussion included: the acknowledgment of a climate emergency; getting Wiltshire Council carbon neutral by 2030; carbon and renewable energy baselines; Wiltshire Council's Global Warming and Climate Emergency task group; energy efficiency and energy generation; reductions in waste to landfill; reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from the Council's estate and operations; the Green Pledge (<a href="#">insert link</a>); the possibility of setting up or supporting a renewable energy company; the constraints on Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and conservation areas; the staff working on climate change and community engagement.</p>
9	<p><u>Workshop</u></p> <p>Attendees undertook a workshop, run by Zero Chippenham, in which they were encouraged to think about what Wiltshire Council, the community and individuals can do to tackle the climate and ecological emergency.</p> <p>Matter raised during the workshop and discussion included: carbon neutral planning; retrospective renewables fittings; electric vehicle infrastructure sharing knowledge and promoting community groups; community fridges; incentivising positive actions; making use of parish and town councils; creating dedicated teams; public transport; school curriculums; recycling; possibility of raising council tax in order to tackle the climate emergency; making a clear action plan and integrating the climate emergency into the council's policy.</p>

	<p>The Chairman thanked Sheldon School, Cllr Nick Murry and Zero Chippenham for facilitating the workshop. Individuals, community groups, local authorities and local businesses were encouraged to work collaboratively to tackle the climate emergency.</p> <p>It was noted that a report detailing the findings of the workshop will be considered at the next Area Board meeting.</p>
10	<p><u>Community Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates from partners were received as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wiltshire Police – the written update was noted.</li> <li>2. Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – the written update was noted.</li> <li>3. Healthwatch Wiltshire – the written update was noted.</li> <li>4. Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group – the written update was noted.</li> <li>5. Carer’s Champion – the following points were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Board was encouraged to consider the needs of the most vulnerable and deprived areas of Chippenham when setting council tax precepts.</li> <li>• Attendees were encouraged to facilitate local ecosystems by implementing hedgehog highways where they can.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
11	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
12	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Chippenham Area Board will be held on Monday 23 March 2020 7.00 pm at Yatton Keynell Village Hall.</p>