

Pewsey Area Board

MINUTES OF THE PEWSEY AREA BOARD MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2021 AT ONLINE.

Present:

Cllr Jerry Kunkler (Chairman), Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (Vice-Chairman) and
Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Dominic Argar, Curly Haskell and LtCol Nick Turner

Wiltshire Council Officers

Richard Rogers – Community Engagement Manager
Dom Argar – Technical Support Officer
Stuart Figini -Senior Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Easton Royal Parish Council - Margaret Holden
Burbage Parish Council - Steve Colling
Rushall Parish Council/PCAP - Colin Gale
Pewsey Parish Council - Peter Deck, Curly Haskell
Wilcot and Huish Parish Council/PCAP - Dawn Wilson

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Insp Tina Osborn
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service - Dave Adamson

Others

PCAP - Susie Brew
Easton Royal resident – Hew Helps
HQ TNB Garrison - Lt Col Nicholas Turner
Judy Haynes
Ann Hogg
Cedric Hollingsworth
Pewsey Football Club - Craig Wall
Wiltshire Healthwatch Board - Joanna Wittels
John Brewin
Leslie Green
Steve Park

Total in attendance: 26

13 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members and officers present. As this was the last meeting of the Area Board before the local unitary elections, the Chairman also thanked everyone involved in previous meetings for their input.

14 **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

15 **Minutes**

Decision

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at a future meeting.

16 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

17 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman drew attention to the following written announcement included on the agenda:

Fostering in Wiltshire

The Chairman introduced the announcement. He noted that Wiltshire Council plan to recruit 100 foster carers in the next 3 years and that this could potentially be a way that people could give back to the community. Fosterers can potentially be paid around £16,000-£17,000 and can provide support for both long or short periods of time; the main requirement being that they are over 21 years of age and have a spare bedroom.

18 **Walkers Are Welcome Project**

The Area Board received a presentation from Susie Brew on behalf of the Pewsey Community Area Partnership about the 2021 projects being undertaken by the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership – 'Walkers are Welcome' and 'Itineraries Project'.

Susie provided detailed information about the two projects and in particular commented on the following:

- Both projects were being funded by the Co-Op Community Fund
- Steering Groups for both projects commenced in January 2021

- The advantages and objectives in having Itineraries which set out information on activities available for visitors to Pewsey Vale
- What the itineraries would look like
- The ability for visitors to browse routes, accommodation, where to eat etc prior to arrival in the Pewsey Vale
- The benefits of the itineraries to visitors and local businesses and organisations
- The Walkers are Welcome scheme was launched in 2007 and the accreditation sought would be for the Pewsey Community Area.
- Details about the steps to gain accreditation

The Chairman thanked Susie for the presentation and the Area Board confirmed that they would support both projects.

19 **State of Towpaths Canal River Trust, Pewsey Community Area**

An update was provided by Dawn Wilson during the partner updates below.

20 **Partner Updates**

a) Wiltshire Police

Insp Tina Osborn provided an update from Wiltshire Police, which included detail about COVID-19 lockdowns and the relaxing of some restrictions, the structure of Devizes Community Policing Team, crime and incident data and updates on priorities for the community area. Insp Osborn responded to questions about the future operations of Speedwatch and Police vehicles with automatic number plate recognition.

b) Wiltshire Fire and Rescue

Dave Adamson, Station Manager provided an update from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, which included detail about reducing the level of risk and harm from fire, interaction between the Protection Team and Local authorities, private landlords and tenants, on call recruitment, inspirational safety education, advice for people living with dementia, road safety, winter safety and the total number of calls for Pewsey Fire station.

c) NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group

The written update was noted,

d) Healthwatch Wiltshire

Jo Wittels, Healthwatch Wiltshire Board member introduced the update, and commented on the current COVID-19 figures, communications with the public, the Safety Citizens Assembly, Young Healthwatch and looking after your mental health project.

e) Older People's Champion and Partnership for Older People (POPP)

Cllr Wheeler reported that the next meeting of POPP was scheduled for 23 March 2021. Cllr Wheeler responded to a query about the current consultation on the future commissioning of support to residents living in Extra Care Housing in the Pewsey area.

f) Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP)

Dawn Wilson provided an update on recent communications with the Canal and River Trust and the Health & Wellbeing Group, raising the following points:

- Concern was raised about the condition of the Canal towpath in the Pewsey area and discussions were taking place with the Canal and Rivers Trust about the issues. Dawn was pleased to report that the Trust were willing to undertake some work to the towpath to bring it back to an acceptable standard. The Trust were also due to resurrect a previously incomplete audit of the towpath from Hungerford to Devizes to provide a maintenance programme for the towpath.
- The Health Forum was meeting later in March 2021
- PCCA were continuing to run a Buddy Telephone Call service to befriend those in isolation and with balance issues and compromised mobility. Additional volunteers were sought to help with this valuable service.
- PCAP were managing expectations about the outdoor wheeled sports area
- More productive and constructive relationships were continuing to be built with the Kennett and Avon Medical Partnership.

Susie Brew provided an update on the 'Walkers Are Welcome' project earlier in the Area Board meeting.

Colin Gale provided an update about transport issues, especially the following areas:

- Both Pewsey and Bedwyn Rail User Groups were keeping in contact with GWR on timetables.
- He was now linked up with the Devizes Gateway Team for the new station – it is one of a number of projects currently in performing feasibility. The station would open in 2025. The

survey currently being designing will capture how people will use the station and will be analysed by Dave Philips at Wiltshire Council.

- The potential for a late night service from London to Pewsey.

g) Town and Parish Councils

There were no Town and Parish updates.

21 **Community Area Grants**

The Area Board considered a number of applications for Community Area Grant funding.

Resolved:

1. To award Pewsey Vale Rugby Football Club £973.10 towards ground perimeter fencing.
2. To award Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership £992.25 towards Visitor Information Centre Equipment.
3. To award Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership £980.00 towards printing Walking Cycling leaflets.
4. To award Bedwyn Footpaths Group £959.20 towards Great Bedwyn kissing gates.
5. To award Shalbourne Community Fund £2000.00 towards Shalbourne Connect Hearing Loop and Audio System.
6. To award Pewsey Vale Football Club £4000.00 towards Pewsey Vale Football Club external works.
7. To award Pewsey Vale Youth FC £4721.25 towards Pewsey Vale Youth FC car park works.
8. To award Pewsey Vale School Parents Teachers and Friends Association £5000.00 towards Pewsey Vale School Mental Health Triage.
9. To award Easton Royal Playground Fundraising Group £5000.00 towards Easton Royal playground.
10. To award Arts Together £2500.00 towards Arts Together Pewsey Community Group.
11. To award PCAP £2505.00 towards Activities for Older People during COVID-9 recovery 2021 from the Health & Wellbeing budget.
12. To award CATG Burbage Project £6766.87 towards highways improvements.

22 **Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Update**

The Area Board received the minutes of the Community Area Transport Group of their meeting held on 10 February 2021.

The Chairman paid tribute to everyone involved in the CATG meetings, in particular, he thanked Peter Deck for taking the notes of the CATG meetings.

Resolved:

1. To close the following Issues: 7005, 10-20-6, 10-20-10 and Highways response to COVID-19 – Re-allocation of road space.
2. To move the following Issues to the Priority Schemes lists: 10-21-2 and 10-21-3 (allocate £500)

23 **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

24 **Future Meeting Dates and Close**

The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board was scheduled for Monday 24 May 2021, starting at 7pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

(Duration of meeting: 7.00 - 8.50 pm)

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