

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Tidworth Area Board  
**Place:** On-Line Meeting  
**Date:** 13 September 2021  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.20 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Chris Williams (Chairman), Cllr Mark Connolly and Cllr Tony Pickernell

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Richard Rogers – Community Engagement Manager  
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

**Total in attendance: 16**

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<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
12	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements, Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board.</p> <p>The following written Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Highways Major Works Plan</li> </ul> <p>Diane Ware – Principal Technical Officer Highways, Wiltshire Council gave a short presentation to outline the report contained in the agenda pack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate strategy and natural environment plan consultations</li> <li>• Afghanistan Refugee Situation</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that local social media had had some negative comments when the local MP stated that empty MOD accommodation should be used to house Afghan refugees. Many saying that this accommodation should be provided for homeless veterans and other homeless first etc. However, only a small percentage had actually commented on this statement</p>
13	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Humph &amp; Reia Jones.</p>
14	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of disclosable interests.</p>
15	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 September 2021 were agreed as the correct record and signed by the Chairman</b></li> </ul>

16	<p><u>Police Update</u></p> <p>Inspector Tina Osborn outlined the local priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASB and littering – that youths were congregating behind in the Woodland area and also in Zouch Parade and Zouch Recreation Park Tidworth, causing anti social behaviour and littering. High visibility patrols had taken place and following these patrols had seen a reduction in reports of anti social behaviour in all areas</li> <li>• Speeding – Local Police continued to support our Community Speed watch Teams where possible. Patrols would be focusing on Park Road, Pennings Road and Bulford Road in Tidworth and Boscombe Road &amp; Stonehenge Road in Amesbury the coming weeks. The team were also supporting CSW volunteers in other areas</li> <li>• Community Consultations – Local Police would be increasing community consultations and the dates would be advertised on social media platforms such as Face Book. Consultations would be themed; i.e. drug issues, ASB, Parking, Knife Crime and were planning to hold one every 2 weeks over the next 2 months. They would be at various locations</li> <li>• Rural Crime – issue; ongoing regular patrols were being conducted on the Plain. Local patrols were engaging with local farmers and providing them with relevant crime prevention advice. The team would also be carrying out proactive operations in conjunction with our Rural Crime Team</li> <li>• ASB involving vehicles – Local patrols had received reports of ASB involving the use of vehicles in Solstice Rise, Milston Road &amp; John Gay Road Amesbury. ASB survey had been delivered to properties within these areas to establish the extent of the problem. Regular patrols would be carried out in the area to deal with any reported issues</li> </ul> <p>Points also made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Inspector Osborn was keen to have local police at Neighbourhood tasking group meetings &amp; parish council meetings</li> <li>• Speedwatch in Ludgershall – ongoing, volunteers need to get their paperwork sorted out to progress this</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Inspector Osborn for her update.</p>
17	<p><u>Fire &amp; Rescue Update</u></p> <p>Station Manager Dave Adamson – Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</p>

	<p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection - On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (&amp; self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems</li> <li>• On Call Recruitment - As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately. Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK. Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at <a href="http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/">www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/</a> or should you have any questions, you can call 01722 691444.</li> <li>• Get sweeping for Chimney Fire Safety Week - Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) is again supporting the national Chimney Fire Safety Week, which runs this year from 30 August until 5 September.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Dave Adamson for his update.</p>
18	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates were given, included written updates contained in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Tidworth Town Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the recent Open cinema events had been successful despite the weather</li> <li>• That preparations were now beginning for Halloween &amp; Christmas events</li> </ul> <p>MOD/Tidworth Garrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report – very quiet</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates.</p>

19	<p><u>Ash Dieback</u></p> <p>A short video outlining Ash Dieback was shown.</p> <p>Dieback of Ash was a disease which was expected to lead to the decline and death of most of the ash trees in Britain. 90% of woodland Ash trees nationwide were likely to be affected over the next five to 15 years</p> <p>Ash Dieback was already affecting trees in all parts of Wiltshire, and Wiltshire Council, along with other large landowners was working to address the impacts of the disease.</p>
20	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board agreed the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) notes and proposals of the meeting held on Monday 6 September 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pennings Road, Tidworth, waiting restrictions, Station Road</li> <li>• Tidworth chevron sign</li> <li>• Castle Court, Ludgershall street name</li> </ul> <p>Community Engagement Report</p> <p>Richard Rogers – Community Engagement Manager</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey for young people</li> <li>• Rural Youth Project – stakeholder event early 2022</li> <li>• Photographic &amp; film project – Exhibition moved from Salisbury Museum to the Wellington Academy</li> <li>• That various events were being run by AWS and the new youth group in TLC</li> <li>• Working with Tedworth Equestrian to support disengaged young people</li> <li>• Next steps to bring the LYN together once the survey was completed</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman led thanks for Humph &amp; Reia Jones for their hard work running the health &amp; wellbeing group.</p>

21	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Tidworth &amp; Ludgershall Mens Shed awarded £796.70 for air filtration system</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>AWS CS awarded £995 for Elderly Nepalese mosaic project</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Tedworth Equestrian awarded £3,000 for Equine programme for young people</b></p>
22	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22 November 2021 – venue to be confirmed</li> <li>• 21 March 2022 - venue to be confirmed</li> </ul>
23	<p><u>Close</u></p>