

# **MINUTES**

Meeting: Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Place: On-Line Meeting

Date: 16 June 2021

Start Time: 6.00 pm Finish Time: 7.35 pm

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#### In Attendance:

#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Steve Bucknell and Cllr Mary Champion

#### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Rhys Schell – Communities Specialist Manager - Engagement & Governance Jane Vaughan – Community Engagement Manager Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

Total in attendance: 25

Minute No	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
4	Chairman's Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the on-line meeting of the RWB&C Area Board.
	The Area Board members introduced themselves.
	The Chairman welcomed the parishes of Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett as new members of the Area Board.
	The Chairman thanked Mollie Groom and Chris Hurst for their membership of the Area Board.
	The following Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:
	Area Board Operational Model 2021 onwards
	Enhancement of Bus Services
5	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bob Jones & Cllr Jacqui Lay – Wiltshire Council, Cllr Andrew Matthews & Steve Watts – Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council and Angela Jenson – Cricklade Town Council.
6	<u>Minutes</u>
	Decision
	The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 and Tuesday 18 May 2021 were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman
7	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest.
8	Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies
	Cllr Bob Jones appointed to the Community & RAF Fairford Liaison Group.
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## 9 CEM Delegated Decision

The Area Board members were asked to consider a revised report to update the delegated authority to the Community Engagement Manager in order to expedite funding awards in between meetings. The report was contained as part of the agenda pack.

#### **Decision**

 That the RWB&C Area Board members agreed the update to the delegated authority to the Community Engagement Manager in order to expedite funding awards in between meetings

### 10 Parish Council welcome and introduction

Local town and parish representatives were given the opportunity to give brief, one -minute updates on the following: the size of the parish, key facilities within the parish and any challenges currently faced.

#### **Broad Town PC**

• Currently looking at Planning issues re taking on extra facilities

#### Cricklade TC

- That there had been a good response from people looking to stand as town councillors at the local elections
- Leisure Centre the asset transfer was now completed from Wiltshire Council

#### Clyffe Pypard PC

No schools, no pubs and plenty of farms

#### Lydiard Millicent PC

- That the parish was an interesting mix of West Swindon and rural areas
- Currently down to 6 parish councillors instead of 11

#### Tockenham PC

- A Small parish with a well used village hall
- That the parish allotments were a well used facility
- That a successful referendum had just been held to adopt a neighbourhood plan
- Challenges speeding and trying to please all residents!
- That 2 new parish councillors had been elected at the local elections

#### Purton PC

- A large parish
- Problems speeding and Swindon planning applications
- Good well used recreational amenities

#### Royal Wootton Bassett TC

- Good town facilities provided by Wiltshire Council, Town Council and private operators
- That the Town Council had recently purchased the Manor House from Wiltshire Council to develop into a community facility
- Challenges Planning applications

The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates and requested future written updates.

#### 11 Community area status reports

Jane Vaughan – Community Engagement Manager presented to the Area Board a status report that summarised what the key issues were in the community area as a result of analysing local data and discussions with local stakeholders.

It was noted that every 3 to 4 years, Wiltshire Council's public health department working with key partners and organisations, undertook a thorough analysis of the data available to provide a summary of the current and future needs of people in Wiltshire.

This information which was called the "Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment" (JSNA) was broken down to and presented around Wiltshire's 20

community areas.

The JSNA data had been combined with other more recent data sources and surveys to create the Community Status report.

A full report was included in the agenda pack.

#### Decision

That the Area Board approved and adopted the Community Status report

That the Area Board considered the following concerns, identified through the Status update process and discussions at previous area board meetings, for further investigation:

- Young people Mental Health & Wellbeing and Positive Activities
- Older People Isolation and access to services
- Vulnerable individuals and families including the economically vulnerable
- The Local Economy promotion of High Street and local sustainable business
- The Environment addressing climate change targets
- Community Resilience cross community area communication and cooperation.

That the Area Board produced a rolling action plan to demonstrate where it would contribute to addressing the identified issues and appointed a lead member for each priority area

That the Area Board would prioritise its resources including funding upon those issues identified in the status report

That the Area Board requested that the Community Engagement Manager and lead members work with key partners, agencies and community groups to encourage them to consider where they were best placed to take actions around the priorities identified

That regular updates were submitted to the Area Board on progress made in relation to its own action plan

That the Area Board expressed its thanks to those who gave their time to help bring this report together

# Points raised included: It was agreed that the report was a good starting point, and that there was a need to share good practice across the community and try and create better outcomes for people That focussed targeted work was the way forward The Chairman thanked Jane Vaughan for her report Area Board priority setting and appointment of lead Councillors 12 It was agreed to defer the appointments until the September Area Board meeting, giving more time for ideas of how interested parties could feed into the process. Area Board priority discussions 13 The Chairman invited a discussion to look at how the Area Board could collaboratively address the emerging priorities facing the community area as it emerged from the pandemic. Points made included: Young people and their mental health – that good sign posting would be well received That young people were suffering from screen fatigue - wanting face to face interactions as we came out of the lockdowns etc. Older People - isolation issues, the need for face to face interactions Local Economy – lots to be done, high street regeneration after covid – how we help to rebuild and move forward The need to work with planners to stop local pubs being closed and then made into housing by developers Public Transport –stopping the trend of only the most profitable routes remaining open Farmers – biodiversity Railway stations - more work needed to get them reopened to provide better transport links

	Environment – the need to promote cycling more
	Better environmental coverage on Area Board agendas etc
	Community Resilience - better end to end messaging, talking to more groups and more networking
	The Chairman thanked everybody for their input, it was agreed to re-visit the discussion at the September Area Board meeting.
14	Community Safety Forum
	Updates from the Community Safety Forum were noted.
15	Community Area Transport Group (CATG)
	The notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 June 2021 were agreed.
	Recommendations from the CATG agreed by the Area Board:
	That "Dance Common Bridge" had a 3 tonne weight limit and a one-way system in place
	That the following issues were closed:- 5082 , 11-20-05
	That issue 5083 was moved to priority B
	That the following issues were raised from B to A: 11-20-08, 11-19-08
	That the following issue was added to Priority A: 11-20-13 Longleaze – safe crossing concern
16	Written Partner Updates
	The following written updates contained in the agenda pack were noted:
	<ul> <li>Wiltshire Police</li> <li>Dorset and Wiltshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service</li> <li>Cricklade Town Council</li> <li>Cricklade LYN</li> </ul>
	The Chairman thanked all partners for their updates.

# 17 Close

It was noted that a grant application from Rise had been submitted which would be considered under the new CEM delegation scheme.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending the meeting and looked forward to future meetings, whether they were virtual or in person.