

MINUTES

Meeting: Stonehenge Area Board
Place: Woodford Village Hall, Middle Woodford, Salisbury, SP4 6NR
Date: 30 June 2022
Start Time: 6.35 pm
Finish Time: 8.25 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Graham Wright (Chairman), Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kevin Daley,
 Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Mark Verbinnen and Cllr Robert Yuill

Total in attendance: 33

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
27	<p><u>Election of Chair 2022/23</u></p> <p>On the nomination of Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling, seconded by Councillor Kevin Daley, it was,</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To elect Councillor Graham Wright as Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p>
28	<p><u>Election of Vice-Chair 2022/23</u></p> <p>On the nomination of Councillor Graham Wright, seconded by Councillor Kevin Daley, it was,</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To elect Councillor Robert Yuill as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p>

29	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Stonehenge Area Board and thanked Woodford Village Hall for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, the Councillors of the Area Board introduced themselves.</p>
30	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>An apology had been received from Debbie Potter, Chair of Tilshead Parish Council.</p>
31	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2022 were presented for comment, and it was,</p> <p>Resolved: To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.</p>
32	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
33	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>Announcements were made as detailed in the agenda and agenda supplements. Attention was drawn to the work of the Area Board in the last year, including the holding of monthly clinics and cluster meetings with local parishes to keep updated on local priorities.</p>
34	<p><u>Area Board Update</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager, Jacqui Abbot, provided an update on changes to area board arrangements following a review. These included updates to the grant funding criteria, a handbook on arrangements and amended processes of the area boards.</p> <p>Details were provided of the level of grant funding available for the forthcoming year, including capital funding, health and wellbeing and local highways funding. In order to spread investment widely where possible a limit of £2500 per application would be requested for capital funding.</p> <p>The Chairman then provided an update on activities taking place in the community area over the last year, including many which had been supported or funded in part by the Area Board, with details included in the presentation attached to the minutes.</p> <p>At the end of discussion, it was,</p>

	<p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To note the Area Board update.</p>
35	<p><u>Annual Review of Local Priorities and Open Floor</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager presented a report on the annual review of local priorities, discussing the cluster meetings, subgroups and other information gathering to inform an update to the priorities.</p> <p>Comments were sought on the proposed updates, and Members discussed events that had taken place over the last year in support of the priorities.</p> <p>It was</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To acknowledge and note the progress update from the 2021/22 local priorities work as at appendix A (pages 70 – 71)</p> <p>To adopt the suggested priorities for the forthcoming year and appoint lead councillors to each priority and their related working groups as at appendix B (page 72) :</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Chiring - Cllr Monica Devendran: Health and Wellbeing Group, supported by Cllr Graham Wright: Lunch Club/Activities lead</p> <p>Young People Cllr Mark Verbinnen: Local Youth Network</p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran: Health and Wellbeing Group, supported by Cllr Graham Wright</p> <p>Activities lead Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling: Paths 4 All theme lead Cllr Kevin Daley: Rural Access theme lead</p> <p>Protect the environment and reduce carbon footprint Cllr Robert Yuill</p> <p>In the open floor session the meeting then received an update from Philip Wilkinson, the Police and Crime Commissioner. He stated that since his election 10 months ago he had undertaken major consultation and identified many people had not been happy with the service they were receiving from the police, and he had instituted a plan to improve services.</p>

	<p>He stated it would shortly be announced that Wiltshire Police was to be placed into special measures. He said that he and the Chief Constable had already started to put in place mitigating strategies to address concerns, which was already having an effect. He also discussed operations focusing on drug dealers in the community, and cross agency work to develop bespoke packages to target anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Inspector Tina Osborn then spoke to the written update from the agenda, noting an increase in burglaries of non-dwellings in the area.</p> <p>John Derryman on behalf of Speedwatch provided an update on efforts to improve performance, data and recruitment, with data now being accepted into police systems to enable deployment decisions.</p> <p>The Board discussed the above updates and sought details from the speakers, including on the logging of non-injury accidents, getting communications into very local publications and the Commissioner’s plans to improve services.</p> <p>A presentation was then received from the Bakehouse Mental Health & Wellbeing Support Group, Mental Elf. The group had been running from locations in Amesbury for 12 years and was now set up in Durrington, working with local groups to reduce the stigma of mental health and provide support.</p> <p>After the Health and Wellbeing Group item Councillor Robert Yuill then provided an update on the Environment and reducing carbon footprint. He emphasised the importance of the new subgroup, and to delivery on achievable and measurable outcomes, and noted council measures such as upgrading its housing stock. There was discussion of projects in Amesbury to increase biodiversity.</p> <p>There was then an extended discussion on methods of travel in the countryside, speed limits, and areas where it was not safe to walk. Members discussed the process for seeking to implement changes, with concerns raised that accidents would need to occur for changes to be actioned. The Chairman sought additional details to look into the matter further.</p>
36	<p><u>Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups 2022/23</u></p> <p>Following presentation of proposals it was,</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To appoint Members as Lead representatives to Outside Bodies as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stonehenge World Heritage Site Steering Group: Cllr Kevin Daley ○ A303 Stonehenge Steering Group: Cllr Kevin Daley

	<p>To reconstitute and appoint to the LHFIG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr Graham Wright <p>To note the terms of reference for the LHFIG as set out in Appendix C (pages 97 – 100)</p>
37	<p><u>Positive activities for young people</u></p> <p>Councillor Mark Verbinnen provided an update on youth activities in the community area. He stated this was a top priority for the board, noting the correlation with efforts to reduce crime and improve education results. He discussed intentions to work closer with the schools and how to inform parents of activities in their areas.</p> <p>He then presented youth grant applications which had been reviewed by the local youth network.</p> <p>On the nomination of Councillor Verbinnen, seconded by Councillor Graham Wright, it was,</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To award £1380.00 to Amesbury Town Council towards the Stockport Avenue Youth Area.</p> <p>To award £1913.19 towards phase 2 of the Rural Youth Project, to include £418.60 from the capital funds.</p> <p>Reason: The grants met the grants criteria.</p>
38	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>Councillor Dr Monica Devendran provided an update on Health and Wellbeing Group activities. She stated a meeting would be held on 6 September with organisations to discuss cooperative efforts, and on 15 December a night would be held to recognise volunteers of the community for their hard work supporting the Board and health and wellbeing efforts.</p> <p>She then introduced grant applications relating to health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Following presentation from grant applicants, and on the proposal of Councillor Devendran, seconded by Councillor Graham Wright, it was</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To award £808.16 toward ‘almost wild camping’ for bereaved parents, to Bluesky Retreat.</p> <p>Reason: The grants met the grants criteria.</p>

	<p>Following presentation from grant applicants, and on the proposal of Councillor Devendran, seconded by Councillor Kevin Daley, it was</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To award £850.00 towards Silver Amesbury 2022 (including Durrington and surrounding villages. Reason: The grants met the grants criteria.</p> <p>The Board also noted a grant for £150.00 had been approved by the Community Engagement Manager under delegated authority to Chat Café Evergreen Court towards a coffee morning.</p>
39	<p><u>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced an update on the new model for Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Groups (LHFIG) which were previously known as Community Area Transport Groups (CATG). The groups would now be able to improve or repair existing infrastructure, as well as investing in new infrastructure as before, more funding was available, and as the name indicated footpath improvements were also included.</p> <p>Details were provided of high priority schemes in progress, and at the conclusion of the update it was,</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To note the discussions from the Stonehenge CATG meeting held on 13 April 2022.</p> <p>To confirm the high priority schemes.</p> <p>To approve the funding recommendation for 1-22-1 Orcheston 20mph speed limit assessment.</p>
40	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, Councillor Robert Yuill, Vice-Chairman, introduced the grants to the Committee and invited applicants to speak to their requests.</p> <p>At the conclusion of discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Robert Yuill, seconded by Councillor Mark Verbinnen, it was,</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Durrington Amateur Dramatics Society was awarded £2750.00 towards new staging. Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria.</p> <p>At the conclusion of discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Robert Yuill,</p>

	<p>seconded by Councillor Mark Verbinnen, it was,</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Catholic Church of Christ the King was awarded £1600.00 towards Automated External Defibrillator for Catholic Church and surrounding retirement residences. Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria.</p>
41	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
42	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board would be held on 22 September 2022.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>