

# **MINUTES**

Meeting: Trowbridge Area Board

Place: Conference Suite, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Date: 6 October 2022

Start Time: 6:30pm Finish Time: 8:35pm

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# **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Daniel Cave (Chairman), Cllr Antonio Piazza (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Jo Trigg and Cllr David Vigar

Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Cabinet Member for Governance, IT, Broadband, Digital, Licensing, Staffing, Communities and Area Boards)

#### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

David Redfern - Assistant Director, Leisure, Culture and Communities Liam Cripps – Strategic Partnership and Engagement Manager Kieran Elliott – Democracy Manager Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

Total in attendance: 20

Minute No	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
65	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ernie Clark.
66	Minutes  Decision  The minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 14 July 2022 were agreed as the correct records and signed by the Chairman.
67	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllr Stuart Palmen – Trowbridge futures Youth funding grant, (Befriending Project).
68	Chairman's Announcements The following Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted: Engagement and Partnerships Team Structure Post 16 Skills and Participation Offer Annual Canvas Community Area Transport Group (CATG) change to Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIGs)
69	Partner Updates  Updates from partners were received as follows:  Wiltshire Police - Inspector Andy Lemon  The written update was noted.  Points made included:  Community Speedwatch – That the Community Policing Team had continued to support the Community Speedwatch schemes where possible, in recent

weeks checks have been completed in the following locations:

Hilperton – officers supported the team who were present.

North Bradley – two checks were completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit.

Southwick – one check completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit.

West Ashton Road – one check completed, 2 vehicles provided words of advice, 1 driver reported to court for speeding, driving otherwise in accordance of a license and no insurance. The vehicle was also seized.

Brook Road – one check completed, no vehicle observed exceeding the speed limit.

Biss Meadows - Throughout the summer local teams had seen an increase in reports of Antisocial Behaviour in and around the area of Biss Meadows.

Officers and PCSO's were conducting high visibility patrols in this area.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August local teams received reports of a robbery having taken place in Biss Meadows. A 24 year old male from the Trowbridge area was arrested and charged with Robbery and Possession of an Imitation firearm, he had now been remanded into custody.

County Lines – currently focussing on "Cuckooing" issues – checks being carried out on known vulnerable individuals.

Points made from the floor included:

 The importance of Community Speedwatch volunteers - police presence was always welcomed to boost morale.

Town and Parish Councils

Trowbridge Town Council – the written report was noted.

North Bradley Parish Council

- That the PC was currently meeting every month
- That the PC had now become involved in the governance review
- Would try and ensure that a rep attends future LHFIG meetings

Wiltshire Integrated Care Board – the written report was noted.

Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living – the written report was noted.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.

# 70 Trowbridge Leisure Provision Update

David Redfern - Assistant Director – Leisure, Culture and Communities gave a brief update on the Trowbridge Leisure Provision.

Points made included:

That there was not a great deal to update at this moment in time - Next Area Board should have more to update.

That the Council continued to work with Sport England in order to deliver the best leisure provision for Trowbridge.

The importance of keeping people in the loop on the progress.

That there was still no news on the preferred site.

The importance of young people filling out the leisure survey – secondary schools would be contacted for their views.

That it was too early to say if inflation would impact on the project.

The Chairman thanked David Redfern for his update.

## 71 Annual Report of Trowbridge Future

Meg Aubrey – Chief Executive, Trowbridge Future presented the Trowbridge Future Annual Report 2022.

Points made included:

That Trowbridge Future aimed to develop the skills and capacities of the residents of the disadvantaged communities of Trowbridge and surrounding areas.

That success would be achieved by providing local people with the opportunities to come together, build stronger relationships, help local people feel better about where they lived and support them to improve their communities.

That over the past year Trowbridge Future staff and volunteers had worked

incredibly hard to respond to the changing needs of the community as the world navigated the ongoing impact of covid and looming cost of living crisis. Trowbridge Future was committed to being a warm space during the winter months for those who need it. The report was noted by the Area Board, who hoped that the organisation continued to grow as the support that it provided was amazing - punching well above its weight. The Chairman thanked Meg Aubrey for her report. 72 Funding The Area Board considered the following applications to the Community Area Grant Scheme: Wesley Road Methodist Church awarded £5,000 for Wesley Road **Methodist Renovation and Refurbishment of Community Buildings** Wiltshire Music Centre awarded £1,500 Celebrating Age Wiltshire programme Trowbridge Future awarded £4,550 for Befriending Project (Youth grant funding) Purple Noise CIC awarded £2,375 for Beats and Bars project (Youth grant funding) 73 Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group The meeting notes of the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group dated 22 September 2022 were agreed by the Area Board members. Agreed Frome Road, Trowbridge - Junction warning signs - £1000 (£750 LHFIG / £250 TTC) Additional Trowbridge waiting restrictions implementation - £2500 (LHFIG - £1875 TTC - £625)

New footway & dropped kerbs, Goose Street, Southwick - £6000 (LHFIG -£4500 SPC - £1500) Streetname plate at Boundary Walk - £300 (LHFIG - £225 TTC - £75) Parking bay markings at Westfield Close - £450 (LHFIG - £337.50 TTC -£112.50) Bus Stop markings at Chilmark Road - £300 (LHFIG - £225 TTC - £75) It was noted that the Chairman of the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group had now stepped down. As all councillors were members of the LHFIG, and so as not to be without a Chairman the Area Board members agreed to appoint a Chairman. Decision • That the Trowbridge Area Board appoint Cllr David Vigar as Chairman of the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group The Area Board members paid thanked Cllr Horace Prickett for his hard work as the out going Chairman of the LHFIG. 74 Urgent items Andrew Nicholson - member of the public highlighted the Bradford on Avon Transport Town Centre Cycle Networks Consultation which could potentially include Trowbridge. The Trowbridge Area Board were advised the re the Trowbridge Rugby Club grant - the council had received information from the club confirming that the grant funding was spent on upgrading existing equipment. Frank Cain - Solicitor, Wiltshire Council would like to look at the grant application in a bit more detail, including some points raised by members at the online session last week, when he is back from holiday.

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