

MINUTES

Meeting: Stonehenge Area Board
Place: Shrewton Village Hall and Recreation Ground, The Hollow,
Shrewton, SP3 4JY
Date: 28 November 2024
Start Time: 6.35 pm
Finish Time: 8.35 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Wiltshire Council Officers

Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer
Tara Hunt – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Graeme Morrison – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Acting Inspector Caroline Ralph
Wiltshire Police – Chief Constable Catherine Roper
MOD Boscombe Down – Kev Taylor
Durrington Town Council
Shrewton Parish Council
Figheldean Parish Council

Total in attendance: 30

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
36	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>No apologies for absence were received.</p>
37	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were presented for consideration, and it was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2024 as a true and correct record.</p>
38	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) in agenda item 12, the Community Area Grants. In particular the grant from Amesbury Men’s Shed, as she was a patron for the group. As such she declared that she would not take part in the debate or the vote for that item, and would withdraw from the meeting in her capacity as a Cllr for that grant.</p> <p>Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling’s standing declaration of interest as noted on the agenda was confirmed. Due to his role as Cabinet Member for Communities and Area Boards, he had made a personal decision to abstain from any votes for funding applications considered by the Stonehenge Area Board.</p>
39	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ‘Ask the Leader’ event would be taking place at Antrobus House in Amesbury on Monday 2 December from 6pm to 7.30pm. At these events people could ask questions directly of the Leader of Wiltshire Council on the issues that mattered to them and could share local concerns. Further details could be found at https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/residents-encouraged-to-ask-the-leader-at-event-in-amesbury. • The Chairman noted with sadness the passing of Cllr Graham Jenkins MBE, former Chairman of Bulford Parish Council. The Chairman gave condolences and sympathy to his family and friends. Cllr Mark Verbinnen stated that Cllr Jenkins was the Chairman of Bulford Parish Council until recently and had been very active in Bulford, he would be sadly missed. His funeral was very well attended, including by some Members of the Area Board and the Church was full.

40	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the meeting to the information items contained in the agenda pack and gave extra details on some items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community First updates (pages 41 – 53) – It was noted that Community First was a charity based in Devizes who supported people, places and communities across Wiltshire and Swindon. • Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System) (pages 55 – 56) – It was explained that BSW Together stood for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Together and was an integrated care system (ICS) made up of the NHS and local authority organisations working together. • Vaccine Confidence Training Sessions info (page 57) • Stonehenge & Avebury World Heritage Site (website link): https://www.stonehengeandaveburywhs.org/ • Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cost of Living update (pages 59 – 60) – Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling highlighted the Household Support Fund, which was administered by Wiltshire Council using money provided by central government and did a lot of good. In relation to the winter fuel payments which had now been stopped by the government, people were encouraged to get anyone they thought might be eligible for pension credit to apply for it. Anyone in receipt of pension credit would still receive the winter fuel payments. Furthermore, using some of the funds provided by central government, Wiltshire Council would identify about 1,000 people, who were 80 or over, with disabilities or health issues and a low income, in order to provide them with a payment of £300. These were likely some of the ones who should be in receipt of pension credit, which is why people were being encouraged to apply for it, following this the council would identify those in need of additional payments. Providing this extra funding to the ones chosen would cost a third of a million pounds. It was noted that the removal of the winter fuel allowance had removed £28 million from the Wiltshire Economy. ○ Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) Further information could be found via this link https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/2676/Wiltshire-Local-Transport-Plan, the Chairman announced that the consultation regarding this was open from 28 November 2024 to 24 January 2025 and could be accessed via the link above. An additional briefing note on this is appended to these minutes. ○ Wiltshire Council Consultation Portal – the consultation portal was available here: https://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/kse/
41	<p><u>Police updates</u></p> <p>Acting Inspector Caroline Ralph, Amesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team</p>

(NPT) gave an update to the meeting. It was explained that Caroline was covering for Inspector Ricky Lee, who had been moved to another post. In January a new inspector would be appointed for the area, so she would go back to being a Sergeant. The Amesbury NPT team was listed on the slides for this item which were included within the agenda pack.

Local priorities for the area were detailed, these included:

- Theft from motor vehicles, which was mainly where work vehicles were targeted with tools being stolen. There had been an ongoing series of these thefts, and it was thought that a gang had been operating, as many of these thefts had a specific modus operandi (MO) and the gang were good at it. There had been cross county collaboration with other forces from Hampshire, Dorset and Avon & Somerset to tackle this as Wiltshire was not the only area being targeted. 3 people from out of the area had been arrested who were thought to be the main perpetrators and the thefts with the specific MO had stopped. The team had also provided crime prevention advice.
- Retail crime was another priority, where the team were working with businesses to tackle shoplifting. The team wanted to encourage businesses to report these crimes, and were giving prevention advice, such as relocating tills, getting CCTV and helping to identify repeat offenders. Some larger towns had the ShopWatch scheme, and setting this up in other areas was being looked at.
- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) was a priority, there had been an increase in ASB in Durrington, Larkhill and Bulford, mainly perpetrated by young people. Some of this was thought to be linked to the community tensions related to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP). The police were working hard to reduce tensions and increase community cohesion.
- Rural Crime was another focus for the team, including hare coursing and poaching. The NPT was working with the rural crime team to combat this and to increase visibility and patrol areas. Likewise, the teams were working to support those affected.
- Vulnerable checks were also a priority ensuring that the most vulnerable got supported.

The Acting Inspector explained that the ARAP scheme and Op Lazurite (discussed at previous Area Boards) was a government led scheme for Afghan citizens who worked for or with the UK Government in Afghanistan in exposed or meaningful roles and may include an offer of relocation to the UK for those deemed eligible by the Ministry of Defence and who are deemed suitable for relocation by the Home Office. Starting around October/November 2023, some Afghans were relocated to Larkhill, with around 260 Entitled Person's (EP's) being relocated there so far. Also, around 150 had been relocated in service accommodation in Bulford and Durrington. The relocations in these areas were temporary, and the majority of EP's would be moved to other locations in the future. However, they would be present for a while and so the children were now enrolled in schools. There had been chatter on social media about risk to local

people, the police received a few reports in relation to this, but no evidence was found to substantiate claims. There had more recently been some issues at a Durrington school, where local youths and Afghan youths had been fighting. There had been trouble on both sides and the police were working with partners to address this. Attendees highlighted that Avon Valley Academy had been doing excellent work to accommodate 85 new pupils.

Catherine Roper, Chief Constable of Wiltshire police, updated the meeting. It was her first time at the Stonehenge Area Board, and she stated she had been to quite a few Area Boards around the county it was really good to see the focus on local concerns in different areas. As Chief Constable her focus was more on strategic matters, so if there were any general strategic concerns or questions, attendees could raise these with her.

Attendees queried how long it would be before there would be a standalone police station with a custody suite in Salisbury, as currently anyone taken into custody had to be taken to Melksham. The Chief Constable (who had been in post since March 2023) was unaware why the Salisbury police station was closed, however there would have been reasons, which may have been related to finance, the building itself and footfall. It was explained that the police estate was the responsibility of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and as the Chief Constable she advised on what they needed from an operational perspective. It was noted that to develop from scratch a dedicated custody suite in or near Salisbury would cost millions. The Melksham custody suite had recently been renovated. Swindon could also be used as an alternative. The Chief Constable understood that options and plans were being looked at and considered, but there were no definitive plans at the moment and it was somewhat dependant on finding the correct site.

A Member highlighted some issues with people riding e-bikes and e-scooters, some of which did not have lights, and others which had clearly been adapted, and some going very fast. The Chief Constable stated that they were also concerned about this, and the police would do their best to tackle matters by increasing presence and enforcement. An attendee from Shrewton Parish Council stated that they had also experienced some issues, and thought it was probably ignorance that people did not realise that it was illegal to use e-scooters on the road or in public spaces, and that they could be seized as a result. It was confusing as there were trials in some areas, and in those places, the e-scooters could be used. Shrewton Parish Council found that by linking to the legislation on their website, and referring people to this, it stopped the issues. The police stated that they would seize adapted/illegal ones and for others would usually give a warning first; however, they would also push the legislation and then follow with enforcement. Attendees were encouraged to report issues.

Members detailed issues with parking in Archers Gate and Kings Gate, a leaflet drop was suggested which could cover this and the e-bike/scooter issues. Others felt that enforcement was the best route to prevent issues.

Members also highlighted problems with land incursions in the local area from the traveller community. The police explained that when the land was Wiltshire Council or Town Council owned then the police could act more quickly. When the land was privately owned, the landowner could say that they could stay for a short period which delayed matters. Members detailed a rise in crime during these incursions, for which no one was arrested. The Acting Inspector had not been dealing with this but thought that if suspects were identifiable then they should be dealt with. She further explained that in some areas such as the Test Valley, they had got an injunction which might have pushed travellers into this area. Their aim was to make the area less attractive to these communities (target hardening) and she was working with Wiltshire Council and Amesbury Town Council on this to see if there was a possibility of getting an injunction in this area too. However, there was a responsibility for their welfare and vulnerabilities that had to be considered.

An attendee from the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Co-ordination Unit welcomed the rural crime update, in particular increases in patrolling. It was explained that WhatsApp groups had been set up for farmers with police which had been found useful and it was hoped that these would continue. The Chief Constable explained that whilst it was useful and the police did monitor these groups, they were not monitored 24/7, so issues should also be reported to 999 for emergencies or 101 for non-emergencies, or people could also report online. Poaching, hare coursing and theft of high value plant were a high priority for the police as apart from the distress caused to those affected, there were links to organised crime, money laundering and gambling.

As a strategic update the Chief Constable stated that in the summer of 2022 Wiltshire Police were put into the Engage process, which was similar to special measures, as the service had not been performing well enough. The Chief Constable had joined in March 2023 and set about looking how to address issues and make improvements. Issues that had been raised resulting in the Engage process included that there was no strategy, no framework, people were not held to account, and the control room had not been delivering satisfactory responses to 999 and 101 calls.

The Chief Constable had looked to swiftly make improvements, the force was on a journey but had improved. His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) undertook independent assessment and acknowledged that they had improved. Resources in the control room had been increased, dedicated neighbourhood teams had been reintroduced, and people were now being held to account. The force had come out of the Engage process in May 2024.

A summary of the latest HMICFRS report and findings could be seen on the Wiltshire Police website here:
<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/wiltshire/news/2024/august-2024/Wiltshire-Police-improvements-recognised-in-latest-PEEL-inspection-report/>. Significant

	<p>improvements had been evidenced. The force were now 17th in the country out of 43 in the control room in terms of response times, which was a vast improvement. They had more officers than they have had for a decade. Recruitment had now been paused as all roles were full. The force would continue working to improve until they were rated as outstanding.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the police did an excellent job, and there had been a noticeable improvement in attitude and commitment and thanked the officers.</p>
42	<p><u>Open Floor - including updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• MOD Boscombe Down – Kev Taylor Mr Taylor had no specific updates regarding Boscombe Down, so invited questions. The Chairman stated that Amesbury Town Council had been actively canvassing to adopt the MOD Boscombe Down sports field and queried if there had been any progress on that. Mr Taylor highlighted that the field was owned by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO). The Chairman requested if possible that a response be expedited, as there was lots of support for Amesbury Town Council taking on the sports field. In response to further questions, it was confirmed that the main gate construction had been approved and funded and that the perimeter fence was being updated.</p> <p>• Town and Parish Councils The Chairman of Durrington Town Council gave a brief update stating that Durrington Town Council wanted to thank the Area Board for the youth pop up events which had been organised there recently. Durrington now had a Community Speed Watch (CSW) team of 10 people, and there were 6 or 7 sites where they undertook speed checks. It was going well and there had been good enforcement from the police, so thanks were given to the CSW team and the police.</p> <p>Shrewton Parish Council also thanked the Area Board for the youth pop up events which had taken place there. They raised the fact that the A303 Stonehenge Tunnel was not now going to be built, highlighted the amount of traffic that travelled through Shrewton, and queried what Wiltshire Council was doing to encourage a solution. Members stated that they sympathised and highlighted that at least the planning for the tunnel had taken place and that if the funding was available plans could be reactivated. Furthermore, Cllr Kevin Daley had met with the Corporate Director Place and explained that the Highways team were awaiting government announcements on road infrastructure, until those announcements were given there was not much that could be done. In addition, many of the roads were owned by National Highways and not Wiltshire Council which complicated matters. There was some confidence that the scheme would come back at some point. The Corporate Director Place would keep him up to date.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Floor There were no questions or comments from attendees.
43	<p><u>Youth updates</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen, as lead Member for youth, gave an update. He thanked those who had mentioned the youth pop up events, which had been great successes in Durrington and Shrewton, with the Durrington events in particular being very well attended. The Area Board had been working in partnership with Wiltshire Youth For Christ (YFC) on the events. There had also been an additional successful youth fair held in Durrington to help with inclusion. The Local Youth Network (LYN) had met at the new cricket club in Shrewton which was a great new facility. The event was well attended, and youth issues were discussed. In addition, the group had reviewed the youth grant applications.</p> <p>Youth Grants</p> <p>Cllr Verbinnen then went on to introduce youth grants, it was noted that in the agenda the remaining Youth Budget was stated as £16,008.92.</p> <p>However, due to the lack of available funds in the Community Area Grant budget, and the amount of Community Area Grant applications received, the grant from God Unlimited (GUL) Outdoor Therapy towards GUL riverside classroom installation for £5,000, (ABG1889) which had been awarded at the previous meeting on 26 September 2024 from the Community Area Grant budget, would be moved so that it came from the Youth Budget, as it met the criteria for both types of grant. This left the amount of funds remaining in the youth budget as £11,008.92.</p> <p>Furthermore, the grant application from Stand Against Racism and Inequality, towards anti-hate support for young people targeting Afghan entitled people (ABG2065) who had been requesting £4,910.81 had been withdrawn following agenda publication. Members stated that this had been about a particular project at Avon Valley Academy, which without predetermining the application, the Board were supportive of. As it transpired, the group had found the funding from elsewhere within Wiltshire Council. So, despite the application being withdrawn, the project would still happen.</p> <p>In addition, the grant from the 1st Amesbury Scout Group, who were requesting £5,000 towards Scout Hut Kitchen Refurbishment (ABG2068) which was listed on the agenda as a Community Area Grant, would be taken as a Youth Grant due to the lack of funds remaining in the Community Area Grant budget, and it met the criteria for both types of grant.</p> <p>Due to the lack of funds remaining, the Area Board heard from all the youth grant applicants in attendance who gave a brief overview of and were questioned about their project, prior to making any decisions.</p>

The Board then indicated if there were supportive of the grant, following which funding amounts were decided and voted upon. The Board were supportive of all the youth grants, so, as a solution, it was decided to take an equal percentage from the amount requested from each of them.

- Buzz Action Foundation, requested £3,000 towards The Elements Café.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to award £2,540 of the £3,000 requested which was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

Buzz Action Foundation was awarded £2,540 towards The Elements Café.

Reason – The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2024/25, and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

- 2nd Bulford St Leonards Scout Group, requested £5,000 towards improvements to facilities at Bulford Scout hut to extend youth programme.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to award £4,220 of the £5,000 requested which was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

2nd Bulford St Leonards Scout Group, was awarded £4,220 towards improvements to facilities at Bulford Scout hut to extend youth programme

Reason – The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2024/25, and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

- 1st Amesbury Scout Group, requested £5,000 towards Scout Hut Kitchen Refurbishment.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to award £4,220 of the £5,000 requested which was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

1st Amesbury Scout Group, were awarded £4,220 towards Scout Hut Kitchen Refurbishment.

Reason – The application met the Youth Grants Criteria 2024/25, and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

	This left £28.92 in the youth budget.
44	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran, as lead Member for improving the health and wellbeing of our community, and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Group gave a brief update to the meeting.</p> <p>Under this priority some of the main aims were to deal with loneliness, isolation and mental health.</p> <p>Upcoming events were detailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 9 December 2025 – Celebrating Age Wiltshire Christmas Concert at Antrobus House – This event had been held in previous years and had been very successful, the upcoming concert was already fully booked. • Health and Wellbeing Event – Friday 7 March 2025 – Antrobus House – further information on this would be disseminated soon. • The next HWB Group meeting – Tuesday 21 January, probably at the Cheerful Cuppa, Netheravon. Again, further details would be available soon. <p>Older People & Vulnerable Adults Grants</p> <p>Cllr Devendran advised that there had been no applications to this meeting for Older & Vulnerable Adults funding. However, she drew attention to a grant already awarded under the Delegated Funding Process by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager (SPEM), between meetings due to matters of urgency. Cllr Devendran proposed that the Board note the grant, this was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To note the following grant awarded under the Delegated Funding Process by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, between meetings due to matters of urgency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABG2016, Stonehenge Area Board Initiative, towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire Christmas Concert (Older & Vulnerable budget) - £786.50. <p>Following this award there was £1,009.50 left in the Older & Vulnerable grant budget.</p>
45	<p><u>Stonehenge Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>Updates were given on the Area Board priorities:</p>

- **Environment** – Cllr Kevin Daley and Cllr Rob Yuill
Both Cllrs had attended an Area Board Environment Leads meeting, which had been interesting and showcased what some other community areas were doing in this arena. Cllr Yuill had also attended training on Carbon Literacy which was very interesting. The Chairman stated that Members were still considering meaningful achievable contributions which could be made in this area and wanted to involve town and parish councils as well. The hope was that Stonehenge Area Board could model what some other Area Boards and councils were doing, such as planting wildflowers on verges or areas of green space.
- **Community Engagement** – Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling.
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling gave further details regarding Op Lazurite, which had been discussed earlier in the meeting. It was highlighted that the Entitled Persons were in the area temporarily and that numbers would shrink in the next 8 months or so. However, at present there were reasonably high numbers of people in the community who had come from troubled places. This was not something that Wiltshire Council could address on their own. They needed to make sure that issues were dealt with in the right place at the right level. Every Friday morning the relevant agencies, such as Wiltshire Council, the MOD, police, the Department for Work and Pensions et cetera had a call to make sure that any issues were being addressed. For example, schools in the area may require more funding. Earlier in the meeting the police had discussed aspects where they had been involved, however, they only got involved when there were tensions. The message that he wanted to give was that for the majority, there were no issues, and that all the headteachers with Afghan children in their schools had enthusiasm and that there was a lot of good coming from this. In relation to Avon Valley Academy, there was a real admiration for what the school were doing as they had engaged in a very positive way. They wanted to bring people together and details had been given earlier regarding the youth pop up events and the youth fair where youth organisations and young people had been brought together. The effort was made to extend the invitation to Afghan young people who took that up showing that integration worked when it was done positively. They would continue to look for further opportunities to do this.

In other community engagement news, there would be a Stonehenge Area Board Community SpeedWatch (CSW) Recognition Award event held on 7 February 2025 at Durrington Village Hall to thank the CSW teams for all their hard work. All CSW teams and parish councils would be invited. In addition, at the event would be a roads update, including which roads Wiltshire Council was planning to resurface in the area and an update on the Netheravon speed limit reduction trial.
- **Youth Engagement** – Cllr Mark Verbinnen
This was covered earlier under Youth Updates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the health and wellbeing of our community – Cllr Monica Devendran and Cllr Graham Wright This was covered earlier under the HWB Group.
46	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>Cllr Rob Yuill, as Chairman of the LHFIG, gave an update on the LHFIG. Detailed notes from the meeting could be found in the agenda pack. Cllr Yuill highlighted that whilst details were given in items at the LHFIG meeting it was very useful to go and see the locations as well. Cllrs Yuill and Blair-Pilling had gone to visit several locations, and it was different when you saw the locations in real life. It helped to see what the problems were, and also to see that sometimes what people wanted was not really feasible. The funding recommendations made by the LHFIG were detailed on the agenda. On the proposal of Cllr Yuill, seconded by Cllr Mark Verbinnen, it was resolved to make the following decision.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the discussions from the Stonehenge LHFIG meeting on 3 July 2024. • To approve the funding recommendations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1-21-5 B3083 BSTJ & WSPC amendments to warning signing £975 ○ 1-24-16 Amesbury Holders Rd H- Bar marking £300
47	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen as lead Member for grants introduced the item. He noted that on the agenda it stated that there was £3,023.22 remaining in the Community Area Grant budget. However, due to moving the GUL grant awarded at the last meeting from the Community Area Grant budget to the Youth Budget (as described under Youth Updates), there was now £8,023.22 left in the Community Area Grant Budget. However, due to the amount of Community Area Grant applications, if all were granted in full, the budget would still be overspent.</p> <p>As a result, due to the lack of funds remaining, the Area Board heard from all the Community Area Grant applicants in attendance who gave a brief overview of and were questioned about their project, prior to making any decisions.</p> <p>Cllr Monica Devendran did not take part in the debate or decision on the grant from Amesbury Men’s Shed due to her interest which was declared earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>The Board indicated if there were supportive of each grant, following which funding amounts were decided and voted upon.</p> <p>The Board were supportive of all the Community Area Grants, so, as a solution, it was decided to award all the grants, but at lesser amounts than those</p>

requested.

Community Area Grants:

- Amesbury Men's Shed requested £5,000.00 towards Men's Shed voluntary help.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to grant £2,000 of the £5,000 requested, due to the lack of funds remaining in the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

Amesbury Men's Shed was awarded £2,000 towards Men's Shed Voluntary Help.

Reason – the application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25 and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

- Figheldean Working Men's Club requested £5,000 towards Figheldean Working Men's Club Heating System.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to grant £3,000 of the £5,000 requested, due to the lack of funds remaining in the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

Figheldean Working Men's Club was awarded £3,000 towards Figheldean Working Men's Club Heating System.

Reason – the application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25 and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

- Shrewton United Football Club requested £5,000 towards Shrewton United Football Club Project 2024.

Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to grant £2,000 of the £5,000 requested, due to the lack of funds remaining in the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.

Decision:

Shrewton United Football Club was awarded £2,000 towards Shrewton United Football Club Project 2024.

Reason – the application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25 and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stonehenge Disc Golf Club requested £2,000 towards Stonehenge Disc Golf Course Extension and Improvements. <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen proposed to grant £1,000 of the £2,000 requested, due to the lack of funds remaining in the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>Stonehenge Disc Golf Club was awarded £1,000 towards Stonehenge Disc Golf Course Extension and Improvements.</p> <p>Reason – the application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25 and there were not enough funds remaining to award in full.</p> <p>Following these awards, there was £23.22 left in the Community Area Grant Budget.</p>
48	<p><u>Urgent Items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p> <p>The Chairman announced the dates of the next area boards, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.</p>

Area Board Briefing Note

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan Consultation

Service:	Highways and Transport
Date prepared:	28 November 2024
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The consultation for the Local Transport Plan 4 (LPT4) began on Thursday 28 November and runs until 23:59 on Friday 24 January 2025.

LTP4 covers the period 2025-2038 and will set the strategic direction for all transport in Wiltshire, including roads, buses, rail, walking and wheeling, freight, electric vehicles, road safety, highway network management and enhancement, car parking and more. It will set out how the county's existing transport infrastructure will be improved in the coming years.

Transport is an enabler for economic growth and so the council has taken a strategic, place-based approach to this LTP, as what is right for the county's market towns and city may not be right for rural areas. The plan aims to work for everyone, wherever they are in Wiltshire and however they wish to travel.

It is also recognised that cars are critical to Wiltshire's economy and so the LTP is not about stopping people using cars, but about reducing congestion and enabling people to move to alternatives, such as electric vehicles.

To enable people to find out more about the consultation and to ask questions, anyone can sign up for information webinars on Tuesday 3 December at 6pm and Monday 13 January at 6pm. Both webinars will have similar content, so if you can't make one of them, please sign up for the one you can attend.

Physical copies of LTP4 are available in Wiltshire Council hub and libraries, and people can respond to the consultation online in any library with computer access.

Please help to share this information and encourage your communities to take part and share their view through online survey, which is available on the Wiltshire Council website – please search for 'Wiltshire Local Transport Plan'.

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