

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: Ludgershall Memorial Hall, Andover Road, Ludgershall,
Hampshire, SP11 9LZ
Date: 21 March 2011
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.00 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Christopher Williams (Chairman), Cllr Mark Connolly (Vice Chairman) and
Cllr Charles Howard

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Mary Cullen, Community Area Manager (CAM)
Nicholas Bate, Emergency Planning Officer
Ms Becci Reid, Streetscene Area Manager - South

Town and Parish Councillors

Tidworth Town Council – A Connolly, C Franklin, F Galvin, H Jones & C Lovell
Ludgershall Town Council – K Beard, B Cordery, B Crane, J Hollis, J White & O White
Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council – M Holt
Enford Parish Council – S Bagwell & K Monk
Everleigh Parish Council – D Bottonley

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Martyn Sweett
Community Area Partnership – Tony Pickernell, Colonel Tabor,
CAYPIG – Wendy Higginson

Members of Public in Attendance: 39
Total in attendance: 64

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p data-bbox="336 376 1150 414"><u>Chairman's Announcements, Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 443 1487 555">The Chairman, Councillor Chris Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board and thanked the Ludgershall Memorial Hall Committee for the use of the newly refurbished hall.</p> <p data-bbox="336 591 1487 663">The Chairman then invited everyone in the room to introduce themselves before making the following announcements:</p> <p data-bbox="336 698 571 736"><u>End of Life Care</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 736 1078 775">A paper was attached to the agenda for information.</p> <p data-bbox="336 810 1487 882"><u>Localism Bill – Proposed Changes to Arrangements Governing the Code of Conduct of Councillors</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 882 1078 920">A paper was attached to the agenda for information.</p> <p data-bbox="336 956 560 994"><u>Localism Event</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 994 1487 1142">A localism event had been scheduled for the Tidworth Community Area, to discuss the Big Society, Localism and what it means for the Community Area. This meeting would be held on Monday 11th April 2011 at Tidworth Community Centre. Refreshments would be available from 6pm, for a 6.30pm start.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1178 671 1216"><u>Library Service Review</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1216 1487 1364">The library in Tidworth would remain open; however people may see some changes to the way in which it was run. A paper was attached to the agenda for information, and forms had been circulated for people to complete if they were interested in helping the library by becoming a volunteer.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1400 767 1438"><u>Community Services Contract</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1438 1487 1585">Councillor Mark Connolly informed the board that in addition to the services available in Wiltshire, the services used in Andover and Winchester by local residents would also still remain. A paper from the Great Western Hospital Foundation Trust was attached to the agenda for information.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1621 847 1659"><u>Proposed Changes to Bus Services</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1659 1487 1731">Councillor Charles Howard gave an update on the proposed changes to the bus services which served the Community Area, this included:</p> <ul data-bbox="384 1767 1487 1955" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 1767 1487 1839">• First- The Service 8 between Andover and Salisbury would remain unchanged. <li data-bbox="384 1883 1487 1955">• Second- A new Service X5 from Salisbury to Swindon via Netheravon, Pewsey and Marlborough has replaced two previous services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third- Changes are being made to Service 80, Andover to Swindon from 4th April. This is as a result of the need to re-tender for the contract, and details are awaited. The new service will terminate at Marlborough, and passengers travelling to Swindon will need to change at Marlborough.
2.	<p><u>Current Consultations</u></p> <p>As there were no new consultation papers since the previous meeting, the Chairman brought people's attention to the link which could be used to check the Consultation website in between meetings.</p> <p>A draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan would be considered by Cabinet the following day, consultation on that paper would then open for an eight week period, but as the next Tidworth Area Board would not be until 16th May 2011, the consultation would have closed.</p> <p>Two sites included in the Cabinet report were Pickpit Hill, Tidworth and Castle Down Business Park, Ludgershall, as these sites were within the Tidworth Community Area, the Chairman urged people to click on the link to the Consultation website to take part.</p> <p>http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</p>
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none, however Councillor Mark Connolly noted that he was a near neighbour to the North East Quadrant, but did not live next to the proposed development.</p>
4.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport • Alistair Cunningham – Service Director for Economy and Enterprise • Graeme Hay – Head of Service, Local Highways and Streetscene (South). • Jo Howes – NHS Wiltshire • Mike Cox – Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council
5.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 17th January 2011, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>

6.

Community Resilience - Town and Parish Council Emergency Plans

Nicholas Bate, Emergency Planning Officer gave a presentation on Community Resilience, with regard to planning for emergency situations in villages, which is a government initiative directed at Town and Parish Councils.

The intention was for all parishes to have an up-to-date Community Resilience Plan to replace where necessary the Initial Response Plan that some parishes had written some years ago. These plans once written would be kept up to date by a person nominated by the Town/Parish Council.

Bradford on Avon Community Area Board who were part of a pilot scheme had fully endorsed the initiative. Subsequently the Emergency Planning Team will be communicating with all Parish Councils to offer them the Government template and guidance notes to assist them.

In order to ensure that Wiltshire's communities are resilient it is vital that they were aware of the risks which affect them and the assets which they have within their communities, such as doctors or other people with some medical training, 4x4 vehicles etc. This would help the Town and Parish Councils to decide which threats they were comfortable with, without having to take any preventative action and those where a more proactive approach may be required.

This information would also be made available to each member of the community to ensure that they were able to take necessary measures such as preparing an 'Emergency Box', purchasing sandbags to protect their property or carrying out a business impact analysis for a Business Continuity Plan for example.

Community Resilience was not just about the Community Safety agenda, it was much wider than that. It was about how the community, the individual within that community and businesses could best prepare to meet the challenges they may face if confronted with a major incident. It was also about how the community could continue to operate for as long as possible and how it could adapt to its new circumstances once the incident had passed.

Questions and comments were then received from the floor:

- Has the use of local radio been included within the plan? Answer: Yes, it would be very important to make use of local radio, when there was a need to get a message out to members of the community.
- As the Tidworth Community Area benefitted from having a large military population, would the government pay for the assistance of the military in the community's time of need, or an emergency? Answer: If life was at risk then military aid could be used at no cost, however, if life was not at risk, then there would be a huge cost involved in making use of local military capabilities. We do call upon 43 brigade to act if needed.

	<p><u>Decision</u> The Tidworth Area Board endorsed the Town and Parish Council Emergency Plans project and urged people to get involved, by updating their Emergency Plan.</p>
7.	<p><u>Update on the Proposed Development to the North East Quadrant</u></p> <p>Paul Bedford (Persimmon Homes) and Glen Godwin (Pegasus Planning Group) gave an update to the Board. They explained that since the last meeting, Persimmon's had purchased the land from Defence Estates, and they had been working quite hard to put their proposals forward. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved balance of civilian and military housing in Tidworth • 600 civilian homes in total with 150 affordable and rented homes to meet local needs • Provision of the NEQ link road between the A338 and A3026 • Delivery of a new Primary School (in a new position on the site since the previous meeting) • Enhancement of River Bourne corridor for public open space • Transfer of some 2.5 hectares of off-site sports pitches • Ordnance road junction improvements • New housing would attract New Homes Bonus <p>A further consultation event had been arranged to update the community on progress with the application and provide the opportunity to discuss the proposals with Persimmon's consultants and make comments. This would be on Monday 28th March 2011, 3.00pm to 8.00pm at Tidworth Community Centre.</p> <p>Comments sheets would be available at the event, however for people not able to attend; comments could be submitted by email to peter.atkin@pegasuspg.co.uk by 8th April 2011.</p> <p>Questions and Comments were taken from the floor, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had any representation been made by the medical centre? <u>Answer:</u> When Persimmon's took over from the Defence Estate there had been no objections. Nothing had been seen from the medical centre. • What are the proposed timescales of the two phases? <u>Answer:</u> In terms of actual Build, if the outline planning application went to committee in June 2011, an application for phase 1 would be submitted, assuming that went through by Christmas 2011, work would be expected to start on site by spring 2012. It would take approximately 6 to 8 months to have the first of the houses built. Timescales would depend on the demand for the properties, but the whole project could be completed within 7 to 8 years. • There was concern over the level of additional traffic moving through the town, including construction traffic during the development process.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many parking spaces would be allocated per house? <u>Answer:</u> Current consultation on the land was underway; following this, Persimmon’s would produce a detailed outline of a scheme which would include details of the parking provision for the development. • At what stage of the development would the link road be built? <u>Answer:</u> Phase 1 could be started from one end once work on the first houses started and would be built a bit at a time. The whole road would not be completed until around 400 to 450 homes had been built due to the cost involved. <p>Councillor Mark Connolly made the following comments and questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would moving the school to Phase 1 mean there would be less playing field due to the flood plain. <u>Answer:</u> The proposed school site fell outside the flood plain and would have a more level field. • Will the school be designed to allow it to expand should there be further developments in Tidworth? <u>Answer:</u> There would be spare capacity in the design of the school to expand the size of the school once the second phase started. • What will be the split of 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom properties? <u>Answer:</u> The demand was for small family housing, so the mix of number of bedroom properties would meet that need. • As the site of the school in Phase 1 is taking up less space than the site proposed in Phase 2, would this mean more houses to be built? Would this and the lack of earthworks required for the sports field of the new school site mean money being made available to go towards a new community centre or more housing for example? <u>Answer:</u> The current application is for 600 dwellings, if further housing was required; a separate and new planning application would be required, which would be subject to its own legal agreements. <p>The Chairman urged people to attend the exhibition the following Monday and invited Persimmon Homes to come back to a future Area Board to give an update or to deliver any further information.</p>
8.	<p><u>The Former MSA Site, Drummond Park - Ludgershall</u></p> <p>Simon Toplis (HTA Architect) and Richard Fitter (Entran) gave a presentation on the proposed development to the former MSA site, Drummond Park – Ludgershall, some of the points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outline application was submitted in December 2010, the decision for this was anticipated for June 2011, which would be subject to further detailed applications.

- A further consultation would then take place.
- The site is divided broadly in two by a central road running from the south-west to the north-east
- The site features 12 existing buildings totalling 26,000 sqm which included two large warehouses (which are in a poor condition), to the south of the existing road central road.
- The central road must be retained for MOD use and an area must be kept clear of development to allow visibility for MOD traffic.
- Green gateways are formed at the two entrances to the site from the east and west. These are combined with protection of views from all around the site through banks of retained trees which enhanced by new planting in a continuous protective band to the west, north and east.
- Three distinct character areas have been identified, it is proposed that these areas are designed and named to reflect the character of Ludgershall and the surrounding rural areas. The names would be the Main Street, the Lanes and the Farmsteads.
- Within the development, smaller play sites for residents were planned.
- Subject to the detailed application(s), 500 to 550 new homes were proposed for the site.
- There would be a mix of buildings which would range from 2 bedroom flats to 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom houses. They would be between two and two and a half storeys in height.

Questions and comments were then taken from the floor, these included:

- With an increase of 500 houses to the area, this would put added pressure on leisure facilities currently in place for young people. Could thought be given to the social needs as well as the educational needs that young people have, as part of the development? Answer: There had been a request for education, but not for youth provision. Simon agreed to find out the answer to the question and forward it to the person in due course.
- The Chairman of Ludgershall Town Council stated that the Town Council were against the transport plan, but not the overall development. They felt that the plan to implement a mini roundabout to control the traffic flow would not solve the problem, and asked if the plan could be changes to include a better solution to the traffic problem that an additional 500 houses would bring. The main aim would be to alleviate traffic from Butt Street. Answer: The presentation did not include a slide detailing the transport improvements planned for the site. Wiltshire Council had ring fenced funds towards transport improvements which could only be spent on strategic transport improvements and funds had already been

	<p>allocated from the Castle Down Business Park development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the plan of building 500 to 550 new homes encompass all of the land currently owned for development? <u>Answer:</u> Yes, all but the open space quoted for on the site. • There is a need for light industrial business on the site, why has this not been included in the plans? <u>Answer:</u> One of the principle issues on the site was access, so having light industrial mixed with housing on a single access point was considered but this raised a number of problems. Further to this including such a mix of uses would negatively impact on the quality and value of residential units immediately adjacent to the site while competing with existing commercial space in Ludgershall. • The Chamber of Commerce noted that they would go back to the planners to insist that there was a need for light industrial businesses to be included within the development. • There was some concern that the social housing may be grouped together in one area. <u>Answer:</u> The distribution of the social housing across the site had not yet been decided, but it was likely that the affordable housing would be mixed across the site. <p>The Chairman invited ZOG (Entran & HTA) to come back to a future Area Board to give an update or to deliver any further information.</p>
9.	<p><u>Update on Awarded Grants to date</u></p> <p>Mary Cullen, Community Area Manager informed the Board that over the past financial year, the Tidworth Area Board had awarded approximately £47,000 of funding towards community projects, broken down as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 x awards to Community Area Grants • 2 x Area Board led community projects • 5 x Young People’s Initiative funding projects <p>A display had been put together detailing all of the grants awarded over the past year; this included some photos and printouts from some of the projects. Past applicants were then invited to speak about the success of their projects.</p> <p>David Webster of Ludgershall Memorial Hall Management Committee spoke about the recent restoration project of the hall, which had been helped by the funding awarded to them from the Community Area Grant scheme. David noted that the committee hoped to continue to develop the hall and that they may apply in the future for further funding.</p> <p>Jacki Collins of Ludgershall Pre School told of their project to relocate the nature pond and develop a nature area at the school, work was due to start on the</p>

	<p>project that day.</p> <p>Corinna Cuff, the Youth Dance Coordinator for the POP dance project explained how funding would help their project to put on a dance event at the end of May 2011, which would be entirely led by young people. If anyone knew of any 13 to 19 year olds who were interested in joining the group, they could get more details from Wendy Higginson, Youth Development Coordinator.</p> <p>Wendy Higginson, Youth Development Coordinator gave an update on successful projects which had been achieved over the year thanks to help from the Youth Initiatives funding and the Community Grant Scheme funding. These included, trips out for the young people to events in and around the community area, the installation of bike racks at the youth centres and the setting up of a Collingbourne Youth Group, which already had on average 20 young people attending each week. Many more activities and projects were planned for the next financial year. There was a plan to hold an event which would see all of the youth groups across the community area, coming together for one session.</p> <p>Corby Kemp of Tidworth Royals Football Club updated the Board on the arrival of the clubs new football strip which had received funding from a Community Area Grant. The kit had been ordered and would arrive soon. A printout of the kit had been included with the grants display which was at the side of the hall.</p> <p>Councillor Mark Connolly informed the Board that the signage improvements work around the Tidworth community area would start the following week and would be completed by mid April 2011.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone who had provided an update. He confirmed that any remaining funds in the 2010/11 Community Area Grants budget and the Youth Initiatives budget would be carried over and added to those budgets for 2011/12.</p> <p>There would be approximately £50,000 of funding allocated to the Tidworth Area Board for 2011/12. New guidance and grant application forms will be available from 1st April 2011.</p>
10.	<p><u>Update on Issues Raised</u></p> <p>Mary Cullen, Community Area Manager gave an update to the Board on the issues currently logged on the Issues System. The majority of the issues were highways or speeding related.</p> <p>A full list of these could be viewed by clicking on the link below: http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboard_issues_search.php?issue_location_in=Tidworth</p> <p>The Chairman urged people to use the Issues System if they had been unable</p>

	to resolve an issue by firstly contacting their Parish/Town Council or Local Member.
11.	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils, the Police, the Army, NHS, TCAP and other Partners</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Police</p> <p>Inspector Martyn Sweett highlighted some of the figures from the update attached to the agenda and emphasised that despite the rising population, there had been a slight reduction in reported crime. From 4th April 2011 there would be a slight change to the structure of the Neighbourhood Police Team, as some teams would be amalgamated.</p> <p>Garrison – Colonel Tabor provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soldiers and Units from the Garrison had started to arrive back from Afghanistan, with more due back in March and April. • There would be major deployments in mid 2012 and 2013 • Tedworth House was now in the hands of ‘Help for Heroes’ and would open on 21st June 2011, with temporary accommodation units, on the old hard tennis courts of Tedworth House. A new wing, which was still to be built, would be fully open by mid 2012. • One of the 6-monthly ‘Clean Sweep’ operations had taken place on 16th March and 15 tonnes of litter had been collected. The worst areas had been around the polo pitches in Perham Down and around the old vehicle depot at Ludgershall where 26 Engineer Regiment had collected rubbish which filled 600 rubbish sacks. • Colonel Tabor said he hoped that Wiltshire Council would now engage the major retail outlets and firms such as MacDonalDs, Tesco, Red Bull and Coca Cola, whose products were those most commonly found on the roadsides, to educate their customers about not leaving rubbish or throwing it out of their cars. • Home Farm Tidworth had now been sold and a result was that the road which ran through the middle of the site was now private and could not be used as a cut through. • Netheravon Camp was planned to close in 2012 and would be made wind and weather proof, which meant that it would be boarded up. • A bike event, a Sportive, would take place over 4th and 5th June 2011, starting in Tedworth Park; this would involve both long and short distance events for mountain and road bike riders. <p>TCAP – Colonel Tabor and Tony Pickernell provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last meeting held on Monday 7th March, The Community Plan Coordinating Group (CPCG) had been actively involved in looking at the Community Plan which covers 2003 – 2013.

- The Community Plan Coordinating Group (CPCG) had met to look at the possibility of either re-writing the plan or to edit it by selecting the sections which were not working well and removing them.
- There would be a public consultation exercise in September 2011 to establish the views of the community.
- All 9 thematic groups were now up and running.
- The website would contain links to the minutes of all of the meetings held by the groups.
- TCAP was working closely with Baz Reilly of Castledown Radio with an aim to reach as many people in the community as possible.
- A Band Concert for senior citizens in the TCAP area had been planned for Wednesday 13th April, at The Garrison Theatre Tidworth
- A Blue Light fun day had been planned for 17th July, at The Tidworth Leisure Centre
- The Proms and Christmas concert would be going ahead again this year; dates would be confirmed at a later date.
- TCAP had been working with Wendy Higginson, with regards to obtaining funding, to enable youth activities to take place during the summer holidays in the TCAP area Towns and Parishes.
- The Community Area Awards would take place on May 25th at the Wellington Academy; Nomination Forms are available on the TCAP website. www.tidworthcommunityarea.info

Plain Action – Richard Amery

A copy of the Plain Action news letter had been circulated to the Board member. A copy of this is attached to the end of these minutes.

Wellington Academy – Paul Bowles gave an update:

- The community event to say goodbye to Castledown School, which recently took place had receive good review from those who had attended. Some pupils from the schools first intake in 1939 had attended to tell stories of their experiences in the early days of the school.
- A public event to open the school would take place in May/June 2011. There would be a move into the new buildings towards the end of March, with students in place by 26th April 2011.
- The new theatre had been reported as impressive and there would be boarding facilities on site from September 2011.
- Extra curricular activities would start in June 2011. Suggestions were sought for extending the existing facilities and activities and for transport

	<p>home.</p> <p>Everleigh Parish Council – Denis Bottomley</p> <p>Phase two of the playground was complete; the playground now included a BMX track and a shelter. The Parish were grateful for the funding received earlier in the year, which had helped towards the project. There would be an official opening on Friday 29th April 2011, from 1.30pm followed by a village BBQ and a picnic to celebrate the Royal Wedding.</p> <p>Community Area Young People’s Issues Group (CAYPIG)</p> <p>Wendy Higginson, Youth Development Coordinator was awaiting the go ahead to recruit a new member of staff to the team, with the aim of building a street based youth team, which would be able to hold one session a week out in a rural location.</p> <p>During school hours Wendy had been working with pupils on a one to one basis.</p> <p>Castledown Radio – Baz Reilly</p> <p>A listener’s survey was available on line for people to leave comments on the types of music they wanted to listen to.</p> <p>www.castledownradio.info</p> <p>In Collingbourne Ducis and Collingbourne Kingston, Speedwatch was now in operation, people were reminded to drive carefully through the villages.</p>
12.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Mary Cullen, Community Area Manager, informed the Board that there had been no Community Area Grant applications submitted for consideration at this meeting. The Board Members voted on whether to carry over remaining funding from 2010/11 to the next financial year of 2011/12, as detailed in the attached report.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Tidworth Area Board agreed to carry over the amount of £3,303.84 to the 2011/12 financial year and be included in the 2011/12 Community Area Grants fund.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Tidworth Area Board agreed to carry over the remaining Youth Initiatives budget of £1,204 to the 2011/12 financial year for Youth Initiatives projects.</p>

13.	<p><u>Performance Reward Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>The Board considered a bid from Wiltshire Police, on behalf of Wiltshire's Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, for central funding from the Performance Reward Grant Scheme, for a project to purchase UV scanning torches for issue to Police Officers on operational duties.</p> <p>Inspector Martyn Sweett gave a brief outline of how the UV scanning torches would be used.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Tidworth Area Board endorsed the bid from Wiltshire Police for purchase of the UV scanning torches.</p>
14.	<p><u>Next Meeting, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming, he added that he felt the agenda had been good as it had included two local planning issues, which were of great interest to the local community and urged people to contact Mary Cullen the Community Area manager with suggestions for other local items which could be included in a future agenda.</p> <p>On April 12th 2011, Jane Scott would be attending Castledown Business Centre to speak. People were asked to contact Godfrey Tilney to book a place if they wished to attend.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be held on Monday 16th May 2011, 7.00pm at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall.</p>
<p><u>Appendix - Plain Action Newsletter</u></p>	

Plain Action have been told by

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PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

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Richard Amery, Independent

Objective 3: Communities

To work for cohesive, stable and sustainable communities throughout the area by addressing current imbalances and geographical and social isolation

Case Study

Grant: £9,999

Total project cost: £27,393

Organisation: Eriestoke PCC

Project: Modernisation of church for community activity

Main purpose: The second stage for which we are applying for a grant from Plain Action is for the provision of two toilets and kitchenette. We have permission from the DAC to install 2 toilets and a kitchenette in the church. Three stone monuments will have to be relocated to facilitate this. We have broken our plans into stages to enable funding to be achieved. A first stage is proposed to install a fire exit/entrance combined with a disabled ramp. (This is not part of our grant application). The installation of toilets will enable the church to be used as a multi use facility for example social events, parish council and other meetings and as a polling station as there is no other public building available for these purposes due to the village hall closure 2 years ago (this was due to the expiration of the 50 year lease).



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Key dates

Management meetings, all Thursdays

14 April 2011

5 June 2011

11 August 2011

13 October 2011

8 September 2011

All open to the public. For venues and further details please see website

Larkhill Play Area Redevelopment
£90,000

Alabare Christian Care
£7,776

Wyndham Hall
£93,000

Army Education Centre
£9,600

Wainchester Community Radio
£68,112

Edington Silver Surfers
£3,000

Tidworth Youth Wind Band
£4,500

Over 50% of Grant Funds Committed

33 projects with over £13m funding have now been approved by the Programme Management Board. This represents 61.2% of the available grant funds have been committed.

The projects cover a variety of different activities that span the Objectives of Plain Action. These objectives: skills and training, business and employment, communities linked to the themes of military/civilian integration and climate change/environmental issues provide a very wide scope for projects.

Within this newsletter are three case studies of projects that show this variety. A further 35 projects are at various stages of preparation.



A New Face

John Dowsett, the Programme Manager for Plain Action, retired from the position at the end of 2010. John was instrumental in securing the funding for Plain Action and working with the Programme Management Group to agree the objectives and to set up the framework for the project. In his retirement John will be pursuing his hobby of classic cars and hopes to move to the Dorset countryside.

To replace John, the Programme Management Group has appointed Alan Truscott. Alan has a construction background and has worked for Local Authorities, the Ministry of Defence and Housing Associations, although his last position was for Age UK Wiltshire.

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Plain Action have been told by SWRDA that a review of the LEADER funding of which Plain Action is part of will be undertaken over the next four months. During this time no further approvals for projects will be given by SWRDA.

Projects that have already been given approval have secure funding and will be able to continue and make claims.

Staff at Plain Action will continue to work with applicants to prepare applications but no further approvals during this period will be given for "expressions of interest" or full applications.

For further information contact, Alan Truscott, Programme Manager: 01380 732814



European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe Investing in Rural Areas.



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- Plain Action Business Support £38,916
- Post Point £30,850
- Making Tracks £39,845
- Bustard Country £38,000
- Project Inspire £64,562 and £122,824
- Skilled for Health £21,600
- Art in the Garden £2,175
- Homestart Kennet £20,000
- Friends of the Ridgeway £5,000 and £24,750
- Homestart South Wilts £17,250
- Hawk Conservancy Cinnamon Cafe £100,000
- Fyfield PCC—modernisation of St Nicholas Church £4,669
- Homestart South Wilts £17,250

Objective 1: Skills and Training

To maximise the skills, abilities and opportunities of all those living and seeking work in the area, particularly in the context of the opportunities presented by the military establishment and the skills of those leaving it.

Case Study

Grant: £36,000

Total project cost: £64,000

Organisation: Learning Curve

Project: NVQ Training and Qualifications in Childcare

Main purpose: This programme will provide local residents, including army dependants, an opportunity to acquire training and qualifications in childcare to nationally recognised standards. As well as achieving an NVQ and improving their general employability, participants will learn about how they can use these skills to earn an income by providing child care services in their community. The programme would include one-to-one support, tailored training and the opportunity to improve literacy and numeracy skills where appropriate.

What is Plain Action??!

Plain Action is a rural development programme operating across Salisbury and into Hampshire.

Comprehensive details are to be found on the website: www.plainaction.org.uk



Main purpose: To improve the lives of all those working and living in the Salisbury Plain area.

Timescale: 2008 to 2013

Main fields of activity: Skills and training, business and employment, education.

(1) by a variety of local organisations through a number of educational centres

(2) by professional and other groups, tendering for work.

Governance: Plain Action is a Local Action Group (LAG) led by 12 locally appointed board members, representing all areas.

Objective 2: Businesses and Employment

To strengthen the long term economic performance of the area by supporting initiatives that nurture enterprise, cross sectors and remove barriers

Case Study

Grant: £9,999

Total project cost: £16,380

Organisation: The Gurkha Variety Spice Store

Project: Business Start-up

Main purpose: We need this grant to fund the capital purchase of fridge and freezer equipment which is vital to our operation and wider set-up and furnishing of the empty shop unit, variety of choices of spice foods for the local community who love spices for local shopping. Investment in the local economy and employment for 3 service leavers initially with scope to employ others in the future. The products available to the Foreign and Commonwealth will greatly enhance their lifestyle as they can cook traditional foods. As part of our promotion we will hold taster session of foods which will be open to all, thus educating and promoting diversity among British, Foreign and Commonwealth personnel eventually leading to improved community integration.



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- Museum of Army Flying £39,500
- Holy Saviour Church, Erelstoke £9,999
- Wellington Academy £93,750
- Mayflower Marquee Hire Ltd £3,757
- Wiltshire Council—Building Sustainable Communities £37,500
- Shipton Allotment Society £2,574
- The Learning Curve, £36,000 and £150,000
- Shipton Bellinger Pre-School £3,390
- Gurkha Variety Store £9,999
- Real Cooking £9,999
- Laverton Hall £90,000