

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** CALNE AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Lansdowne Hall, Petty Lane, Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9QY  
**Date:** 24 August 2010  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.00 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Alan Hill (Chairman), Cllr Howard Marshall and Cllr Anthony Trotman

Councillor Dick Tonge (Highways and Transport)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Martin Cook (Area Highway Engineer), Deborah Farrow (Service Director Business Transformation and ICT), Will Kay (Youth Development Co-Ordinator), Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer) and Jane Vaughan (Community Area Manager).

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Calne Town Council – C M R Boase

Calne Without Parish Council – Richard Aylen and Edwin Jones\*

Cherhill Parish Council – Shauna Bodman\* and David Evans

Heddington Parish Council – Geoff Dickerson\* and David Tyler

Hilmarton Parish Council – Mel Wilkins

\* Denotes nominated representative

**Partners**

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – M Franklin

Calne Community Area Partnership – Francis Bosworth, Malcolm Gull and Anne Henshaw

CCSF – Ross Henning

James Gray Member of Parliament

**Members of Public in Attendance: 12**

**Total in attendance: 36**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to Calne Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers present. Richard Ayles (Calne Without Parish Council) welcomed Calne Area Board to Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Christine Crisp (Vice Chairman, Calne Rural) and Inspector Kate Pain (Wiltshire Police).</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The Chairman approved and signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2010.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the written announcements included in the agenda pack. The Chairman highlighted that the Area Board had been asked to identify schemes they wish to progress under the Local Transport Plan Funding Allocation Scheme using the discretionary highway budget.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To set up a working group led by Councillor Crisp to identify schemes in the Calne Community Area for the Local Transport Plan Funding Allocation Scheme.</b></p> <p>Wiltshire Council's car parking strategy was under review to reflect the move to a unitary Council and to ensure that parking charges and standards were broadly consistent across the whole county. Consultation was open from 12 July to 3 September 2010 and the preferred method of communication was for comments to be submitted online at: <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a>. Paper copies of the consultation were also available from libraries and the community hub in Calne.</p> <p>Calne Area Board had been asked to call for 'Grot Spots', local areas which need clearing or community facilities which need decorating, litter picking or graffiti removal. These could be referred</p>	

	<p>to the Community Payback Scheme through the leaflets available at the meeting or via submitting an issues sheet marked 'Grot Spots'. Issues sheets were available online at: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards/calnearboard.htm">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards/calnearboard.htm</a>, from Calne Library and the community hub.</p> <p>Consultation on potential sites for sand and gravel extraction had commenced on 5 August 2010 to run for a period of eight weeks. The Chairman explained that the only site in the Community Area referred to was the existing site at Lower Compton. He had been assured there were no plans for major changes to be made at this site.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The written report from Wiltshire Police was noted.</li> <li>b) The written report from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted.</li> <li>c) The written report from NHS Wiltshire was noted. A representative would be invited to the Area Board meeting on Tuesday 7 December 2010 to explain the full range of services in the Community Area.</li> <li>d) Malcolm Gull provided an update on the Calne Community Area Partnership. Arrangements for the lease of the community hub were being finalised. The hub was closed for refurbishment and would be open by 27 August 2010. 13,000 copies of the community plan were about to be delivered to households in the Community Area. The Partnership were involved in an energy efficiency campaign to promote practical measures and behavioural changes to make energy savings. The Partnership had been important to bringing Moviola to Calne at Beversbrook Community Hall in an extension of the provision of up-to-date films for the Community Area. Friends of Abberd Brook had decided that the best way forward would be to commission specialist assistance as and when it was needed. Links between Abberd Brook and the community via schools were being developed and the next step would be to start work on the pond.</li> <li>e) Will Kay, Youth Development Co-Ordinator, explained there was little to report because the schools were on holiday, although the summer programme of events was underway.</li> <li>f) Cherhill Parish Council thanked Wiltshire Council for the</li> </ul>	

	<p>signs being put up regarding parking at the school. Their energy forum was working with a Government consultant with success.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding highways work on the A4 and how far notification to households affected extended. The consultant Mouchel notified only those households immediately affected who would have to move their cars for the road to be resurfaced. Wiltshire Council's policy was to put up signs well in advance rather than letter box drop. The work was due to commence on 6 September 2010.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Performance Reward Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>The Chairman set out that unfortunately the application for Calne to become an alternative sports hub had been turned down, however there was the potential to modify the application and reapply.</p> <p>Councillors had been asked to approve a Wiltshire Voices initiative aiming to involve more of the hard to reach groups in the Area Board process. This was a county wide bid that would go to all 18 Area Boards. A project was already in progress in Calne to improve the accessibility of Area Board meetings for all.</p> <p>An expression of interest had been received by all 18 Area Boards from the Wiltshire Climate Change Officer seeking £12,566 towards energy monitors available for free hire in all libraries across Wiltshire. The energy monitor allows the user to see clearly how much energy their appliances use and how their behaviour impacts on their energy use. The householder/user can then make simple changes to their behaviour to reduce their energy consumption. Reducing energy will save money off their energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Calne Area Board would endorse the Performance Reward Grant Scheme bid from the Wiltshire Climate Change Officer seeking £12,566 from all 18 Area Boards towards energy monitors available for free hire in all libraries across Wiltshire.</b></p>	
8.	<p><u>Feedback on Community Area Grants Received</u></p> <p>Will Kay, Youth Development Co-Ordinator, provided an update on the kite project after a grant was received by Calne Community Area Young People's Issues Group. The kite project was one part of the beginnings of an alternative sports hub, with parkour, climbing and mountain biking taking place. Funding had been spent on a range of top end kites. The project was being staffed by</p>	

	<p>Youth Services and managed by a core group of young people. There was a display available to look at before the meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to three applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Calne Community Area Partnership were awarded £2,328 towards the design, print and distribution of a community focussed publication of a revised community area plan for each household in the Community Area.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Calne Tennis Club were awarded £983 towards providing indoor mini tennis coaching for junior beginners and junior improvers.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Calne First Responders were awarded £2,450 towards the provision of equipment for volunteers to extend the reach of the project to a wider part of the Calne Community Area.</b></p> <p>The following comment regarding the Calne First Responders was read by the Chairman after it had been received via the Community Area Network from a local person who was unable to attend the meeting: <i>“Having recently had the misfortune to call upon their services, I think that every assistance we can give them to expand their services would be money well spent. It is not until you require the assistance of the First Responders do you realise what a first class voluntary job they do and one should never think that you will never need them. I did and I was amazed by their professionalism.”</i></p> <p>The Chairman reminded the meeting that the deadline for the next round of funding applications was 20 September 2010. Please contact Jane Vaughan (Calne Community Area Manager), on 01247 721447 or <a href="mailto:jane.vaughan@wiltshire.gov.uk">jane.vaughan@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>, if you would like to submit an application to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Councillors provided an update on community issues and progress on Calne Area Board working groups.</p> <p>a) Councillor Marshall had been involved in several meetings regarding the skate board park working group. The group had visited skate parks in Salisbury and Trowbridge and had been particularly impressed with the Trowbridge site. A local</p>	

company were looking into the problem of paint on the current skate bowl.

- b) Councillor Berry and the cycle network working group had been working on establishing key routes for cyclists on maps and good places for shared cycle paths with the general agreement of users. This was hoped for on the A3102 too.
- c) Councillor Hill expressed his hope that the Curzon Street congestion issue would be considered by the new Local Transport Plan working group. The best option appeared to be diverting traffic away from the area using signage and a review of signage was taking place. Councillor Tonge explained that £15,000 was available to the Area Board for small highways projects. He emphasised that the highways budget was limited and had recently been reduced. The department had a list of 600 projects in Wiltshire to be completed and funding available for approximately 60 of these projects. The Local Transport Plan scheme would work to prioritise highways projects in the Community Area.
- d) Highways Officers responded to the community discussion held at the Calne Area Board meeting on 27 April 2010 regarding the A3102 at Hilmarton and the A4 at Derry Hill. Martin Cook, Area Highways Engineer, stated that using the highways prioritising system, Studley Crossroads was deemed to be a low priority. There had been no major incident since changes were made to the crossroads approximately four years ago. The Chairman had received the following comment via the Community Area Network from a local person who was unable to attend the meeting: *"I believe the road has become safer since the road changes were made as part of the Bowood housing development, the islands have certainly made the road much safer to cross and the turnings into Derry Hill and Studley have been significantly improved. My main issue is with the speed of the vehicles, and would like to see a reduction in the speed to say 40mph 100 yards or so before and after the new pedestrian crossing islands. This not only benefits pedestrians (who are often forgotten about when discussing road safety at such cross roads), but also a lower speed limit would help to reduce accidents."* A resident from Derry Hill expressed concerns about crossing the road at Studley crossroads and the pedestrian island. Mr Broadhead asked Councillor Tonge about the cost of the speed limit review report and the number of speed limits recommended to be reduced in the report.

	<p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The cost of the speed limit review report and the number of speed limits recommended to be reduced in the report would be reported back to Mr Broadhead by Councillor Tonge.</b></p> <p>In Hilmarton there was scope for a traffic island outside the Duke Hotel. Unfortunately this would have to compete on the list of 600 projects in Wiltshire to do. The need for traffic lights on the A3102 was also commented on.</p> <p>Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways and Transport matters, was present and responded to the petition presented to the Area Board in April regarding the traffic congestion in Curzon Street, Calne. He stated that £1.2million had been taken away from this year’s highways budget by central Government and that the budget for the next few years would be reduced as well. Consequently, some projects that had already been agreed would not go ahead and there were no funds available to take on new projects anywhere in the county. However, he suggested that the highways department would need to know when funding did start to increase what the priorities across the county were in terms of highways projects. Councillor Tonge suggested that Calne Area Board should ask our Highways Working Group to investigate the highways related issues in our area and prioritise them so that the department would be able to assess the relative importance of each problem to the local people. This the Board resolved to do.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>Cabinet Representative</u></b></p> <p>The Cabinet Representative Councillor Lionel Grundy OBE was unable to attend the meeting and the item was subsequently withdrawn from the agenda.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>Any Questions</u></b></p> <p>A question was raised asking how many speed limits were changed by Wiltshire Council after the speed limit review. Councillor Tonge clarified that the speed limit review was mandatory and a requirement from the Government.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Councillor Tonge would provide an answer on how many speed limits were changed by Wiltshire Council after the speed limit review.</b></p>	



	<p>James Gray MP was asked if he would feed back the highways issues raised at the meeting and pertinent to many rural communities to Government. He commented that Communities Secretary Eric Pickles had made clear that as rural communities were very different, highways decisions such as the ones discussed at the meeting were best made by listening to local people through forums such as the Area Board.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next Area Board meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 26 October at Calne Town Hall, with refreshments available from 6.30 pm. Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Representative for Leisure, Sport and Culture would attend this meeting to discuss the leisure review that was taking place, with consultation open until 31 October. If you would like to feed into the review, information was available in leisure centres, libraries, Council offices and online from the Wiltshire Council website: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandculture/leisureandsportscentres/leisure.htm">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandculture/leisureandsportscentres/leisure.htm</a>.</p>	