

MINUTES

Meeting: PEWSEY AREA BOARD
Place: Woodborough Social Club, Smithy Lane, Woodborough, SN9 5PL
Date: 11 January 2016
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.05 pm

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Christopher Williams (Substitute), Cllr Jerry Kunkler (Chairman) and Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Chris Williams

Wiltshire Council Officers

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager
Karen Brown – Community Youth Officer
Kevin Fielding - Democratic Services Officer
Ian Gibbons – Service Director

Parish Councils

Alton Parish Council – Steve Hepworth
Burbage Parish Council – Steve Colling
Charlton & Wilsford Parish Council – Christopher Beese
Chirton & Conock Parish Council – Paul Mills & Cecil Withers
Pewsey Parish Council – Peter Deck, Curly Haskall, Alex Carder & Terry Eyles
Rushall Parish Council – Colin Gale
Shalbourne Parish Council – Mike Lockhart
Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Wendy Tarver
Wilcot & Huish (with Oare) Parish Council – Dawn Wilson
Woodborough Parish Council – John Brewin & Tim Burgess

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Nick Mawson
Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Angus Macpherson
Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Dorset Fire Service – Darran Gunter
Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) – Susie Brew & Dawn Wilson
Healthwatch Wiltshire – Paul Lefever

Total in attendance: 55

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members and officers.</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Williams - Ludgershall and Perham Down was standing in for Cllr Paul Oatway who unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.</p> <p>The Chairman read a letter from Cllr Oatway which reiterated his support for the retention of the Everleigh Household Recycling Centre.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Paul Oatway – Wiltshire Council.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 November were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. • It was noted that David Line was not a representative of Stanton St Bernard Parish Council.
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 following Chairman’s Announcements were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport Review – written report. • Emergency Planning Workshop – That the workshop held on Thursday 7 January had been well attended, a big thanks to PCAP for their help in organising the event. • Your Care Your Support – written report. • Joint Area Board to discuss the future of Everleigh HRC – The

recommendation from the Joint Pewsey/Tidworth Area Board meeting held on Monday 21 December 2015 at the Tidworth Garrison Theatre was noted.

That the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Property Waste and Strategic Housing having listened to and taken into account the weight of public correspondence and representations made at this meeting, is requested to make a recommendation to keep Everleigh Household Recycling Centre open for the good and benefit of the residents of the Pewsey and Tidworth community areas.

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Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Darran Gunter - Chief Fire Officer of Dorset and Designate Chief for the new Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service gave a presentation on the progress towards their Combination and an update on the future role of the Service in working with partners to address those vulnerable in terms of safety, health and wellbeing.

A film was shown which outlined the combination of the new Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Points made included:

- That both Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Services faced significant funding pressures.
- That both services were not currently well funded.
- That by combining services, Dorset and Wiltshire would save around 6.5m.

Questions raised from the floor included:

Would the new combined service re-introduce the co-responders scheme?

a. Yes, discussions were already underway with the Ambulance Service, with a view to looking at co-responding in the more rural areas.

Will you continue to recruit retained firefighters?

a. Yes, we will be recruiting in the Pewsey community area during February 2016.

The Chairman thanked Darran Gunter for his presentation.

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Police and Crime Commissioner - Precept consultation

The Commissioner outlined the Precept Consultation.

Points made included:

Crime and Public Confidence

- Crime increased by 12% from December 2014 to November 2015.
- 7th lowest crime rate nationally with 50.7 crimes per 1,000 population.
- Public confidence measured by the OPCC Survey in 2015 is 83.7%, and had been consistently high since 2012.
- Victim satisfaction to October 2015 is 84.3% which is around the national average.

A good HMIC Assessment of Wiltshire Police

- Performance is regularly assessed by Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary. Overall Wiltshire Police are rated as "good".
- Our constabulary remains one of the best in the country.

Central Funding Announcement

- This years provisional settlement shows central funding reduce from £63.7m to £63.4m, a £0.3m reduction.
- This will be the fifth straight year of central funding reductions.
- Whilst this reduction is lower than previous years the loss of £0.3m with cost pressures (national wage agreement £0.8m, national pensions change impact on national insurance £2.0m) will result in significant savings still being required.

What is the budget?

- A £3.12 increase in Council Tax will give a budget of £105.695m compared to £103.956m for the current year. This would lead to a funding gap of £2.6m for policing in Wiltshire.
- The Commissioner was committed to investing additional income from

council tax in local policing.

How about the long term?

- The Chancellor's Autumn Statement promised a cash neutral position for policing however no detail per force is available. With no council tax increases the funding gap against the national average would grow. With small council tax increases the resources available for local policing are better protected.
- The Area Board was assured by the Commissioner that local money would be spent on local policing.

Question raised from the floor included:

Concerns that it was taking far too long to get Speedwatch volunteers on a training course.

a. The Commissioner advised that he would follow what was going on in the Pewsey area.

Why do you have to increase your precept when you received no cuts in Central Government funding at the last budget?

a. There was still a slight reduction in funding as well as the force having to budget for extra National Insurance contributions and investing heavily in new technology.

Concerns that the policing in the Pewsey community area had been cut by a ¼.

a. The commissioner advised that he would discuss the Pewsey community area with the Chief Constable.

Area there any plans for Wiltshire Police to merge with a neighbouring force?

a. That there were no plans for any merger, Wiltshire Police would however continue to work with other neighbouring forces in a strategic manner.

The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for his presentation.

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Delegated authority For Community Engagement Manager and Community Youth Officer

Decision

- ***That in respect of urgent matters that may arise, the Community Engagement Manager, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support community projects from the delegated budget of up to £5,000 in total between meetings of an Area Board. The decision***

and reasons why it was considered urgent will be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board.

- ***That in respect of urgent matters that may arise, the Community Youth Officer, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support youth projects from the youth budget of up to £5,000 in total between meetings of an Area Board. The decision and reasons why it was considered urgent will be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board.***

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Partner Updates

The following Partner updates were given:

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Nick Mawson
The written report was noted.

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Mike Franklin
The written report was noted.

Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
The written report was noted.

Health Watch Wiltshire – Paul Lefever
The written report was noted.

Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP)
The written report was noted.

North Newton Parish Council
The written report was noted.

Army Rebasing
The written report was noted.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.

Legacy Campaigns Presentation 2016

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager informed the Area Board of Wiltshire Council's plans for its Legacy campaigns for 2016 which would include:

- **Clean for The Queen.**
 - *A national campaign to tidy up Britain in readiness for The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations.*
 - *Communities / clubs / organisations are encouraged to arrange a local litter pick, possibly targeting a local hot spot. Free litter picking equipment will be provided by Wiltshire Council*
- **Queen's 90th Birthday Street Parties.**
 - *Communities are encouraged to arrange street parties to coincide with the giant street party taking place on The Mall in June*
- **The Big Pledge Road to Rio.**
 - *The Big Pledge returns in 2016 with an Olympic and Paralympic theme with the aim of making a difference to an individual's Health and Wellbeing and the health and wellbeing of the local community*
 - *You can enter as an individual or team from 2 May 2016 and this year all 18 community areas in Wiltshire will be in competition to see who can travel the furthest and make it all the way to Rio de Janeiro*
- **Getting Active- Walking and Cycling activities in Wiltshire.**
 - *Free Get Wiltshire Walking groups led by trained walk leaders.*
 - *Cycle maps and routes for various towns www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk*

Wiltshire Council had produced a series of guides to support the community in preparing for the above activities:

<http://ow.ly/YnwcA>

The Community Engagement Manager would be available to speak to any local group, school, club or parish about the different opportunities and the support on offer from Wiltshire Council. It was emphasised that the different activities provide a great opportunity for local communities to come together to show case what makes the Pewsey Community area special and it was hoped volunteers would come forward to support the initiatives.

Capital funding would be available from the Area Board for equipment e.g. Gazebos to support different projects

The Chairman thanked Ros Griffiths for her presentation.

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Pewsey Health and Wellbeing Centre progress update

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager

Points made included:

- No current slippage in the project start-finish dates. Subject to the planning process construction will commence in the Autumn 2016
- That the architect's designs should be on public display before the next Area Board meeting and a Q&A session will take place at the Area Board meeting 7 March 2016.
- The need for local people to engage with the project.
- A Wheeled Sports project group would be formed to consult with young people, develop the specification and promote the offer to the community.
- Thanks to the former COB members for continuing to advise on the project.

Question from the floor

Q. What is the proposed management model for the facility

A. A management team would be established to look after day to day operations including bookings and programming. Preliminary discussions are being had about establishing a Health and Wellbeing Group at Area Board level. The Area Board would be responsible for overseeing the delivery and promotion of the objectives of the Health and Wellbeing Centre.

The Chairman thanked Ros Griffiths for her update.

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Community Area Grants

The Councillors were asked to consider nine applications seeking 2015/16 Community Area Grant Funding:

Decision

St John Ambulance awarded £1,000 for Pewsey Unit Defibrillators.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Great Bedwyn Youth Group awarded £800 for Shalbourne PTPA Gazebos.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Easton Royal Village Hall awarded £766.80 for Easton Royal Village Hall new chairs.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Easton Royal Village Parish Council awarded £954 for Easton Royal Children's Play Area.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Easton Royal Village Hall awarded £946.60 for Easton Royal Village Hall Audio Visual Equipment.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Burbage Parish Council awarded £500 for Burbage village defibrillator.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Chirton & Conock Parish Council awarded £500 for Chirton village defibrillator.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

Decision

Hilcott Village Hall awarded £936 for Hilcott Village Hall new floor and cupboard.

Reason

This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a

	<p><i>capital project.</i></p> <p>Decision Alton Parish Council awarded £500 for Community defibrillator project.</p> <p>Reason <i>This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.</i></p>
13	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN) - update and grant funding</u></p> <p>Karen Brown – Community Youth Officer gave a short update.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership working ongoing with the Marlborough LYN on a music project. • That East Grafton was now looking at building its own BMX track. • That work on the Pewsey BMX track was ongoing. • The Child Sexual Exploitation training was being delivered to the youth groups. <p>The following Community Youth Grant application was agreed by the Pewsey Area Board:</p> <p>Pewsey Youth Group awarded £5,000 for the Pewsey Youth Group new venue and Summer Programme 2016.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Karen Brown for her update.</p>
14	<p><u>Next Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 January 2016, 2pm - Parish Council office, Pewsey.
15	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>There was none.</p>
16	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 7 March 2016 - Bouverie Hall, Pewsey.

