

MINUTES

Meeting: TIDWORTH AREA BOARD
Place: Tidworth Garrison Theatre, 18 St Andrews Rd, Tidworth SP9 7PD
Date: 14 March 2016
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.05 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Chris Williams, Cllr Mark Connolly and Cllr Charles Howard

Wiltshire Council Officers

Marc Read – Community Engagement Manager (CEM)
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer
Wendy Higginson – Youth Services

Town and Parish Councillors

Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council – Keith Cockerton
Ludgershall Town Council – Owen White
Netheravon Parish Council – Ian Blair-Pilling
Tidworth Town Council – Humph Jones

Partners

Tidworth Garrison – Col Steve Lawton
Tidworth Community Area Partnership – Reia Jones
Healthwatch Wiltshire – Paul Lefever

Total in attendance: 45

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Tidworth Area Board.</p> <p>The Area Board members and Wiltshire Council officers were introduced.</p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcements were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Passenger Transport Review. • Army Rebasing.
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from: Denis Bottomley – Everleigh Parish Council and Tony Pickernell – Tidworth Community Area Partnership.</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
4	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 January 2016 were confirmed as the correct record.
5	<p><u>Housing - Meeting Local Need</u></p> <p>Sue Geary – HOD Commissioning - Community Services,, Wiltshire Council gave a presentation that outlined Wiltshire Council's housing offer for Affordable Housing in the Tidworth community area.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>National Policy Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase owner-occupation including low cost options. • Make best use of existing social housing stock.

- Reduce burden on public sector (housing benefit bill).
- Increase supply of new homes.
- Promote independent living in the community.

Wiltshire priorities

- Ensuring there are a range of housing options available to meet needs.
- Promoting home ownership housing.
- Enabling provision of homes for the most vulnerable.
- To help people to achieve independence and choice enabling them to live at home for longer.
- To improve the quality and make best use of existing stock.

Next steps

- Commissioning research at community area level.
- Developing housing strategy & agreeing priorities.
- Work with local communities & partners to understand local need and deliver new homes.
- Consider options to increase choices for those not able to meet needs in open market.
- Respond to national policy changes

The accuracy of some of the figures referred to in the power point presentation was queried by several members of the public in attendance. It was therefore agreed that Sue Geary would refer the queries that had been raised to Wiltshire Council officers who could check their data and feedback to the Area Board figures that were perhaps more meaningful to the Tidworth community area than those presented on the night.

The Chairman thanked Sue Geary for her presentation.

	<p>Note</p> <p>Answers to questions/queries raised on the night are attached.</p>
<p>14.03.16 Housing Presentation Q & A's</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Local Highways Investment Fund 2014-2020</u></p> <p>Parvis Khansari - Associate Director Highways and Transport, Wiltshire Council outlined Wiltshire Council's Local Highways Investment Fund 2014-2020.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Wiltshire Council was undertaking a major programme of investment in highway maintenance over six years, which was delivering a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network. • The flooding in 2013/14 had an adverse effect on road conditions, but the additional investment through the Council's 'Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020' had arrested this deterioration, and the county's road conditions continue to improve. • The investment had been targeted at those roads in worst condition, and includes minor roads as well as the main roads. The programme was just reaching the end of its second year, and had already seen a substantial amount of work completed. • In 2016/17 it was proposed to increase expenditure on treating the smaller sites, many of which have been outstanding for some time, and to reduce the number of larger surfacing sites. • A list of potential sites for next year had been prepared for each community area. The site list was based on the existing condition of the roads and the anticipated deterioration in the future, and the area boards were invited to consider the proposals. <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Tidworth Area Board agrees that the A338 Collingbournes – surfacing and repairs would be its main scheme during the period 2016/17. <p>Concerns were raised from the floor re the quality of road patching, and the longevity of these repairs.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Parvis Khansari for his presentation.</p>

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New Tidworth Leisure Centre Manager

Jonathan Hargrave - Leisure Operations Health and Wellbeing Manager, Wiltshire Council gave a short presentation to introduce himself and to outline his vision as the new Tidworth Leisure Centre Manager.

Points made included:

Group Involvement

- Clubs and societies
- Sporting and non sporting
- Special events-large or small
- Regular bookings
- Working with local schools.
- More community engagement.

Individual involvement

- Pay and Play
- Organised pay and play
- Leagues
- ladders

Fitness Offer

- Current range of classes
- Current Fitness Studio
- Looking to develop
- What do the community want?

Aquatics

- Current Program and activities
- What do the community want?

Questions raised from the floor included:

Frustrations that the Military appear to have a lot more access to the Centre than the general public do.

a. Currently looking at this issue, and hope to make more periods available to the general public.

	<p>It can be very intimidating as a woman to use the gym when male service personnel are using it. Some of the male service personnel have made sexist comments to woman when using the gym. <i>a. The service personnel had been told about their behaviour whilst using the gym. The Garrison Commander was now aware of this issue.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Jonathan Hargrave for his presentation.</p>
8	<p><u>SSAFA - What they do and how they help service personnel and their families</u></p> <p>Lt Col Bill Common – SSAFA Secretary, Wiltshire gave a presentation that highlighted the work of SSAFA.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through two World Wars and every subsequent conflict involving Britain, SSAFA had been there for our servicemen and women and their families. • SSAFA provided practical, emotional and financial support to anyone who was serving or had ever served, and their families. • SSAFA had a network of trained volunteers provide support on military bases in the UK and around the World. • SSAFA had around 7,500 volunteers. • Last year SSAFA supported 40,645 veterans and their families. <p>The Chairman thanked Lt Col Common for his informative presentation.</p>
9	<p><u>Community Engagement Manager - updates</u></p> <p>Marc Read – Community Engagement Manager gave the following updates:</p> <p>Child Poverty Profiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a well attended workshop had been held. Now working with Wendy Higginson to pull ideas together and put an action plan in place. A working group would also be set up. <p>Mens Shed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That an open meeting had been held at the Wellington Academy, with attendees showing a real interest in getting a Tidworth community area shed started.

Clean for the Queen

- Several well attended events had been held in Tidworth and Ludgershall. Well done to all those that took part.

Road to Rio Challenge

- Registration would open on 2 May 2016.
- Individuals could sign up for the Running, Cycling, Swimming, Walking, Junior Sports and Ultimate Sports Challenges to take part in a virtual journey to Rio.
- Teams could sign up for the Road to Rio challenge to complete the actual distance between London and Rio by running, swimming, cycling or walking as a combined entry.
- Once entered, participants could continue to log their activity online.

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

- That many events were being planned across the community area.

The Chairman thanked Marc Read for his updates.

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Local Youth Network (LYN) update and Grant Funding

Wendy Higginson advised that:

- “Dancing back to 1914” – had been a great success, and wonderful to work with such a great group of young people. It was hoped that the dancer would be able to perform at the Community awards night.
- That a new Area Board funded dance project was to start during April, with a “Rio Carnival” theme.
- Wendy Higginson was currently working with Cllr Connolly to provide drug awareness sessions across the community area.
- That volunteers were sought to assist at the local youth clubs.

The Chairman thanked Wendy Higginson for her update.

11	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) - update</u></p> <p>That the Tidworth Area Board agrees the following funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulford Road issues - Group agreed plans for dropped kerbs presented and recommend to AB that the scheme should proceed at a cost of £8.4K but the CATG fund £5K with WC central pot funding the £3.4K. • Issue 4190 Fosbury Speeding - CATG agreed to recommend to the AB that new signs and village gateways be installed at a cost of £2995 with contributions from Town Councils and Aster. • Issue 4258 Lambdown Terrace – Warning Sign - CATG to recommend to AB that two warning signs and “slow” road markings are installed at a cost of £1699. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Connolly for his update.</p>
12	<p><u>Updates from Town and Parish Councils, the Police, the Army, NHS, TCAP and other Partners</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service The written update was noted.</p> <p>NHS Wiltshire The written report was noted.</p> <p>Healthwatch Wiltshire – Paul Lefever The written report was noted.</p> <p>Everleigh Parish Council The written report was noted.</p> <p>Wiltshire Police – Sgt Andrea Faircloth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some traffic related matters and silent 999 calls – mobile phones going off by accident. • Two people had been arrested for forged £20 note offences. • Local police talking to people attempting to supply drugs to minors.

Tidworth Garrison – Col Steve Lawton

- Some 322 houses to be built at land on Area 19.
- That the North Eastern Quadrant would now be known as the Ashdown Estate.
- Royal Artillery Band Concert on Friday 18 March at the Garrison Theatre.

Tidworth Town Council – Humph Jones

- Various Family Easter events planned over the Easter weekend.

Ludgershall Town Council – Owen White

- That the adult gym equipment at the Recreation Ground was now in use.
- Various Family Easter events planned over the Easter weekend.
- Ludgershall Boys Club – work ongoing as to Ludgershall Town Council taking this on.

Alex Bostock – That nominations were still needed for the Tidworth community area awards On the 21 April.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.

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Community Area Grants

The Wiltshire Councillors were asked to consider nine applications seeking 2015/16 Community Area Grant funding and three Member Initiatives.

Decision

1st Tidworth Scout Group awarded £850 to provide telephone and computer access from the Scout Hut.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Decision

God Unlimited awarded £1,000 for purchase of essential equipment.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Decision

Parochial Church Council of Collingbourne Ducis & Everleigh awarded £575 for Collingbourne Ducis St. Andrews replacement safe.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Decision

Tidworth Over 60's Club awarded £484.96 for Tidworth Over 60s Electrical Equipment.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Decision

Ludgershall Preschool awarded £1,525 for Ludgershall Preschool toilet conversion.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Decision

Tidworth Town Football Club awarded £1,334 for TTFC Pitch Maintenance.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Decision

Netheravon Fittleton and Haxton Jubilee Committee awarded £3,075 for Queens Birthday Party Equipment.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Decision

Ludgershall Scouts Hall awarded £993 for Ludgershall Scout Hall.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Decision

Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council awarded £749 for Collingbourne Kingston Digital Village.

Reason

The application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

14	<p>Member Initiatives</p> <p>Sponsored by Cllr Christopher Williams, to be paid from the 2015/16 digital literacy budget.</p> <p>The request for funding is to provide additional IT resources, for use of by the public in the Ludgershall Town Council office. This will enable further training to be given to community groups – awarded £500.</p> <p>Sponsored by Cllr Christopher Williams, to be paid from the 2015/16 capital budget.</p> <p>The request for funding is to provide 200 guides for Ludgershall Castle, written by local historian Winifird Dixon. The guide will consist of c.15 pages with a number of maps and illustrations to help visitors better understand our local community's history and development – awarded £570.</p> <p>Sponsored by Cllr Christopher Williams, to be paid from the 2015/16 capital budget.</p> <p>The request for funding is to provide certificates, frames & trophy's for the TCAP Community Awards – awarded £657.66.</p> <p><u>Date of Next Meeting, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be on Monday 16 May 2016.</p>
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