

MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Nadder Centre, Weaveland Road, Tisbury, SP3 6H
Date: 19 September 2018
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.45 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jose Green (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr George Jeans and Cllr Bridget Wayman

Wiltshire Council Officers

Stephen Harris, Community Engagement Manager
Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Hindon Parish Council – D Robertson
Mere Town Council – J Jordan & R Sims
Quidhampton Parish Council – K Taylor
Swallowcliffe Parish Council – S Banas
Wilton Town Council – P Matthews

Partners

Wiltshire Police - Inspector James Williams
Police and Crime Commissioner – Angus Macpherson
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Justin French

Total in attendance: 36

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
32	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Jose Green welcomed everyone to the meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board.</p>
33	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspector Hutchings – Wiltshire Police • Claire Churchill – Parish Clerk • Cllr Tony Deane – Board Member
34	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
35	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 18 July 2018, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
36	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise was given to Jaki Farrell and the young people for the noble work they did, as it has been well noted by many. The AONB were also impressed with the work the young people had carried out in the Ox drove in the Chalke Valley. • Annual return of the electoral roll, 220,000 forms went out to homes across Wiltshire, yet only 159,000 were returned and 60,000 forms had not yet been returned. Canvassers have been going out to encourage more people to return forms. • WW1 Tree Planting scheme – a list of parishes in our area have asked for the trees, delivery details will be circulated in due course. • First meeting of Nadder Community Land Trust had taken place – where they had discussed work stream opportunities for local people and possible sites for Affordable Housing. • Cllr Church made a call for more foster parents – She urged any local

families that might be interested in fostering Wiltshire children to look at the information online. There were 450 children currently in care.

- Wiltshire Online – The Chairman read an update:

As residents of Alvediston may be aware, Wiltshire Council's Wiltshire Online programme has plans to provide a Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) service to premises (both residential and business) in Alvediston as part of our Contract 2 deployment in partnership with BT.

The European Commission requires that local authorities can only use public money in areas they can demonstrate there is no current, or planned (within the next three years) deployment of either standard or superfast broadband. In order to identify the areas we were allowed to invest our funds, we completed an Open Market Review which gave commercial telecom providers the opportunity to provide their current and planned footprint, the outcome of this review was our Intervention Area (the area where there is no current or planned activity).

At the time of designing the Contract 2 deployment and following the outcome of the OMR, there were no other fibre providers in the area. However, we have recently been made aware that Wessex Internet are now offering their own FTTP solution and they are considering deploying this solution in Alvediston.

Whilst this issue could not have been avoided as it is due to timing of the build plans, Wiltshire Council wants to ensure that the best way forward for the whole community is identified and therefore the planned build by BT has been paused.

The situation as we understand is that Wessex Internet has confirmed that they will be laying fibre spine in the area come what may and will connect any business to this fibre so long as they apply and are eligible for a central government Local Full Fibre Network voucher. This voucher allows an eligible business to claim £3000 towards the cost of a full fibre service. However, Wessex Internet has advised that they will only be able to provide every premises (both business and residential) within the village for their standard fibre install if they are able to sign up a sufficient number of businesses as per their current commercial model. We understand Wessex Internet are in touch with the parish council to push this message out to local businesses.

Whilst Wiltshire Council does not want to duplicate service nor hinder any commercial ventures, we must ensure that any decision we make does not inadvertently leave Alvediston residents without an FTTP service at all.

Therefore, following consideration Wiltshire Council has informed Wessex Internet that we are willing to keep the planned BT build paused until the end of September to allow them time to generate the interest needed to support their venture. Wiltshire Online will be reviewing the situation with Wessex

	<p>Internet at the end of September.</p> <p>Wiltshire Online hopes that this pragmatic approach will result in Alvediston receiving an FTTP service via either Wessex Internet or BT in due course. Following the review at the end of September, Wiltshire Online will update the Parish Council and Area Board with further information.</p>
37	<p><u>Health Trainer Service</u></p> <p>The Health Trainer Service is for people aged 18 +, it is free and can assist you every step of the way to achieving and maintaining your goals. Caiti Buck gave an overview of the service and answered questions.</p> <p>Caiti was the Health Trainer for Tisbury and Wilton and surrounding parishes, with her colleague Olivia covering the Mere area.</p> <p>A dedicated Health Trainer can assist every step of the way in achieving and maintaining your goals. There is also help in finding other services and activities.</p> <p>The service offers 6 courses themed around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving general wellbeing • Building self-confidence and motivation • Eating healthier food and be a healthy weight • Reducing or stopping smoking • Being more active • Drinking less alcohol <p>Caiti can assist in exploring what works best for individuals</p> <p>In 2017 – data showed that the service engaged with over 900 individuals. Caiti was available for drop-ins to other groups, so if you know of somewhere that would benefit from the service, either regularly or ad hoc let us know.</p> <p>The service had good links with GPs in the area, and gets many referrals from them.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you operate outside of office hours? <u>Answer:</u> We can do in some circumstances. • The call number – where does that go? <u>Answer:</u> To the Public Health administrator – they allocate callers on to us.

Recovery Update for South Wiltshire

Cllr Pauline Church, Cabinet member for Economic Development and Salisbury Recovery gave an update on the continuing recovery in South Wiltshire following the incidents in Salisbury and Amesbury.

The incidents moved from response to recovery earlier this month. The South Wiltshire Recovery Coordinating Group, chaired by Alistair Cunningham, was responsible for ensuring that the sites potentially affected were thoroughly cleaned by specialist teams and returned to normal use as soon as possible. The group was also focused on supporting local businesses and the economy as well as the local communities of Amesbury and Salisbury.

Sunday night's incident in Prezzo in Salisbury and the ensuing media coverage may have dented public confidence, but be reassured that the city and Amesbury were safe to visit and were both very much open for business.

Significant progress was being made on returning South Wiltshire to normal as quickly as possible.

Final stages of clean-up at the sites potentially affected, was underway. The initial work at the Skripal house in Christie Miller Road in Salisbury had been undertaken and the next phase of the clean-up of this property was being planned.

There was positive news for Amesbury where clean-up work started last weekend at Boots pharmacy in Stonehenge Walk and Amesbury Baptist Church. This was good news for businesses and the communities in both Salisbury and Amesbury and would go a long way to helping the return to normal life.

Supporting businesses and the economy in South Wiltshire was a top priority.

Businesses in Wilton had been contacted to determine if, and how, the recent incidents affected them. The feedback showed a mixed picture - some reported an increase in trade through displacement from Salisbury and Amesbury and others had stated a direct impact in a decrease in footfall and visitors.

- 19 businesses in Wilton were contacted – 7 said they had experienced no loss or impact on their trade.
- Four businesses reported a drop-in footfall
- Three reported trade was down on last year
- The Burnbrake Trust was reporting a 30% - 40% drop in footfall which they said was impacting on their turnover
- Annie's Out Of House reported that sales were down

Our focus is to support businesses and the local economy. We know people were beginning to return to the area when the second incident happened. After

that incident in Amesbury footfall dropped.

- At the beginning of August footfall in Salisbury was down 16% compared with 2017.
- Prior to the second incident footfall in Salisbury had recovered to 4.2% below 2017.
- A long-term recovery programme for South Wiltshire had been agreed with central government that sets out a portfolio of interrelated projects to stimulate and support recovery and economic growth with a commitment from central government to provide support (direct and indirect).
- Both Salisbury and Amesbury had been supported with free car parking in all council run car parks and the five park and ride sites. This cost had been met by the council with recent financial support from central government.
- A comprehensive programme of events was being rolled out across Salisbury and Amesbury, to encourage shoppers and visitors to return. This included food markets, literacy festival, The Christmas Market and the OVO cycle tour race
- A major boost had been the awarding of the 2019 National Armed Forces Day to Wiltshire which will be held in Salisbury 28 - 30 June next year and was likely to attract around 250,000 visitors
- Collaborative working with VisitEngland and GREAT we will deliver a number of events and campaigns to promote tourism and encourage visitors.
- More than £6m has been provided by the government in financial support.
- £327k of government and council funding had been granted to 60 businesses to date (August 2018).
- £92k of capital grant had been provided by the SWLEP (Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership) to 29 businesses.
- £208k has been provided in business rate relief to a total of 50 businesses.

An account manager had been assigned to every business that has been contacted in Wilton.

If your small business in Wilton is encountering problems and you think you might need help, contact 01225 402096, email support@swgrowthhub.co.uk, or visit the team at the Old Fire Station Enterprise Centre in Salisbury.

	<p><u>Questions and comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there an update on the couple that were taken ill? <u>Answer:</u> We know it is not nerve agent related. • I have been approached by someone about footfall in Wilton. It was down in March in the Wilton shopping village, after the July incident, there were two down days, and a French tourist company did want to cancel but were persuaded to come. 5 years ago, when we did benchmarking there were no empty shops, but now we do, trade has been down over last 5 years, need to put the whole thing into perspective. • The Chairman added that there was comfort that we were in easy reach of Porton, it had been quick to identify this latest incident was not nerve agent related. • The press had made a big thing of the latest incident, with a Russian connection to the lady involved.
39	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p><u>Police Neighbourhood Teams</u> In attendance was acting Sector Inspector for the West, James Williams.</p> <p>In Wilton there has been some catapult damage and as a result there were currently targeted patrols.</p> <p>The Teams continued to be committed to visibility.</p> <p>The force supported the national campaign to tackle modern day Slavery, which affected migrant workers in rural locations. If you had any concerns, please contact us on 101 or 999 if you are immediately concerned.</p> <p>We want to try and find ways to make the Police more approachable. If you can think of ways that we can then please let us know.</p> <p><u>Comments and questions included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you from Mere for having two police in attendance at the carnival this year. <u>Answer:</u> They will also be at Tisbury Carnival • Hare coursing was prevalent here, are you targeting that? <u>Answer:</u> Yes it was a priority for West Wiltshire. In another area we started a Whatsapp group which went well and had 12 arrests from that. We need you to report incidents so that we can target other areas. • What about cuckooing, where young people are used to run the drugs around? <u>Answer:</u> We call them dangerous drug networks, we are trying to get a foothold in West Wiltshire. They go for vulnerable people, they take over their address and keep them for drug cohesion. We do target

these if we hear about them, we get a target order on these addresses. The real problem comes when you have two gangs that try to take over an area at the same time. It is a constant battle. Unless we can stop people from becoming addicts, we will always have those that supply.

- Do you still have enough funding and time to go in and do school visits? Answer: It depends on the age of the child as to who can go in and visit. The ones that go in to secondary schools are specially trained. The PCSOs can go into primary schools. With the current savings we have had to make we are doing the best we can for Wiltshire Police. This weekend, every team worked 4 hours late. That is the reality, it is a national issue.
- Police always attend the CSG, the local PCSO is brilliant, and he liaises with the local Cllr.

The Board gave thanks to all of the Services that serve our community. Inspector Williams responded by adding that as a force, they thank the community for all of the support they have been given and to the visiting Officers.

PCC – Angus Macpherson

I am here to find out what you need, and have found out a lot from talking to the Neighbourhood Teams.

It has been challenging down here in the south and across the county following the incidents. I sent the Government a bill to cover the financial costs and that has been paid. We need to remember that Officers have put in a lot of additional hours and missed holidays.

We are the 42nd worst funded force in the country, historic in part and I would wish the government to address this. We do need to speak to our representatives in central government as we need fairer funding for Wiltshire.

We get around £20 per household less here than in places like Gloucester. We do need to address some of the issues we have here. Wiltshire is a very safe place, but we need to be aware of the modern-day dangers that we face.

Questions:

- Will you be increasing the numbers of Specials? Answer: Yes we have spent a lot of money on Specials, we are up to something like 350 across the county.
- In Salisbury you have 40 Specials helping out. We will be recruiting more regulars over the next few years also. Particular work they have done in backfilling the team.
- In Wiltshire, you have said that you do not need to increase Police Officer numbers, in other areas they have said they need more funding to

increase their Forces. Answer: A lot of the work has been done by civilians, the actual number of Police Officers has fallen, but the number of employees has not, you do not require a warrant card for a lot of the work. We have less Officers and more civilian staff, and we are continuing to recruit. Numbers are increasing.

- With regards to vulnerable people and slavery, I locally reported a person of eastern European origin who we felt may have been abused, and we were told that unless the person themselves approached them, they would not do anything. Answer: Vulnerability is high on the list of priorities. Please do report these incidents.
- You are doing a couple of presentations about community engagement in other areas why can we not have one in this area? Answer: Not sure that this is something our office is running, it may be another office.
- Is Neighbourhood Watch one of your priorities? Answer: I continue to support NHW, it is an independent charity which we support. I provide the community messaging service which is part of the NHW scheme.
- We are in a very militarised area here could we draw on the military police to assist here? Answer: They are not set up as they were in the past. Their purpose is now set up for more specific roles in the military now, like the military assets in Wiltshire, rather than being in charge of military officer discipline. We do work with them at times.

Fire & Rescue

Justin French was in attendance to highlight some points from the written report attached to the agenda, including business safety advice, Chinese lantern danger, Safe and Well visits and the recruitment of on call support officers.

Question

- When you are recruiting are people aware of the level of traffic accidents you attend? Answer: We do attend many other incidents other than just fire. It is part of the recruitment to train Officers in all areas.

Local Youth Network (LYN)

Jaki Farrell and young people from the Young Leaders Programme were in attendance to give a presentation on some of the areas of their work with Seeds 4 Success.

Jaki was the Service Manager for this registered charity, which had been set up in 2012. Since that time the organisation had grown and developed youth work across South West Wiltshire.

There were five main themes to the work we deliver, and were an approved provider of positive activities for Wiltshire Council.

There were a range of weekly sessions, including:

- Monday - Health and wellbeing night, running football, basketball, skating and fitness on an alternating basis, to learn communication skills and improve fitness
- Friday – In Mere, there was an open drop in session. To meet up and communicate with each other
- Friday night – Have fun, with the hockey table and social gathering. 2 sessions, junior's and the older group.
- Thursday - In Wilton – was project night – where people can build things

Leisure Credits was a scheme where groups of young people could take part in social action projects, to achieve leisure credits. Some of the work they had undertaken included building footpaths around the area, to improve access routes.

Some of the older members were able to carry out heavy lifting, and help teach the younger children how to use the equipment we use to improve the footpaths.

The Dew Pond Project came out of the NCS project, which was part of the Cranbourne Chase AONB.

National Citizen Service, was also run by Seeds 4 Success. This summer there were 13 young people taking part. Learning skills, including a first aid course, and level 2 food hygiene.

The young people had been able to raise a lot of money together to spend on leisure credits.

Seeds 4 Success ran a targeted support programme, working with people not in education or training. Providing one to one support, group work and training, CV assistance, and to try and find jobs, or college placements.

The Bridging project was run on Tuesday evenings. This was for young people with disabilities and special needs. Activities included cooking, sewing, and woodwork. We also take part I the leisure credit scheme.

A Youth Leader Project was on a Friday night, there was a junior section. A big part of what we do is to run our own youth workshop for Y4 to Y6s

The Junior club had done such a good job that we were oversubscribed and now have to have 2 sessions.

	<p><u>Questions and comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Matthews, Wilton TC – I have known Jaki for many years, we should record our thanks, we are very grateful, you do a marvellous job, keep on doing it. <u>Answer:</u> If the children didn't put in the effort we would not exist, it is a two-way thing.
40	<p><u>Nadder Centre Update</u></p> <p>Steve Harris gave an update, the main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Project to produce an art display area had progressed, and there were now pieces of art on the wall. It was hoped that the centre would now develop a partnership with the Wylde Valley Art Trail. • Messums had been asked to provide a piece of work for outside, and permission from developer to use funds to support this project had been approved. The project would involve local groups, to run some workshops before the chosen piece was revealed. • Tisbus would soon be moved to the Centre permanently.
41	<p><u>Community Safety Group</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Board noted the minutes and actions attached to the agenda.</p>
42	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Update</u></p> <p>The Board considered the notes and recommendations from the last meeting as set out in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board approved the recommendations of the CATG as set out in the report.</p>
43	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board considered the applications for funding from the Community Area Grants Scheme, as set out in the report.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £1,630 to Chalke Valley Sports Centre for a replacement oil tank. <u>Reason</u> <i>The project met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.</i></p>

Decision

The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £1,710 Tisbury History Society towards improved access works.

Reason

The project met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.

Semley School was asked whether there was a contribution from the parish council, towards the project. Answer: No we have not asked them.

Cllr Wayman proposed that the Board award £4,500 with the suggestion that the applicant ask the parish council to provide the remaining £500.

Decision

The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £4,500 Semley CE VA Primary School towards a Toilet Block, with the condition that the Parish Council be approached to provide the remaining £500.

The Board also considered an additional bid to the Fingerpost Funding Scheme for 2018/19, as detailed in the papers circulated at the meeting.

Decision

The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £400 to Swallowcliffe Parish Council for fingerpost replacement.

Late Item

Ken Taylor of Quidhampton Parish Council presented information on a project to purchase an additional piece of play equipment for the recreation ground, behind lower road. The Parish Council would part fund the project, in addition to some fund raising that had taken place. He asked the Board if it would consider funding the remaining amount to complete the project.

It was explained that the correct process must be followed, and as the Board would first need to see a completed application form to the Community Area Grant Scheme before it could consider funding, if the matter was urgent and could not wait until the next Area Board meeting in November, the reason for the urgency would need to be provided.

If it were considered appropriate, the Board could then consider the matter out of the meeting, by asking the Community Engagement Manager to act on his delegated powers, to liaise with the Members once all of the required information had been provided and then make a decision in consultation with Members to gain a majority vote of support. This decision would then be reported back at the next Area Board meeting for ratification.

The Area Board agreed to invite the applicant to work with the Community Engagement Manager to take this matter forward, out of the meeting.

	<p>The applicant was advised that this was an exceptional circumstance and the usual practice of submitting application forms in line with deadlines set by the Community Engagement Manager, for consideration at Area Board meetings, would be the way forward in future.</p>
44	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board will be held on Wednesday 21st November 2018.</p>

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