

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD  
**Place:** The Cotswold Space - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge,  
BA14 8JN  
**Date:** 10 January 2019  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.30 pm

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**In Attendance:**

**Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Horace Prickett (Vice-Chairman),  
Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr David Halik and  
Cllr Peter Fuller

Cllr Jerry Wickham

**Total in attendance: 29**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>An apology was received by Councillor Graham Payne. Councillor Horace Prickett was therefore in the Chair.</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2018 were presented for consideration and it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b>  <b>To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.</b></p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations.</p>
4	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>Through the Chair there announcements on the forthcoming Polling District and Polling Place Review, the ongoing Electoral Review Review of Wiltshire Council and a consultation on Wiltshire Council's proposal regarding special school provision.</p>
5	<p><u>Splitz Support Service</u></p> <p>At the request of the Board Fran Lewis, Director of the Splitz Support Service, was in attendance to discuss the work of her charitable organisation supporting victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The organisation was founded locally and now operated across the south west, including winning a tender for a contract in Wiltshire in April 2018, entitled the Phoenix Project.</p> <p>During the presentation details were provided of the ethos of the service, which provided among other services places of safety for victims, male and female, via single units of accommodation rather than shared refuges, as well as programs to support victims and to lead on behavioural change from abusers in order to focus on the source of the problem. It was explained this aspect was also subject of an extended study in concern with Bristol University.</p> <p>The Board received the presentation and thanked Fran Lewis for her update and the work being undertaken in Wiltshire and beyond by the service.</p>
6	<p><u>Visiting Cabinet Member and Health Developments in Trowbridge</u></p> <p>Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection, was in attendance along with Sarah MacLennan from the</p>

	<p>Clinical Commission Group, providing an update on developments with the East Wing site and planned health provision. It was confirmed that a bid for £20million of NHS funds for a new build had been successful. This was important as it was necessary to expand services locally and significantly increase GP capacity, which was low in Trowbridge.</p> <p>The Board discussed the update, and in response to queries it was confirmed there was strong commitment from the Cabinet to deliver on the site, and that the CCG was required to assess other sites in the area as part of the due diligence to receive the NHS funds. It was stated the new facility would offer a number of hospital services, more than is currently available, however in-patient beds was not being considered under modern models of care which focused on prevention and services directly to the home.</p> <p>Following the update on the East Wing site Sarah MacLennan delivered a presentation on the CCG's proposals for maternity care provision. It was stated that the proposals had been a collaboration of all three hospitals serving the area, midwifery centres and feedback from mothers and families, and that it was not a cost saving exercise but about delivering an effective service, where currently some facilities were underused or inefficiently utilised.</p> <p>The Board discussed the update. It was stated that Trowbridge Town Council had decided to object to the consultation which proposed to close Trowbridge maternity unit to births, but to retain antenatal and postnatal care. It was confirmed all areas had been assessed for growth of population, travel time, and that the proposals had the least overall impact. For Chippenham it was stated the proposal would be to close the four post-natal beds.</p> <p>At the conclusion of discussion the Board thanked Councillor Wickham and Sarah MacLennan for their attendance.</p>
7	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the following applications:</p>
7a	<p><u>Community Grants</u></p> <p><u>Oasis Longmeadow Community Garden</u>  The sum of £1403.64 was requested by Foragers Farm to create a multi-use community centrepiece. On the motion of Councillor Edward Kirk, seconded by Councillor Ernie Clark, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b>  <b>To award the sum of £1406.64 to Foragers Farm.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <b>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria</b></p>

	<p><u>Provision of Equipment</u> The sum of £2000.00 was requested by Trowbridge Sea Cadets for replacement boating equipment. On the motion of Councillor Stewart Palmen, seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b> <b>To award the sum of £2000.00 to Trowbridge Sea Cadets.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b> <b>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria</b></p> <p><u>Wiltshire Armed Forces Veterans Event Equipment</u> The sum of £873.60 was requested by the Wiltshire Armed Forces and Veterans Committee to provide additional tables and chairs for community events. On the motion of Councillor Deborah Halik, seconded by Councillor Peter Fuller, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b> <b>To award the sum of £873.60 to the Wiltshire Armed Forces and Veterans Committee.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b> <b>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria</b></p>
7b	<p><u>Member-Led Projects</u></p> <p><u>Replacement Minibus Trowbridge Sports Forum</u> The sum of £10000.00 was requested to replace a community minibus controlled by Active Trowbridge to enable the transportation of residents to sporting and no sporting events. On the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Deborah Halik, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b> <b>To award the sum of £10000.00 for the provision of a new community minibus, to include signage indicating the financial support from the Area Board.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b> <b>The application met the Grant Criteria</b></p> <p><u>Storage Container, Trowbridge Carnival Committee</u> The sum of £3842.00 was requested to provide a storage container for equipment used by the carnival committee. On the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor David Halik, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b> <b>To award the sum of £3842.00 for the proposed storage container.</b></p>

	<p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <b>The application met the Grant Criteria</b></p>
7c	<p><u>Health and Wellbeing Grants</u></p> <p><u>Community Development Worker Support for Older Peoples community club</u>  The sum of £1800.00 was requested by the Wiltshire Race Equality Council to fund a community development worker. The Health and Wellbeing Group recommended approving £1326.70 for the community outreach work. On the motion of Councillor Deborah Halik, seconded by Councillor Ernie Clark, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b>  <b>To award the sum of £1326.70 to the Wiltshire Race Equality Council.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <b>The application met the Grant Criteria</b></p> <p><u>Provision of one off financial support to achieve financial sustainability</u>  The sum of £3965.00 was requested by the Trowbridge Disabled Online for support funding as it explored options to ensure financial sustainability following withdrawal of its former accommodation. The Health and Wellbeing Group recommended approving £1326.70 be awarded and to defer a decision on the remainder requested until the new financial year. On the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b>  <b>To award the sum of £1326.70 to the Trowbridge Disabled online.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <b>The application met the Grant Criteria</b></p> <p><u>Community Development Worker Support for Older Peoples community club</u>  The sum of £1800.00 was requested by the Wiltshire Race Equality Council to fund a community development worker. The Health and Wellbeing Group recommended approving £1326.70 for the community outreach work. On the motion of Councillor Deborah Halik, seconded by Councillor Ernie Clark, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved</u></b>  <b>To award the sum of £1326.70 to the Wiltshire Race Equality Council.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b>  <b>The application met the Grant Criteria</b></p>
7d	<p><u>Youth Grants</u></p> <p><u>Connect Mentoring</u>  The sum of £4500.00 was requested by Youth For Christ to fund a school mentoring project. The Local Youth Network recommended the full amount be</p>

awarded subject to the service being made available and accessible to all young people and that the mentoring activity be faith neutral at all times. On the motion of Councillor Stewart Palmen, seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve, it was,

**Resolved**

**To award the sum of £4500.00 to the Youth for Christ.**

**Reason**

**The application met the Youth Grant Criteria**

**DJ Workshops**

The sum of £3077.00 was requested by LoveSound to fund a series of workshops and a training course. The Local Youth Network recommended the £1000.00 be awarded to enable four workshops instead of three and in place of the proposed 12 week course, and requested an update to see if after the sessions young people were interested in such a course. On the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Edward Kirk, it was,

**Resolved**

**To award the sum of £1000.00 to LoveSound.**

**Reason**

**The application met the Youth Grant Criteria**

**Boomerang Project**

The sum of £3450.00 was requested by GOFISH to fund its Boomerang Project. The Local Youth Network £500.00 be awarded to help develop the project. On the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was,

**Resolved**

**To award the sum of £500.00 to GOFISH.**

**Reason**

**The application met the Youth Grant Criteria**

**Rent Support**

The sum of £2500.00 was requested by Trowbridge Sea Cadets for Rent support and equipment provision, with the £2000.00 referred to the community grants criteria). On the motion of Councillor Peter Fuller, seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve, it was,

**Resolved**

**To award the sum of £500.00 to the Trowbridge Sea Cadets.**

**Reason**

**The application met the Youth Grant Criteria**

7e	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>The notes from the latest meeting of the Community Area Transport Group were received. On the motion of Councillor Ernie Clark, seconded by Councillor David Halik, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To agree £1000.00 for Issue 6452, Conversion FP Trow 13 to allow cycling, subject to £500.00 contribution from Trowbridge Town Council.</b></p>
8	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates from partners were received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</b> The written update on the proposed precept rise was noted.</li> <li><b>ii. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</b> The video update was noted for circulation.</li> <li><b>iii. Wiltshire Police</b> The written report was noted and a further verbal update received from Inspector Andy Fee. It was stated that the local community policing team was seen as leading the way on tackling modern slavery and human trafficking, that training for officers on their new drone would take place soon, and that the request for further funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner, if approved, would supply an additional three officers for the community policing area, including Trowbridge.</li> <li><b>iv. Town and Parish Councils</b> The written update from Trowbridge Town Council was received. It was noted that although the policy and resources committee had been recommended to support the maternity provision proposal, it had in fact registered objections.  An update was provided from North Bradley, where it was stated a new councillor had been co-opted onto the council, the Neighbourhood Plan was shortly to begin its Regulation 14 consultation, and that discussion had been ongoing with Trowbridge Town council regarding the Grass Pitch development at Ashton Park.</li> <li><b>v. Safer and Supportive Communities Group</b> A meeting would be held in February 2019.</li> <li><b>vi. Health and Wellbeing Group</b> Updates on recent events were provided.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>vii. Trowbridge Wellbeing Centre Development Group</b></p> <p>The written update was noted, along with a further meeting to take place on 19 March 2019. It was stated a significant delay had been due to the Environment Agency delaying on necessary conditions for the site. It was proposed, and agreed, that the Community Engagement Manager should draft a letter from the Area Board noting the updates provided by the CCG as to the significant health investment that was intended to take place on the site, and that the Board believed that the Council should be making similarly significant efforts to deliver the site.</p>
9	<p><u>National Armed Forced Day</u></p> <p>A report was received on the preparations for the Wiltshire National Armed Forced Day events, which would take place in June 2019 in Salisbury. The report outlined suggested proposals for area board contributions to the events.</p> <p>After discussion, it was,</p> <p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p><b>To note the report and support the community participation in National Armed Forces Day 2019 events projects.</b></p>
10	<p><u>Bowers Site and County Hall East Wing</u></p> <p>There were no updates to report regarding the Bowers site development. In respect of East Wing updates were made under minute 5 during the presentation of the Cabinet Member and the Clinical Commissioning Group.</p>
11	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>At the conclusion of the meeting a presentation was made to the Community Engagement Manager, Mary Cullen, for whom it would be their last meeting with the council. The Board expressed its most sincere thanks and best wishes to Mary for all her sterling community work.</p>