

MINUTES

Meeting: Trowbridge Area Board
Place: The Cotswold Space - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge,
BA14 8JN
Date: 9 May 2019
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.05 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Total in attendance: 31

<u>Minute Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Councillor Graham Payne</u></p> <p>A minute's silence was held in remembrance of Councillor Graham Payne, Trowbridge Drynham Division, who had passed away on 24 March 2019. Councillor Payne had served as Chairman of the Area Board on numerous occasions and had represented Trowbridge at town, district, county and unitary level for many decades, being first elected to Wiltshire County Council in 1976.</p>
24	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Steve Oldrieve.</p>
25	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2019 were presented for consideration. For minute 14 the final two lines were deleted and the spelling of</p>

	<p>Trowbridge was corrected in Minute 19.</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>Subject to the amendments above, the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2019 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.</p>
26	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Ernie Clark declared a non-pecuniary interest for Minute 31 in respect of a grant by virtue of being a member of the Community Centre. He declared he would speak but not vote on the application.</p>
27	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The announcements as detailed in the agenda pack were noted.</p> <p>In respect of the consultation on Special Schools the Area Board resolved that the following view be communicated to the Cabinet of Wiltshire Council:</p> <p>That Trowbridge Area Board are pleased to note that the Council have withdrawn the notices to close Larkrise, St Nicholas and Rowdeford Schools. The Area Board are anxious for the Larkrise Special School to be retained in Trowbridge and call upon the Cabinet to reconsider its previous view and meet the needs and concerns expressed by the parents of the town by extending the provision in Trowbridge. This can be easily achieved by using the Ashton Street site.</p> <p>Attention was also drawn to the start of the annual 'Big Pledge' exercise event organised by the Council.</p>
28	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates from partners were received as follows:</p> <p>i. Wiltshire Police The written update was noted. Inspector Andy Fee was in attendance and provided further updates on an increase in the number of community coordinators for Trowbridge specifically as well as West Wiltshire generally. He noted the coordinators were key to the Community Policing Teams' engagement with local issues.</p> <p>The Area Board discussed the update and sought additional details, including on PCSO attendance at parish councils and enforcement of lower level criminal activity, and whether locally funded enforcement was a suitable approach given the focus of the police on higher priorities.</p> <p>ii. Dorset Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service The written update was noted.</p>

	<p>iii. Town and Parish Councils The written update from Trowbridge Town Council was noted, along with notice of the two vacancies on the Council. Updates were also received from Hilperton and North Bradley on matters such as progression of neighbourhood plans, attendance at the query into the housing sites allocations plan, and that a defibrillator had been installed at Hilperton village hall.</p> <p>iv. Local Youth Network It was stated that the Community Engagement Manager was now liaising with Trowbridge Community Area Future to attend youth sessions so that grant applications could be viewed and assessed directly by young people to make their views and priorities known.</p> <p>v. Trowbridge Wellbeing Centre Development Group Concerns were expressed by Colin Kay on behalf of the group that the principle contact at Wiltshire Council had now left the authority and they had not been communicated with by a new contact. The Community Engagement Manager stated they would discover who the best contact was and put them in communication.</p> <p>Concerns were also expressed at continued delays on the East Wing site in obtaining planning permission, particularly as the NHS had obtained capital funding for the site but that without an application there was a risk the funds could be reallocated.</p> <p>It was also stated an organisation called YouthZone had been contacted and they were interested in potentially contributing funds to the leisure aspects of the site.</p> <p>Resolved: That the Area Board write to the Cabinet to request further details on progress with the East Wing site.</p> <p>vi. Safer and Supportive Communities Group It was stated the group had now met since the last meeting and feedback would be obtained.</p> <p>vii. Health and Wellbeing Group The Area Board agreed that Councillor Stewart Palmen would be the Board representative to the group in place of Councillor Deborah Halik.</p>
29	<p><u>Trowbridge Weavers Market</u></p> <p>A presentation was received as attached to these minutes by Giles Nicholson in relation to plans to develop a monthly market in Trowbridge town centre to be known as Trowbridge Weavers Market.</p>

	<p>The Board was shown details of the planning that had been undertaken for the first even, planned for July 2019, including engagement with local businesses and other groups to secure quality stallholders and activities and coordinate with other events. The event was to be not for profit and after the first four events the organisers would review to see how things could be improved for next year. A wider communication plan would launch in June aimed at the public.</p> <p>The Board discussed the presentation and sought additional details on engagement with local traders, with it stated that the intention was not to compete with existing offerings but to help spotlight local businesses. It was confirmed that while applications for stalls from many places were being considered, as long as the quality met the required standards priority would be for local businesses and traders. There were also questions on target demographics.</p> <p>The Board thanked Mr Nicholson for his presentation and awaited further details as they emerged.</p>
30	<p><u>Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in Trowbridge</u></p> <p>A presentation was received from Jessica Thimbleby of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on work being carried out in partnership with the Council on recycling initiatives and other activities in the communities, working with Area Boards, schools and businesses. The presentation is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>The Board was updated on events including working with the Friends of Biss Meadows, contact with Selwood Housing for projects in Longfield, and a planned 'Waste-free' picnic event for 30 May 2019 subject to town council approval. There were also details provided generally of waste production and recycling within the county.</p> <p>The Board discussed the update and sought details of a Community Fridge project that had begun in Westbury and how this could be extended to other areas, and it was also raised that government consultation was underway on a scheme operating in some parts of the UK for machines which gave financial rewards for recycling materials.</p> <p>The Board thanked Jessica Thimbleby for her presentation.</p>
31	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>It was noted an application of £2000.00 for support to Trowbridge Weaver's Market had been approved under delegated powers by the Community Engagement Manager since the last meeting following consultation with Baord members.</p> <p>The Area Board considered the following applications:</p> <p><u>Alzheimer's Support</u></p>

The sum of £2500.00 was requested for building works to repair and make more accessible the access to the building. On the motion of Councillor Ernie Clark, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was,

Resolved

To award the sum of £2500.00 to the Alzheimer's Support

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria

Bethesda Baptist Church

The sum of £5000.00 was requested for various improvements community room used by local groups. On the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was,

Resolved

To award the sum of £5000.00 to Bethesda Baptist Church

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria

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The sum of £2500.00 was requested for a project to provide rucksacks of essential items for vulnerable families and young people. On the motion of Councillor Edward Kirk, seconded by Councillor David Halik, it was,

Resolved

To award the sum of £2500.00 to the Ruksak45218

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria

The Mead Primary School

The sum of £5000.00 was requested for construction of an art studio and meeting space. On the motion of Councillor Peter Fuller, seconded by Councillor Deborah Halik, it was,

Resolved

To not award the grant and to refer the application to Bradford-on-Avon Area Board

Reason

The application site was within the Bradford-on-Avon Community area.

Southwick Baptist Church

The sum of £500.00 was requested for a free introductory advice service based in Southwick in relation to debt and benefits advice. On the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was,

Resolved

To award the sum of £500.00 to Southwick Baptist Church

Reason

The application met the Community Grant Criteria

Sing a Longs

The sum of £180.00 was requested for improved music folders for the Sing a Longs group visiting nursing homes and hospices. On the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Peter Fuller, it was,

Resolved

To award the sum of £180.00 to Sing a Longs.

Reason

The application met the Community Grant Criteria

Paxcroft Mead Community Centre

The sum of £1532.80 was requested for refurbishment of the toilet facilities. On the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Peter Fuller, it was,

Resolved

To award the sum of £1532.80 to Paxcroft Mead Community Centre

Reason

The application met the Community Grant Criteria

Councillor Ernie Clark requested his abstention from voting be recorded.

Youth Grants

Trowbridge Community Area Future

The sum of £5000.00 was requested for the Brighter Aspirations Plus project. On the motion of Councillor Deborah Halik, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was,

Resolved:

To approve £5000.00 to Trowbridge Community Area Future

Reason:

The application met the Youth Grant Criteria

LoVe Sounds Music

The sum of £1876.00 was requested for the Love Sounds Music Project. On the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it

	<p>was,</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To approve £1876.00 to LoVe Sounds Music</p> <p><u>Reason:</u></p> <p>The application met the Youth Grant Criteria</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing Grants</u></p> <p><u>Wiltshire Music Centre</u> The sum of £1500.00 was requested for third year of the Celebrating Age project. On the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was,</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To approve £1500.00 to Wiltshire Music Centre</p> <p><u>Reason:</u></p> <p>The application met the Health and Wellbeing Grant Criteria</p>
32	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>The Board received the notes of the last meeting and would await notice from the town council if they would provide the matched funding for Issue 6452.</p>
33	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>