

MINUTES

Meeting: Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Place: On-Line Meeting
Date: 25 November 2020
Start Time: 6.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.00 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Chris Hurst,
Cllr Bob Jones MBE (Vice-Chair) and Cllr Jacqui Lay

Wiltshire Council Officers

Jane Vaughan – Community Engagement Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Manager

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
28	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to this on-line meeting of the RWB&C Area Board.</p> <p>The Area Board members introduced themselves.</p>
29	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mollie Groom.</p>
30	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30 September 2020 were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
31	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
32	<p><u>Impact of Covid-19 upon RWB&C community area</u></p> <p>Jane Vaughan – Community Engagement Manager outlined the current status of the area, based upon community discussions held as part of the last area board meeting and at other community meetings since.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Poverty, IT Poverty, Fuel Poverty • Access to Education and Training • Access to Transport • Access to Social & Cultural activities (to counter social isolation and loneliness) • Ongoing support of vulnerable individuals and families

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of local business • Monitor priorities and actions that emerge • Keeping the conversations going at future community meetings
33	<p><u>Innovating through COVID-19</u></p> <p>Cllr Allison Bucknell introduced various speakers who gave a flavour of their group/organisation's experiences during the pandemic throughout the RWB&C community area.</p> <p>Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Station Manager Wayne Presley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Assessed approach to 'Safe & Well' • Many firefighters were highly trained emergency response drivers and had supported the NHS in the driving of Ambulances • Staff had also worked with other partners across the Service area to provide food for those in need, face fit testing for those needing to wear masks and mortuary support roles when this was sadly needed • Going forward using Teams meetings more – saving resources and wasted time • Good work being carried out with the SW resilience group • Fire stations – no plans to close any at the present time <p>Local business – Daniel Howe (Dan's Deli)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During lockdown the business went on-line doing cheese tasting videos • The need to re-invent the businesses retail offering and start on-line interactions with customers • That the virtual cheese tasting sessions had been really well attended – a big following had built up • Future collaborations with other businesses, doing beer and cheese tasting with a cheese race also planned

Tinkers Lane Surgery – Robin Noel - slide

- That radical changes had to be brought in very quickly due to the lockdown
- That by and large, people were now buying into the wearing of masks
- That community nurses and practice nurses were now doing home visits to spread the load
- That virtual meeting technology was being used very effectively for many uses throughout the practice
- That drive/walk through clinics had been a great success

Library – Alison Kileen

- Delivering the library service in new and innovative models in line with government restrictions
- Onsite services - bookable public computer access, book browsing and signposting to essential council and partner services
- Digital services – enhanced offer including eLending, online activities and social media
- August to end of October library users had made 39,892 visits to libraries, with 6,301 computer bookings and borrowed 128,349 books
- That the Library offer focused to continue supporting loneliness, support mental health and children's learning and digital access
- Planning to move libraries back to a browsing model where possible when lockdown ends on 2 December

Local Area Coordinator – Francis Barrone

- Business as usual with 40 plus people currently being sign posted to help
- Many of the people have been helped on-line due to the covid restrictions
- Lots of Whatsapp and social media use going on

- When the guidelines change It will be back to face to face meetings where applicable
- That virtual meeting platforms had been really good way for connecting up people
- Lots of different challenges that people were facing during the pandemic, that getting people together in virtual groups had been wonderful for self esteem etc
- That collaboration was key to local area coordination – very diverse and varied

Children’s Centre, supporting families – Deb Skelton - slide

- Developing Online interventions – adapting all delivery of services to be digitally delivered
- Helping users to use the new technology
- That lots of staff training was now being delivered virtually – staff and services changing to an on-line service delivery
- That Facebook followers had increased massively
- That community partners had been brilliant to work with during the pandemic

Rise Youth, Supporting Young People – Danielle Blake –

- Issues for families during the pandemic with home schooling challenges, parental conflicts, domestic abuse, mental health and loneliness issues, parenting difficulties and money worries
- Outreach Support with tailored virtual methods and Dad’s more involved
- Face to face visits outside
- Covid secure home visits
- That the centre was open – safe space
- Support calls “Funded 2yr olds” and vulnerable children

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of resource, activity packs, food and nappies etc • Interventions now being delivered virtually, including, child development, parenting courses, breastfeeding support group, domestic abuse awareness, and new parent courses <p>Detached youth services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together with local partners such as Town councils, Police and the CEMS, ensuring that the youth work was delivered in the correct areas and was focused on the wellbeing of the young people • Offering young people a listening ear, asking them how they are? What support would you like? • Engage all the young people we meet to offer a listening ear and signposting to other services as needed. Offering a safe space where young people are. • That good outreach work had been carried out during the pandemic <p>Army Welfare Service – Amy Dallimore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upping our game using social media platforms, delivering targeted and universal provision via Zoom to service families in Lyneham and wider SW area since May 2020 • That the Community Centre should be reopening in the near future • Looking to set up an Adult support group at Lyneham <p>Cllr Bucknell felt that there had been lots of great connectivity coming through from all the presenters, thanks to everyone for sharing your experiences.</p>
34	<p><u>Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Experiences</u></p> <p>Cllr Allison Bucknell advised that that the Area Board was keen that the Town and Parish Councils share their experiences and update the Area Board as to what has worked for them during the pandemic.</p>
35	<p><u>Grant Funding</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme as follows:</p> <p>Decision</p>

	<p>Allsorts Pre-school & Nursery awarded £2,953 for Wheelchair Access ramps and Fire Exits</p> <p>Decision Royal Wootton Bassett Local Youth Network awarded £934.80 for Second hand uniform initiative</p> <p>Decision The Friends of Lydiard Park awarded £1,000 for Lydiard Tregoze Grave Matters Digital local history project</p> <p>To note the allocation of funds and adjustments of previous projects supported under delegated authority:</p> <p>The Rise Trust awarded £320 for Pop-up Youth Engagement sessions in Lyneham, during the half term period, October 2020</p>
36	<p><u>Police & Crime Update</u></p> <p>Angus Macpherson – Police & Crime Commissioner gave a brief presentation.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner had remained in post for a further 12 months due to the pandemic. • That an updated police & crime plan and annual report had now been produced. • Operation Uplift - the national announcement of a further 20,000 police officers to be achieved by March 2023. The police service had been asked to introduce 2,000 extra officers by March 2020, rising to 6,000 extra officers by March 2021. • Policing during the pandemic - The Government had provided the police service with additional powers to police regulations issued because of the pandemic. The detail of these powers had changed on a number of occasions, Wiltshire Police followed the College of Policing guidance to Engage, Explain and Encourage, only Enforcing as a last resort. • All Fixed Penalty Notices issued were scrutinised both for correct use of the legal powers and for proportionality. Wiltshire had led the way in the latter, and in the transparency it demonstrated in reporting this. Only a small proportion of the FPNs had been rescinded

	<p>Inspector Doug Downing outlined the written Police update contained in the agenda pack.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Commissioner and Inspector Downing for their updates.</p>
37	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group Update</u></p> <p>The following decisions and updates contained in the report dated 7 October 2020 were noted by the Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discount social distancing schemes 2 and 8. • To close the following Issues:5915, 6545, 6642, 6710, 6928. • To move Parish priorities to the A list as follows: Cricklade #11-20-05 dropped kerbs Water Eaton #11-20-06 gates/signs and road markings • To move Parish priorities to the B list as follows: Broad Town #15-09-20; Pye Lane pedestrian improvements; Lydiard Tregoz #11-19-08; Coped Hall 40 mph limit. • To refer the following to the Minor Signage Scheme: Latton #11-20-01 Vet Signs; Lydiard Tregoz #11-19-07; Flaxlands Lane signage; Tockenham #11-19-06 pedestrian access at C120; Tockenham #aa-19-05 pedestrian access at C130; Royal Wootton Bassett #11-19-01 cemetery signs; Clyffe Pypard #11-20-04 small animal signs. <p>In addition the Area Board was asked to make a formal decision about the progress of this issue:</p> <p>Issue 5083 PURTON:</p> <p>Submitted 10/01/2017 Road priorities at Tadpole Lane, B4533 and the C70</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion about the progression of this issue. For some it felt that an experimental order to close the access was a good idea, for others it did not.</p> <p>The CATG had been trying to find a solution for at least 4 years and the chair suggested it should be sent to the Area Board for a decision whether to progress with an experimental order for 12 months.</p> <p>It was felt important that the Area Board was also informed of the maximum cost likely to be incurred. Provide a figure for 12-month trial period.</p>

	<p>Highways officers have reported that a 12 month experimental order would cost £15,000</p> <p><i>Note: Cllr Bob Jones was not happy with the proposal, and advised that Cricklade Town Council were not supportive of the proposal</i></p>
38	<p><u>Written Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The following written partner updates contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricklade Town Council • Purton Parish Council • Royal Wootton Bassett Local Youth Network
39	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board would be held on Wednesday 10 March 2021.</p>