

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Corsham Area Board  
**Place:** On-Line meeting  
**Date:** 21 January 2021  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.20 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Brian Mathew (Chairman) and Cllr Philip Whalley

### **Wiltshire Council**

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager

Kevin Fielding – Democratic Service Officer

**Total in attendance: 24**

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| <u>Minute No.</u> | <u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>   |
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| 36                | <p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the on-line meeting and introduced the councillors and officers present.</p>  |
| 37                | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Ben Anderson – Wiltshire Council.</p>  |
| 38                | <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2020 were approved as the correct record</b></li> </ul>   |
| 39                | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>  |
| 40                | <p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman outlined the following chairman's announcements contained in the agenda pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Us Weight Management Programme</li> <li>• Covid-19 Update</li> <li>• Local Plan Review and Traveller Local Plan Consultations</li> </ul>  |
| 41                | <p><u>Wiltshire Police Precept</u></p> <p>Angus Macpherson – Police &amp; Crime Commissioner gave a short presentation outlining the Wiltshire Police precept consultation.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That all residents supported a £15 per household, a year, rise on a band D property in the policing part of council tax for 2021/22. This equated to</li> </ul> |

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|    | <p>an extra £1.25 a month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That even with the £15 increase, Wiltshire Police would still be asking for a lower precept contribution than any other Force in the South West.</li> </ul> <p>A short film outlining the precept and public consultation survey could be found at:</p> <p>PCC Precept Video - <a href="https://youtu.be/eRMtE_YxdWk">https://youtu.be/eRMtE_YxdWk</a></p> <p>Public consultation survey - <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PNHBKSG">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PNHBKSG</a></p> <p>Points made by the Area Board included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That there were concerns over the loss of the local teams and their intelligence during this period of cutbacks.</li> <li>• That Corsham officers were extremely good – but had had a busy time during the pandemic.</li> <li>• That there were concerns over the future of policing with the budgets available.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Angus Macpherson for all his hard work carried out during his tenure as the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner.</p> |
| 42 | <p><u>The Census 2021 for England and Wales in relation to Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Jonny Corbett – Census Engagement Manager – power point</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the census was a survey that happened every 10 years and everyone took part.</li> <li>• That the Office of National Statistics was responsible for the census in England and Wales.</li> <li>• That the census was important because it gave the most detailed information we had about our society.</li> <li>• Scotland and Northern Ireland hold their own around the same time.</li> </ul>  |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the census provided information that government needed to shape policy, allocate resources, plan services and monitor equality</li> <li>• Any questions about our partnership activities with local authorities please email at <a href="mailto:2021Census.LA.liaison@ons.gov.uk">2021Census.LA.liaison@ons.gov.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>Bookmark the Census 2021 website: <a href="http://www.census.gov.uk">www.census.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Follow us on social Media <a href="https://twitter.com/Census2021">#Census2021</a></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Jonny Corbett for his presentation.</p>  |
| 43 | <p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>To receive any updates from the following partners:</p> <p>Wiltshire Police – written outlined by Sgt Ho Tsang</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That a small number of tickets had been issued to members of public who had blatantly breached the Covid legislation. There had been dedicated patrols allocated.</li> <li>• That officers were conducting speed checks at various locations across the sector. The locations were identified predominately based on intelligence</li> <li>• That CPT had, and was currently targeting a local drug dealer within Chippenham and Corsham. 1 male had been arrested due after a warrant was executed. A small quantity of drugs, money and a devise believed to be a S5 firearm were seized.</li> <li>• That officers had been conducting regular visits to enforce a closure order on a premises which had attracted drug users within the area.</li> <li>• That officers were currently working with a number of regular missing young people along with other agencies to reduce missing episodes and reduce the risk of harm to them.</li> <li>• County Lines – No known county lines in our CPT at the moment.</li> <li>• That officers were currently looking at closures on properties that were being used to deal drugs in the local area.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Sgt Tsang for his update</p> |

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|    | <p>Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – The written report was noted</p> <p>Corsham TC and Colerne PC – The written reports were noted</p> <p>Box PC – Tony Clarke</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That residents were pleased that the Thickwood path had been re-surfaced.</li> <li>• That a Task force had been set up and had been working with Gigaclear to make changes with underground cabinets and the relocating of some bigger cabinets to more suitable locations.</li> </ul> <p>Healthwatch &amp; CCG – The written reports were noted.</p>   |
| 44 | <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:</p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/> <b>Colerne RFC awarded £5,000 for new shower facilities</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/> <b>Colerne RFC awarded £4,385 for Perimeter Fence and training on condition that Colerne PC match funds this application</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/> <b>Bleeding Nora awarded £1,000 from the Health &amp; Wellbeing budget for When Dolly Met Dom</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/> <b>Corsham Community Club awarded £2,000 from the Health &amp; Wellbeing budget for Bring back the Smile</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/> <b>Portable Wellbeing Studio awarded £2,500 from the Youth funding budget for Portable Wellbeing School at Corsham School</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/> <b>Will Lawton awarded £1,800 from the Youth funding budget for Music Therapy to support vulnerable students at Corsham School on the condition that match funding from Corsham School was forthcoming</b></p> |

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|    | <p><b>Decision</b><br/> <b>Spindles awarded £1,212 from the Youth funding budget for Corsham Cycling Youth Network CYGNETS</b></p>  |
| 45 | <p><u>Working Group updates and requests for funding</u></p> <p>Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 November 2020 were noted.</li> <li>• That there was £8,000 left in youth funding budget</li> <li>• Cllr Phil Whalley was thanked for re-energising the youth network</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing group – Kevin Gaskin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the group continued to meet connecting the villages and Town.</li> <li>• That the group had last met on Wednesday 20 January 2021.</li> <li>• That there continued to be ongoing concerns re loneliness, financial hardship and mental health during the pandemic.</li> <li>• Speaking with local surgeries re the vaccination program</li> </ul> <p>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 2 December 2020 were noted.</li> </ul> |
| 46 | <p><u>Public Question time</u></p> <p>There were no public questions.</p>   |
| 47 | <p><u>Close</u></p>   |