

MINUTES

Meeting: Amesbury Area Board

Place: Online Meeting

Date: 14 January 2021

Start Time: 6.30 pm

Finish Time: 7.45 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Mike Hewitt (Vice-Chair), Cllr John Smale,
Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill (Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Jaquai Abbott (Community Engagement Manager), Dominic Argar (Assistant
Multimedia Officer) and Tara Shannon (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

Partners

Wiltshire Police
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Highways England
MOD

Total in attendance: 24 in the meeting and 2 watching the live stream

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
61	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>Cllr Mike Hewitt, Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board and invited Cllrs to introduce themselves.</p>
62	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neill Page (DIO Army Basing Programme Lead)
63	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 19 November 2020 were presented for consideration and it was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve the minutes as a correct record.</p>
64	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
65	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Us Weight Management Programme The written update on the Healthy Us Weight Programme was noted. • COVID-19 Community Packs The latest COVID-19 figures were shown to the meeting, and the stay at home message reiterated. Details regarding the updated community pack were given and the pack could be found here www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus#community-pack. • Census 2021 The written update on the 2021 Census was noted. • Local Plan Review Consultation Attendees were encouraged to take part in the Local Plan Review consultation and the Gypsy and Traveller Consultation which were running until 9 March 2021. Further information could be found in the agenda supplement or online here: https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-

[policy-local-plan-review.](#)

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Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils

Updates were received from the following partners:

- **Wiltshire Police**

Dean Knight, Amesbury Inspector was in attendance and gave an update to the meeting. It was stated that crime figures were down. Several warrants had been executed resulting in the seizure of drugs and locating a vulnerable missing person. A joint operation with the Royal Military Police had been undertaken in order to combat 4x4's driving on Salisbury Plain. Dog thefts were raised as there had been a lots of reports on social media regarding this. It was explained that there had been 17 reports of dog thefts in the whole of Wiltshire in the last year. Therefore, whilst not diminishing the issue dog thefts were not thought to be as prevalent as one would think from social media.

In response to questions it was stated that the money raised from COVID-19 fixed penalty notices did not go back to local forces directly but went into a national pot. So, there was no financial incentive to issue the notices. Regarding increased traffic levels compared to the first lock down and whether people were stopped to ask where they were coming from or going to, it was explained that all forces were moving from education to enforcement. There were patrols focusing on the issue, but these were currently intelligence led rather than patrolling certain routes.

- **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Jerry Herbert, deputy PCC gave details regarding the role of the PCC and what had been delivered by the PCC in the last year, including increased numbers of officers, a new rural crime team and investing in resources to counter cyber-crime. The PCC was proposing a raise in police precept. It was explained that the maximum increase that was allowed to the police precept was £15 a year for a band D property, which was what the PCC was asking for. This equated to a band D property seeing an increase of £1.25 a month. It was highlighted that Wiltshire Police were the third lowest nationally funded force in the country. The extra £15 a year would help to fund an increase in officers and bolster community policing teams. The PCC was consulting on the proposals. More information could be found at www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk and the survey was located at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PNHBKSG> and was open until 2 February 2021. It was confirmed that these details would be sent out in the weekly newsletter from the Community Engagement Manager.

Cllr Wright stated that the Police offered very good value for money and felt that the PCC should do more to promote their successes. Mr Herbert agreed and stated that if any Members had thoughts on how better they should communicate they should let the PCC know. Likewise, if any parishes had newsletters and they would like the PCC to input updates

for, then they should get in touch.

- **MOD/Military Civilian Integration**

Lt Col Nick Turner gave an update. Some local units had been deployed to other locations to help with testing. Stringent rules were being followed on base in order to help prevent the spread of COVID. Following the last meeting Lt Col Turner had circulated details to the Members on fly tipping. Wg Cdr Vincent Thomas stated that Boscombe Down was quiet at the moment due to COVID-19.

- **A303 Highways England**

Marcia Daniels and Esther Gordon Smith gave an update to the meeting. It was explained that the Stonehenge project for the A303 was given consent in November. The preliminary works contractor (Osbourne) and archaeology contactor (Wessex Archaeology) had been appointed. In late spring/early summer 2021 preliminary works would start, in late 2021/2022 the main works contractor would be announced, and the main works should start in 2022/23. More details on the timeline would be available soon. Virtual public information events would be held in order to keep local people informed and involved. Local small and medium enterprises were encouraged to sign up to the [Highways England](#) business directory so that they could get involved in the supply chain for the project. In response to questions it was stated that the Save the Stonehenge World Heritage Site group had applied for a Judicial Review (JR) to the Department of Transport, Highways England were an interested party. It was confirmed that the project would continue while the JR process continued. It was confirmed that the road would be kept open during construction and that disruption would be minimised. It was explained that the designated funds scheme could be used to fund local projects, for example the Solstice Park cycle route and Esther Gordon-Smith would be the contact for the scheme.

- **Healthwatch Wiltshire**

A written report was attached to the agenda.

- **Wiltshire CCG**

A written report was attached to the agenda.

- **Town and Parish Councils**

At the invitation of the Vice-Chairman, Jan Tidd of Farleys Malone gave an update on a successful virtual Christmas Lunch that had been undertaken with the help of Amesbury Area Board grant funding.

Cllr Wright gave an update on behalf of Durrington Town Council who had recently installed some Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) which had dramatically helped to reduce speeding. Durrington Town Council passed on their thanks to the board for funding received.

	<p>Jacqui Abbott (Amesbury Community Engagement Manager) gave an update to the meeting. It was explained that the Community Status Report was a way to refresh local priorities so that the board concentrated their efforts on projects relevant to local residents. The officer had undertaken many discussion with local organisations and groups and combined this with data from various sources and partners, such as public health data in order to identify priorities.</p> <p>The top five emerging issues were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour • Highway infrastructure and maintenance • Accessible, positive activities for all ages – building these back up after Covid-19 • Environment and carbon reduction / Waste and recycling / fly-tipping • Mental Health and Wellbeing support all ages <p>It was suggested that having five top priority issues to concentrate on may be a good way forward, and an action plan would be developed. The report was to be a fluid document that could be updated regularly and would be brought back to future area boards for discussion.</p>
68	<p><u>Area Board Re-Naming</u></p> <p>Details were given regarding a survey that was taking place in order to gather views on the whether the Area Board should change its name. The survey would close on 31 January and residents and parishes were encouraged to take part.</p> <p>It was stated that as of 13 January, 14 responses had been received, which were summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 responses favoured renaming to Stonehenge Area Board • 1 favoured not changing the name from Amesbury Area Board • 3 other name suggestions were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salisbury Plain South Area Board ○ Stonehenge Community Area Board ○ Avon and Till Valleys Area Board <p>Once the survey has closed the issue would need to come back to a future area board meeting to be discussed and for a formal recommendation to be made. Once that had occurred the proposal would then need go to the Electoral Review Committee and on to Full Council for approval.</p>
69	<p><u>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Cllr Hewitt stated that there had not been a meeting of the CATG since the last area board. Parishes should register any issues so that they could be raised at the next meeting, which was taking pace on 26 February 2021.</p>
70	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group</u></p>

	<p>Cllr Wright gave a brief update and gave the dates for the next four HWBG meetings as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 4 February 10am – 11.30am • Tuesday 4 May 10am – 11.30am • Wednesday 4 August 10am – 11.30am • Thursday 4 November 10am – 11.30am <p>Several small grants had been awarded under the delegated authority of the CEM over the Christmas period to enable some very worthwhile projects to take place. Future applications were encouraged.</p> <p>It was,</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To note that the following grants had been awarded under the delegated authority of the Community Engagement Manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figheldean Parish Council. £300.00 towards helping the vulnerable. • Winterbourne Stoke Village Preservation Society, £313.30 towards their Elderly Parishioner Welfare Package. • Durrington Over Sixties, £300.00 towards their Durrington Over Sixties Post COVID Celebration. • Durrington and District Day Centre, £300.00 towards their Gifts for members at Christmas project. • Support for Vulnerable and Lonely in the Winterbournes, £300 towards food parcels for lonely, isolated and vulnerable villagers
71	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Cllr Fred Westmoreland introduced the grant applications as detailed in the agenda.</p> <p>Representatives of the organisations applying for grants spoke in support of their applications.</p> <p>The board considered the applications for Community Area Grant funding and Youth Grant funding and it was;</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>Community area Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To award Shrewton Cricket Club, £5,000.00 towards a Ride on Outfield Triple Mower. <p>Youth Grants</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To award the Army Welfare Service, £2,000.00 towards School Holiday Activities and Trips.
72	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
73	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and announced that the next meeting of the area board would be held on 18 March 2021 at 6.30pm.</p>

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