

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Corsham Area Board  
**Place:** Join the On-Line meeting here  
**Date:** 18 March 2021  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.25pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Brian Mathew (Chairman) and  
Cllr Philip Whalley (Vice-Chairman)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager  
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Service Officer

**Total in attendance: 20**

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| <u>Minute No..</u> | <u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>  |
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| 48                 | <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>  |
| 49                 | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence</p>   |
| 50                 | <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 Thursday 21 January 2021 were approved as the correct record</b></li> </ul>  |
| 51                 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Phil Whalley declared interests in the following grant applications, Cllr Whalley would debate but not vote on the applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corsham Cricket Club coaching</li> <li>• Pound Arts Thrive project</li> <li>• Pound Arts Trust Ltd Community Arts Centre Improvements</li> </ul> |
| 52                 | <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>• Foster Caring</li> <li>• Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme</li> <li>• Become a Councillor</li> </ul>  |

Partner Updates

To receive any updates from the following partners:

Wiltshire Police – written update contained in the agenda pack was noted

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – written update contained in the agenda pack was noted

Transcoco – Adam Walton

Points made included:

- That Corsham continued to be a Fairtrade town
- Currently working with Pound Arts re carbon reduction project
- Still trying to get the Corsham Community garden project green lit
- Working with Corsham Town Council re car sharing electric cars
- Working with Wiltshire Climate Alliance - sharing ideas with similar climate friendly groups
- Hope to re-start community litter picking picks after 12/4, re the covid legislation
- Community Drinking water scheme – up and running, when covid regs ease up. Hope to refresh the scheme with businesses that had signed up to the scheme

Town & Parish Councils

Corsham TC – written update contained in the agenda pack was noted

Box PC – written update contained in the agenda pack was noted

Colerne PC – written update contained in the agenda pack was noted

Healthwatch & CCG – written update contained in the agenda pack was noted

The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates

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| 54 | <p><u>Pickwick Conservation Area Appraisal</u></p> <p>Tony Clarke – Pickwick Association gave a short presentation outlining the Pickwick Conservation Area</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Wiltshire Council was very heavily committed elsewhere at the present time</li> <li>• That planning applications continue to flood in and are judged, in part, by a substantially outdated Conservation Area Appraisal</li> <li>• That the Pickwick Association had offered – and the Council has supported the offer to prepare an up-to- date and comprehensive Appraisal</li> <li>• That the Town Council had been immensely helpful in providing funds for research and access to their mapping contractor</li> </ul> <p>Why the need for an Appraisal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That It had been clear since Gladman that Pickwick was vulnerable to speculative planning applications unless our defences are in order</li> <li>• That the key part was to have in place a systematic and properly argued plan which could be adopted by Wilts Council as a supplementary planning tool</li> <li>• That an up to date Appraisal of the Pickwick Conservation Area was such a plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision</b><br/> <b>That the Area Board commended the Pickwick Conservation Area project</b><br/> <i>Note: that a letter would be sent to Wiltshire Council advising this</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Tony Clarke for his presentation and felt that Wiltshire Council needed to support the project, as did the Area Board</p> |
| 55 | <p><u>Working Group Updates</u></p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – Kevin Gaskin, Health and Wellbeing Champion</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pleased to have continued to meet online over the past 12 months forging stronger links across and into the community area</li> <li>• Fewer calls for volunteer support but links to volunteers remain as do</li> </ul>   |

their links to those that had needed help

- That while group meetings were on hold there had been very positive and innovative move to online activities – Pound Arts, Wiltshire CIL, Carers Support among them
- That Pound Arts Feel Good Pack continues to be an excellent resource, well received and the subject of BBC Radio Wiltshire attention
- That practical support continued through the likes of Food Bank, LINK and Corsham Baptist's Souper Friday
- Ongoing work with Celebrating Age including – Online Concerts, Outdoor Concerts, Creative Conversations
- That the group were fully supportive of the Corsham Town Council initiative to set up a Health and Wellbeing Working Group as a focus for activities and support in the Town

#### **Decision**

**Noticing Nature for Celebrating Age awarded £1,500 with matched funding from Corsham Town Council**

Local Youth Network – Cllr Phil Whalley

Points made included:

- That the LYN was re-launched November 2020
- That the second meeting had been held March 2021
- That over 15 organisations were now involved including Pound Arts, Springfield Campus, Corsham Library, Corsham Youth Zone, The Green Room Box, Town Council, MOD, Corsham School, Co-op and the Area Board
- Good collaborative working and emerging projects – Music Therapy, Portable Wellbeing Studio, Cygnets Cycle Group
- Priority for 2021 – Youth Needs Assessment

#### **Decision**

**Pound Arts Thrive project awarded £4,250**

***Note: That a questionnaire element was included as part of the project***

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|    | <p><b>Decision</b><br/><b>Stay Safe Initiative / Corsham School awarded £3,389</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/><b>Corsham Cricket Club coaching awarded £895</b></p> <p>Community Area Transport Group – Cllr Ruth Hopkinson</p> <p>That the CATG report dated Thursday 4 March 2021 contained in the agenda pack were noted</p>  |
| 56 | <p><u>Community Grants and funding</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:</p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/><b>Lane Playing Fields Ltd awarded £3,145 for Replacement External doors</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/><b>Colerne Village Hall Association awarded £3,500 for Replacement Windows</b><br/><i>(Note; that the Area Board would discuss the way forward for Town &amp; Parish Council match funding at the June Area Board meeting)</i></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/><b>Pound Arts Trust Ltd awarded £5,000 for Community Arts Centre Improvements</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/><b>FC Colerne Colts awarded £1,870.50 for FC Colerne Colts U11 New team goals</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b><br/><b>Springboard Chippenham awarded £1,254.55 for Outdoor safe space</b></p> |
| 57 | <p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Cllr Phil Whalley &amp; Cllr Ben Anderson were thanked for their hard work and dedication as members of the Corsham Area Board</p> <p>Cllr Phil Whalley thanked everyone and felt that it had been a real privilege to be involved in the Corsham community area</p> <p>Cllr Ben Anderson thanked everyone and was proud that the Corsham Area</p>   |

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|    | Board had always found a way to work cross party to improve the Corsham community area |
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