

MINUTES

Meeting: Corsham Area Board
Place: Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Road, Corsham,
SN13 9DN
Date: 10 October 2024
Start Time: 19.00pm
Finish Time: 21.10pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson
Cllr Helen Belcher OBE
Cllr Derek Walters
Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP

Wiltshire Council Officers

Max Hirst – Democratic Services Officer
Alexa Davies – Engagement and Partnerships Lead

Partners

Perry Payne – Wiltshire and Swindon Road & Safety Partnership
Acting Inspector Jamie Ball – Wiltshire Police

Total in attendance: 18

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
15	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
16	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
17	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2024 were presented for consideration and it was:</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To approve and sign as a true and correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2024.</p>
18	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
19	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave an update on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Living Update • Springfield Campus • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service Response • Corsham Health Centre
20	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthwatch Wiltshire Annual Report 23/24 • Community First • BSW Together (Integrated Care System) • FACT Transitional Safeguarding Project • FACT Family Help Project • Wiltshire Youth Council
21	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The following written updates were noted and attached to the agenda:</p>

	<p>Corsham Town Council Box Parish Council Lacock Parish Council</p> <p>Coleerne Parish Council gave a written update which was attached to the minutes.</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Police</u></p> <p>Acting Inspector Jamie Ball presented a PowerPoint presentation which was attached to the minutes.</p> <p>The Board thanked Jamie for the level of engagement that had been shown with local villages and for a comprehensive and largely positive update.</p> <p>It was clarified that Wiltshire Police were always looking to learn and to prevent rather than react.</p> <p><u>Wiltshire and Swindon Road & Safety Partnership</u></p> <p>Perry Payne spoke through a PowerPoint presentation which was attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Councillors thanked Perry for his presentation.</p> <p>Councillors raised concerns over speeding in the area, especially late at night, that is not only dangerous for drivers but also puts local residents off from cycling and/or walking near busy roads.</p> <p>It was clarified that for the WSRSP, education was a significant priority when addressing speeding. Auto Speed Recognition Devices were also discussed, and it was noted that a national report was due on the subject.</p>
22	<p><u>Priority Updates</u></p> <p>The Board's Councillors gave an update on their respective Priority Areas:</p> <p>Youth engagement and positive activity opportunities (Cllr Helen Belcher)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Local Youth Network Meeting was held at Corsham School on 8 October 2024 <p>Addressing climate change (Cllr Derek Walters)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of HUG2 Retrofit and Solar Panel Scheme • Noted an increased rate in electric vehicles leading to reduced emissions

	<p>Promoting wellbeing and reducing social isolation in older and vulnerable people (Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Engagement and Partnerships Team attended Cosham Town Council's AGE UK outreach and Training meeting <p>Supporting the local economy (Cllr Ruth Hopkinson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of Rural Hubs funding/support • The Household Support Fund and Corsham Foodbank was promoted • A local Cost of Living Support leaflet was being produced • A Business Breakfast event had been held
23	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Prospect Estate Community requested £1000 towards maintenance on a defibrillator.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Helen Belcher OBE and seconded by Cllr Ruth Hopkinson</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award Prospect Estate Community £1000 towards maintenance on a defibrillator, on the condition that both matched funding and an electricity supplier is found <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.</p> <p>Wiltshire Rural Music requested £750 towards Keep Music in Mind</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP and seconded by Cllr Derek Walters</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award Wiltshire Rural Music £750 towards Keep Music in Mind <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.</p> <p>Wiltshire Music Centre requested £750 towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Helen Belcher OBE and seconded by Cllr Derek Walters</p> <p>It was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> To award Wiltshire Music Centre £750 towards Celebrating Age Wiltshire <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.</p>

	<p>Grant Application ABG1991 from Inclusive Intergenerational Dance was deferred to the next meeting</p> <p>Grant Application AB1997 from SMASH Youth Project was deferred to the next meeting.</p>
24	<p><u>Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Board considered the notes and recommendations from the recent meeting of the Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group (LHFIG) which took place on 10 July 2024.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Derek Walters and seconded by Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP it was:</p> <p><u>Resolved</u></p> <p>To approve the recommendations from the meeting of the Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group on 10 July 2024.</p>
25	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 12 December 2024</p>