

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board – Wednesday 28 March 2012

Chairman's Announcements

Wiltshire Voices – Memory Event

Cllr Jacqui Lay recently organised an event within the Wiltshire Voices Project for persons experiencing poor memory and which was held at Noremarsch Hotel Royal Wootton Bassett on 2 March 2012.

Details of the event which was very successful are included separately under task group updates but I would like to record the Area Board's formal thanks to Jacqui for having organised this event.

Area Board Meeting Format

The Area Board has, as those attending will be aware, recently been trialling a new format of format for meetings.

This has included a separate business meeting followed after a refreshment break by a separate session incorporating any detailed presentations.

The Area Board would be interested in having any feedback on this meeting format which will in any event be reviewed during the May 2012 Area Board Meeting. Any advance comments would be welcomed and can be submitted either to our Democratic Services Officer Penny Bell Bell, (penny.bell@wiltshire.gov.uk) or to the Chairman Cllr Peter Doyle (peter.doyle@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Cotswold Water Park Joint Committee

Governance arrangements for the Cotswold Water Park have recently been reviewed by the principal local authorities with responsibility for the Water Park (Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Cotswold District and Swindon Borough).

The Joint Committee on 16 March 2012 decided to recommend to the constituent local authorities that the Joint Committee be dissolved from 31 March 2012.

New Governance arrangements will provide for the inclusion of CWP responsibilities within the portfolio of a cabinet member from each of the Local Authorities, a joint Officer Liaison Group and a new Parish Liaison Framework Panel. The new arrangements have the full support of all four principal local authorities.

The function of the Officer Liaison Group will focus on the implementation of the CWP Strategic Review and the Masterplan (2009); liaison over funding and delivery agreements, cross boundary issues and liaison on support for the local community enabling cohesive neighbourhood and community planning.