

Marlborough Area Parish Forum
Dunsford house
Uffcott
Wiltshire, SN4 9NB

Tel: 01793 731 329
Mob: 0787 969 0400
Email: jamesakeith@tiscali.co.uk

Andrew Jack
Marlborough Community Area Manager
Marlborough Communities, Libraries, Heritage & Arts
Wiltshire Council

6th May 2012

Dear Andrew

MAB Meeting - 29th May 2012

The Parish forum would like to submit the following comments in relation to the agenda item "Area Board Development".

- There has been real improvement in Board Meetings – in particular growth in local content, reduction of presentation lengths and increased conciseness and reduction in paper.
- If further improvements were possible then it should focus on:
 - Reduction in usage of meetings to communicate Wiltshire Council information
 - Partners (Police, Fire etc) only to answer questions if required.
 - Partner analysis comments by exception only
 - Increased debate (it was noted that the Wiltshire core Strategy was not debated)
- Clarity in grant process – concerns about governance
- Post-expenditure feed-back from grant recipients (it was noted that this was a Board aim as well)
- The Forum hoped that the Board would maintain the principle of only one presentation per meeting, and the "3 slide" rule.

Yours sincerely,

James Keith
Marlborough Area Parish Forum