

MINUTES

Meeting: WARMINSTER AREA BOARD
Place: Chapmanslade Village Hall, High Street, Chapmanslade,
Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 4AP
Date: 5 July 2012
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.30 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Andrew Davis (Chairman), Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Keith Humphries,
Cllr Christopher Newbury and Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe (Vice Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Jacqui Abbott, Warminster Community Area Manager
Stuart Figini, Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Council Representatives

Warminster Town Council – Heather Abernathie, Rob Fryer
Bishopstrow Parish Council – Sheila Thomson
Chapmanslade Parish Council – Jill Willmot, Councillor Francis Moorland
Chitterne Parish Council – Mike Lucas
Horningsham Parish Council – Sarah Jeffries
Longbridge Deverill and Crockerton Parish Council – Sarah Jeffries
Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council – Sarah Jeffries
Upper Deverills Parish Council – Sarah Jeffries

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Lindsey Winter
Community Area Partnership

Community Area Young People Issue Group (CAYPIG)

Others

Warminster and Villages Community Development Trust – Michael Mounde

Youth Service – Sandra Samuels, P. Paterson, S. Burton, Gary Welsh

Wiltshire Involvement Network – Jetta Feund

Public – Ian Willmot

Total in attendance: 21

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Election of Chairman</u></p> <p>Councillor Andrew Davis was elected Chairman of the Area Board for the forthcoming municipal year.</p>
2.	<p><u>Election of Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philipe was elected Vice-Chairman of the Area Board for the forthcoming municipal year.</p>
3.	<p><u>Appointment to Outside Bodies</u></p> <p>The Board considered the appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups, set out in the Appendix to the report, which were made by the Area Board in 2009 and would continue for the forthcoming year 2012/13.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the current appointments to Outside Bodies for 2012/13, as detailed below be noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Andrew Davis - Warminster and Westbury CCTV Partnership • Councillor Keith Humphries - Warminster Town Plan Steering Group • Councillor Pip Ridout - Warminster Youth Issues Group (CAYPIGS) • Councillor Fleur de Rhé-Philipe - Community Area Partnership 2. That the Community Area Transport Group be reconstituted with the membership as detailed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Andrew Davis – Chairman (Wiltshire Council) • Mike Lucas (Chitterne Parish Clerk) • Spencer Drinkwater (Wiltshire Council officer) • Steve Wilson (Wiltshire Council officer) • Martin Rose (Wiltshire Council officer) • Phil Jefferson (Chapmanslade Parish Clerk) • Jill Willmot (Chapmanslade Parish Council) • Sarah Jefferies (Maiden Bradley Parish Clerk) • Jacqui Abbott (Wiltshire Council officer) • Sally Barnett (Wiltshire Council officer) • Chris Clark (Wiltshire Council officer) • Colin French (Warminster Cycle Group)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Abernethie (Warminster Town Clerk) <p>3. That the Terms of Reference for the Community Area Transport Group, as detailed in Appendix C of the report, be noted.</p>
4.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Warminster Area Board and introduced Stuart Figini, Democratic Services Officer who would be clerking meetings of the Warminster Area Board following his recent appointment to the Council.</p> <p>The Chairman and other members of the Area Board took the opportunity to thank Marie Gondlach, Democratic Services Officer, for all her hard work, advice and enthusiasm in clerking previous meetings of the Area Board and wished her well for the future.</p>
5.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Waste, Property, Environment and Development Control Services Barry Pirie, Service Director for Human Resources and Organisational Development Shirley Yeo, Internal Communications Officer</p>
6.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
7.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>(i) Councillor Pip Ridout decided not to take part in the debate or vote on the Warminster and Villages Community Partnership request for funding 2012/13 as she played a significant role in the group.</p> <p>(ii) Members were concerned about the Localism Act 2011 and the new rules in relation to the declaration of interests at Area Board meetings. They also had a concern about their role as Town and Parish Council representatives and dispensations that had been previously granted. The Councillors asked for further guidance from the Monitoring Officer and suggested training sessions on the issues raised.</p>

8.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p>
8.a	<p><u>Paths Improvement Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew the meetings attention to the update in the agenda and mentioned that the closing date for applications was Friday 13 July 2012.</p>
8.b	<p><u>Paths for Communities - Grant Opportunity for Parishes</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew the meetings attention to the update on the agenda sheet and mentioned that the fund for improving the local public rights of way network was now open and all application agreements would have to be made by the end of December 2013.</p>
8.c	<p><u>Localism Act update</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew the meetings attention to the update on the agenda sheet and explained that the briefing document on the Localism Act was available on line and that copies were available for Town and Parish Council representatives at the meeting, those Town and Parish representatives who were not present at the meeting would be sent a copy of the document.</p>
8.d	<p><u>Helping people to live safely in their own home</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew the meetings attention to the update on the agenda sheet and that additional information on the scheme and further service improvements could be found attached to the agenda.</p>
8.e	<p><u>Bath HGV Restrictions</u></p> <p>Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philipe reported that a very strong objection had been made by Wiltshire Council, Somerset Council and the Highways Agency to the Secretary of State for Transport about Bath and North East Somerset Council intention to introduce a ban on vehicles over 18 tonnes on the A36 primary route at the Cleveland Bridge, Bath.</p> <p>Councillor Morland, Chapmanslade Parish Council and Southwick electoral division, encouraged members of the Area Board to express their objections to Michael Dnes at the Department of Transport - Michael.Dnes@dft.gsi.gov.uk.</p>

8.f	<p><u>Current Consultations</u></p> <p>The Chairman encouraged those present to become involved with the on-going consultations which could be accessed on the Wiltshire Council Website.</p>
9.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager introduced her report including new issues since the last meeting, on-going issues and those issues since resolved. She invited people to contact her should they have any issues to raise.</p>
10.	<p><u>Updates from Partners</u></p> <p>Some written updates had been received before the meeting and were included in the agenda.</p> <p>Inspector Lindsey Winter, Wiltshire Police reported on performance and other issues in the Warminster area and in particular highlighted that there had been 52 fewer crimes compared to this time last year, which equated to a 5% reduction in crime in the Warminster area. However, vehicle crime was still a real issue as people continued to leave valuables on display in their cars, again Inspector Winter encouraged people not to leave valuables on display in the vehicles.</p> <p>Councillor Pip Ridout explained that CAYPIG was working on existing projects in particular planning summer activities that were accessible for all.</p>
11.	<p><u>Cabinet Representative</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Waste, Property, Environment and Development Control Services was unfortunately unable to attend this meeting due to ill health.</p>
12.	<p><u>The Bicycle Academy and the Corsley project</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation from Andrew Denham, founder of the Bicycle Academy and the Black Canon Collective – BCC – Mountain Bike club which had about 200 members.</p> <p>Andrew explained that the BCC currently operated in a 30 acre forest site within the Longleat estate which they called the Allotment, however it was likely that BCC were to be relocated to Shearwater soon. The Allotment was being developed into a purpose built mountain bike trail facility by the Club.</p>

	<p>Members were informed of a project that BCC had undertaken to rejuvenate the Corsley village playing fields, which the Area Board had made funds available for. A large number of 8-16 year olds volunteered for the project which incorporated a cycle track. Members also received details of other events that BCC had planned in the local area.</p> <p>Andrew also spoke about the Bicycle Academy, which was based in Frome, how it was set up to make a difference and teach people how to make bike frames with the first bike frame going to someone who really needed it.</p> <p>Andrew explained that The Bicycle Academy was 'Crowd Funded' in November 2011 by raising £40,000 in 6 days, the fastest, and most funded, reward based crowd funding campaign in the UK to date. Over 180 people backed the project by making pledges from £20 up to £1000 in return for items such as special T shirts and first places on the frame building courses. Members noted that 'Crowd Funding' could be adopted by most communities to achieve projects where funding was an issue.</p> <p>Andrew responded to a number of questions from the Area Board in particular about where materials came from for the frames, refurbished bike projects, and events that BCC were organising.</p>
13.	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager reported on the budget allocation proposal from the Community Area Transport Group – CATG for the Warminster Community Area.</p> <p>The Board was informed of the CATG's request for £3000 to be used towards a bid to the Substantive Highways scheme for improvements to the Bishopstrow Road / Boreham Road junction. The Chairman explained that the scheme would benefit Warminster and the villages to the east of Warminster.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>That £3000 be set aside to be used as match funding towards a bid to the Substantive Highways scheme for improvements to the Bishopstrow Road / Boreham Road junction.</p>

14.	<p><u>Delegation to Community Area Manager</u></p> <p>The Board were reminded that at its meeting on 10 March 2011 it had agreed that in respect of urgent matters that may arise from time to time between meetings of an Area Board, the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board, be granted delegated authority to make decisions provided any Area Board expenditure did not exceed £500.</p> <p>The Area Board considered the current level of delegated expenditure and felt that it was set at an appropriate level. The Members also suggested that if grant applications were going to be considered as part of the Area Managers delegation that all Members of the Area Board would be consulted.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Community Area Manager current delegation of making decisions on expenditure not exceeding £500, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be agreed. 2. That in addition to the above delegation, where grant applications were considered by the Community Area Manager, that all Members of the Area Board be consulted prior to any decision being made.
15.	<p><u>Participatory Budgeting</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager – CAM, presented a report which sought agreement for the process in which £4045 allocated to the Board to support youth related projects could be assigned.</p> <p>It was proposed to hold a participatory budgeting session, at the Board meeting in November 2012 where young people, Councillors and members of the public would be able to vote, the most popular application receiving funds until all funding was allocated. The report detailed the criteria for making an application. It was suggested that the upper age limit to apply for funding should be increased to 25 so that disabled groups could also be included in the process.</p> <p>The CAM spoke about the process and informed the Board that if there were a large number of applications then these would be shortlisted by the Cam, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board. The Groups on the shortlist would then present their application to the Area Board.</p> <p>The Chairman encouraged groups of young people to come forward with projects for the meeting in November 2012 and the Vice-Chairman reported that the process detailed in the report was very successfully used at a meeting of the Tidworth Area Board. It was suggested that the words ‘up to’ be added to the recommendation so that the Board delegates ‘up to £4045’ youth funding for the event.</p>

	<p>Decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the process for the allocation of the youth funding through a Participatory Budget event as detailed in the report be agreed. 2. That the allocation of up to £4045 youth funding be decided by general voting event on 8 November 2012
16.	<p><u>Warminster and Villages Community Partnership request for funding 2012/13</u></p> <p>The Board considered a report from the Warminster and Village Community Partnership – WVCP, seeking approval for core funding for the financial year 2012/13.</p> <p>It was noted that the WVCP was entitled to apply for up to 20% of Area Board funding for their running costs each year. This amounted to a maximum of £9542.80 for the current financial year which would be split into two tranches the first being £4647. An annual Workplan and breakdown of running costs was attached for the Boards consideration.</p> <p>The Board heard from Michael Mounde who spoke about the Partnerships request for core funding, he was pleased to announce that interviews for a Partnership Administrator were taking place shortly with an view that the successful candidate would start by the end of July 2012.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>That the Area Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the whole year’s core funding request of £9294 with an agreement to release the 1st tranche of £4647 immediately 2. Agrees to release the 2nd tranche at the November 2012 Area Board meeting subject to the conditions detailed below, recommended by the Community Area Manager and agreed by the Board, being met: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have engaged the services of a Partnership Administrator by September 2012 b. Be on target to produce the updated Community Area Plan by January 2013 as detailed in the Workplan c. Have evidence that the funding from the 1st tranche was being used towards the implementation of the Workplan

17.	<p><u>Area Board Funding - success stories and update from Jubilee grants applicants</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager spoke about a number of successful Jubilee events that took place in the Warminster area from the 2nd – 5th June 2012.</p> <p>The Board also received presentations from a number of Town and Parish Councils about the Jubilee events that received grant funding from the Board; in particular details of events were received from Warminster Town Council, Maiden Bradley Parish Council, Upton Scudamore Parish Council, Upper Deverills Parish Council, Bishopstrow Parish Council and Chitterne Parish Council.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>That the Community Area Manager be thanked for organising the Area Board funding for the Jubilee weekend celebrations and the Town and Parish Councils be congratulated for running successful events during the Jubilee weekend.</p>
18.	<p><u>Area Board Funding - Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The area board considered the following applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant funding:</p>
18.a	<p><u>Chapmanslade Parish Council</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager explained that the proposal was for a hardwood bench that would be placed in the High Street in Chapmanslade and would be the only bench in this location.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To award Chapmanslade Parish Council £240 towards the purchase of a hardwood bench.</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>The application met the 2012/13 small grants criteria, would benefit many people in the area and help to promote a stronger and more vibrant community.</p>
18.b	<p><u>Boyton Parish Council</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager explained that the proposal was for the development of a Parish Plan that would form part of the County's Core Planning Strategy and give the Parish of Boyton and Corton some power over development in the coming years.</p>

	<p>Decision:</p> <p>To award Boyton Parish Council £434 towards the development of a Parish Plan.</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>The application met the 2012/13 small grants criteria and would form part of the County's Core Planning Strategy.</p>
18.c	<p><u>Warminster and Villages Community Partnership</u></p> <p>The Warminster Community Area Manager explained that the project proposal was for a residential trip for Disabled Young People for whom an 'open youth work' environment would not be appropriate at this time.</p> <p>It was felt that this project would benefit both the young people taking part in the project and the wider community as the young people would be better equipped to play a role in society and their community.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To award Warminster and Villages Community Partnership £1,540 towards a residential trip for Disabled Young People.</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>The application met the 2012/13 small grants criteria and linked to the Community Plan through Culture and Leisure and Education and Lifelong Learning.</p>
19.	<p><u>Your Area Board - Your Ideas, Your Reactions, Your Suggestions</u></p> <p>There were no comments from those present.</p>
20.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed the future meeting dates as follows and drew the meeting to a close:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 September 2012 – Warminster Civic Centre at 7.00pm • 8 November 2012 - Warminster Civic Centre at 7.00pm • 10 January 2012 - Warminster Civic Centre at 7.00pm • 7 March 2013 - Warminster Civic Centre at 7.00pm