

MINUTES

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Devizes Sports Club, London Road, Devizes SN10 2DL
Date: 18 May 2015
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.43 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Simon Jacobs (Chairman), Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Philip Whitehead (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Anna Cuthbert

Wiltshire Council Officers

Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager)
Libby Beale (Senior Democratic Services Officer)
Sally Willox (Community Youth Officer)
Jack Oatley (Apprentice Youth Worker)
Andrew Osborn (Head of Adult Care Commissioning)

Town and Parish Councillors

All Cannings Parish Council representative
Cheverell Magna Parish Council- Stephanie Davier
Devizes Town Council- Judy Rose
Easterton Parish Council- R.Bulson
Etchilhampton Parish Council- Mervyn Woods
Rowde Parish Council- Rebekah Jeffries
West Lavington- Peter Blundel

Partners

CCG- Dr Richard Sandford-Hills
HealthWatch Wiltshire- Mary Rennie
Devizes Community Area Partnership- Kate Freeman, Philip Mackey

Devizes Development Partnership- Noel Woolrych, Ian Rose
Devizes Passengers- Jasper Selwyn
Community First- Alex North
Age UK- Mike Western, Annie Fiducia
Wiltshire Police- Vincent Logue

Total in attendance: 55

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Election of a Chairman</u></p> <p>Cllr Simon Jacobs was elected as Chairman for the 2015/16 year.</p>
2	<p><u>Election of a Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>Cllr Philip Whitehead was elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2015/16 year.</p>
3	<p><u>Appointments to Outside bodies and working groups</u></p> <p>Appointments to Outside bodies and working groups were made according to the report detailed in the agenda pack, with the following changes:</p> <p>Cllr Anna Cuthbert would replace Cllr Richard Gamble on the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group and Cllr Laura Mayes on the wider LYN.</p> <p>Jack Oatley (Apprentice Youth Worker) was added to the membership of the LYN Management Group</p> <p>Cllr Philip Whitehead was added to the membership of the Air Quality and Transport Strategy Group as Chairman.</p> <p>Cllrs Simon Jacobs and Sue Evans would represent the Area Board at meetings with the leisure centre.</p>
4	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Nigel Carter, Tony Duck, Ted East, Malcolm Irons and Mike Franklin.</p>
5	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To approve as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2015.</p>
6	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Sue Evans declared an interest in Devizes Boccia Club and the Wyvern Club, she would not vote on grant applications for these groups.</p> <p>Cllrs Simon Jacobs, Richard Gamble and Peter Evans declared an interest in Devizes Development Partnership (DDP), and would not vote on a grant</p>

	<p>application from this group.</p>
7	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to written announcements in the agenda pack and Cllr Gamble advised a further update on School place planning would be available in the autumn. The Chairman explained that to compliment the 'Big Pledge' the Area Board was supporting 'Beat the Street' project to get people active and encouraged residents to litter pick whilst walking about in the community. Cllr Philip Whitehead updated that changes to street lighting would come into effect in Devizes on 2 September 2015 as part of council cost and energy savings. The changes had been piloted in Trowbridge and had worked very well, lighting in villages would be considered at a later stage.</p> <p>In addition to the information in the agenda pack, the Chairman noted that the Floating Cinema On Tour would be travelling between Brentford and Bristol from 4 June-2 August 2015. The Councillor also promoted Devizes Junior Eisteddfod which was open to all young musicians across the county.</p>
8	<p><u>Local Youth Network</u></p> <p>Sally Willox updated that the LYN was working well and many young people were involved in the Management Group. Applicants for youth grant funding spoke in support of their projects, in particular it was explained that the LYN now fully supported the Lavington School Cycle Challenge, as reflected in the agenda supplement, as GoPro cameras were necessary for insurance and training purposes.</p> <p>The Area Board considered applications for youth grant funding and thanked representatives from the different projects for their great ideas and hard work.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant St Arbucks Youth Café £2523.48.</p> <p>To grant Lavington School Cycle Challenge £2098.07.</p> <p>To grant Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts £4693.</p> <p>The Chairman explained the remaining agenda would be changed around with the session from Andrew Osborn to come first.</p>
9	<p><u>Supporting vulnerable people in our community</u></p> <p>Andrew Osborn, Head of Adult Care Commissioning, gave a presentation introducing a new website developed to coordinate care and information to support older people and carers. Andrew explained that the Council would like to know what local people need to support them and encouraged the Area Board to consider an Older People's Champion and Carer's Champion to take forward</p>

	<p>local views. The officer explained the work could compliment that undertaken by Community First and hoped to prevent loneliness and isolation amongst older people and carers. The meeting then split into groups to discuss what they like doing in the area and any setbacks they faced trying to undertake these activities.</p> <p>Groups fed back key points to the meeting including that: older people wanted to mix with different age groups, they were sometimes anxious to go in the evenings, information was sometimes not accessible to older people and public transport links were tricky.</p> <p>Suggestions were made on how the Area Board could take things forward, including that: information could be better shared and older people required a 'go-to person' to advise on support available to them.</p> <p>Andrew would collate the information and report back to the Area Board with a view to then agree how to represent the issues.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Andrew for his presentation.</p>
10	<p><u>Local NHS plans</u></p> <p>Dr Richard Sandford-Hill updated the Area Board that local practices were working to develop a community team model to keep people in their homes; changing to nursing arrangements was improving continuity of care with older people having the same nurse. An emergency care practitioner was also in place to reduce hospital stays, Care-Coordiators were working part-time for each local practice to support vulnerable people and this was working well. The doctor was currently working with NHS Properties to negotiate a new site for the hospital and was lobbying for an urgent care centre. Following questions from the meeting it was noted that there was still a need to develop a model for a minor injury and minor illness unit alongside working to integrate health and social care with education. It was confirmed that the contract for the treatment centre in Devizes would end in October 2015.</p>
11	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the written updates in the agenda pack. Mary Rennie, HealthWatch Wiltshire, updated that the organisation was currently in consultation with unpaid carers and consulting on Wiltshire Council dementia services. The organisation was also developing an information portal to provide a 'one-stop' for information for older people and carers.</p> <p>Cllr Sue Evans read an update on behalf of the Neighbourhood Policing team which explained that there were two new PCSOs joining the team in Devizes.</p> <p>Philip Mackey, Devizes Community Area Partnership, updated that the group was re-launching 'Safe Places' and the latest benchmarking report showed that businesses were doing well in Devizes with takings increased and a reduction in</p>

	<p>vacant units.</p> <p>Kate Freeman expressed disappointment in the slow progress made in supporting a review of the Connect 2 Service and the loss of a consultant to support the pilot. An urgent meeting with Area Board members was suggested to tackle the delay in the pilot scheme. Kate was concerned that the pilot would not be long enough at only 9 months.</p> <p>Cllr Philip Whitehead advised that the Council was reviewing public transport as a whole across the county and so could not commit the a five year contract as originally planned, however the pilot scheme would commence in August 2015.</p> <p>Cllr Richard Gamble informed that St Joseph's School was in Special Measures and was developing an action plan to tackle this. The Chairman noted that Sue Marshall would be acting Head at Devizes School until Easter 2016.</p>
12	<p><u>Area Board Grants</u></p> <p>Representatives from the organisations applying for funding from the Area Board spoke in support of their applications. Area Board members considered the applications and expressed support for them all, Cllr Jacob's in particular thanked Noel for all of his hard working supporting Devizes Development Partnership.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant Devizes Boccia Club £100 towards equipment for disabled Boccia games.</p> <p>To grant Devizes Development Partnership £2,245.20 for CCTV camera and associated equipment.</p> <p>To grant Bishops Cannings Church of England School £5,000 for a community music project to help vulnerable children.</p> <p>To grant Devizes and District Contact a Family £875 towards CAF digital learning.</p> <p>To grant All Cannings Village Hall £5,000 towards village hall improvements.</p> <p>To grant the Wyvern Club £953 towards a hearing loop.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To ratify funding of £200 granted between Area Board meetings to support 'Beat the Street' and £1000 granted between meetings to support Magna Carta celebrations.</p>

13	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and the Air Quality and Transport Strategy Group</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered recommendations arising from the CATG.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To allocate approximately £3,000 budget to pay for the C249 speed limit implementation.</p> <p>To allocate £5,000 alongside the £5,000 contribution from the Town Council to implement the 20mph scheme in east Devizes.</p> <p>Jasper Selwyn, Devizes Passenger Transport, stressed the importance of preserving local bus services as they served all parts of the community, providing links to healthcare, education and employment.</p> <p>Cllr Philip Whitehead advised that cuts in funding from central government meant the public transport unit had a smaller budget and he was reviewing transport as a whole to determine what methods would continue service provision within budget constraints.</p>
14	<p><u>Annual Review of the Area Board</u></p> <p>This item was deferred to a future meeting due to time constraints.</p>
15	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
16	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>Members of the public were invited to stay behind after the meeting to discuss local issues with Area Board members.</p> <p>The next meeting of Devizes Area Board was to be on 27 July 2015.</p>

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