

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** CORSHAM AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Rd, Corsham SN13 9DN  
**Date:** 21 May 2015  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.00 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Alan MacRae (Chairman), Cllr Sheila Parker, Cllr Dick Tonge and Cllr Philip Whalley (Vice Chairman)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Penny Bell, Community Engagement Officer  
Libby Beale, Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Fiona Rae, Democratic Services Officer  
Xina Hart, Community Youth Officer  
Zachary Goodman, Multi-Media Officer  
Nicola Gregson, Head of Commissioning for Older People  
Alison Woodbridge-Nash, Team Leader, Adult Care Operations

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Corsham Town Council – David Clewin, David Martin, Sharon Thomas  
Biddestone Parish Council – Tim Smith

### **Partners**

Local Youth Network – Joshua Towers  
Clinical Commissioning Group – James Slater, Dr Terry Cottrill  
Healthwatch Wiltshire – Anne Keat, Rhiannon Norfolk  
Alzheimers Society – Chris Maple  
Age UK Wiltshire – Lindsay Poulson  
Corsham Institute – Martin Head

**Members of Public in Attendance: 2**

**Total in attendance: 25**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
13	<u>Election of the Chairman</u> Cllr Alan MacRae was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.
14	<u>Election of the Vice-Chairman</u> Cllr Philip Whalley was elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.
15	<u>Welcome</u> The Chairman welcomed those present to the Area Board.
16	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from:  Kit Watson, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Kevin Gaskin, Corsham Community Area Network Tudor Jones, Selwyn Hall
17	<u>Minutes</u>  <b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To confirm and sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2015.</b>
18	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no declarations of interests.
19	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> The Chairman drew attention to the announcements in the agenda pack, in particular Wiltshire's Big Pledge which would run from May – September 2015. Participants could commit to any of 12 pledges which covered an individual's health or wellbeing or making a difference in the community. The Chairman encouraged people to sign up on the Wiltshire Council website.  Those present were also encouraged to take part in the consultation on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
20	<u>Partner Updates</u> Attention was drawn to the written updates in the agenda pack.  Cllr Alan MacRae updated that Mike Veale had been announced as the new Chief Constable and would take over from Pat Geenty after his retirement.

	<p>Cllr Sheila Parker informed those present that the railway track in the Box tunnel would be replaced. Work was to start 18 July 2015 for 6 weeks during which the railway line would be closed.</p> <p>Colerne Town Council advised that it would be celebrating Armed Forces Day on 27 June 2015 at Colerne Primary School.</p> <p>Corsham Town Council advised that it would be celebrating Armed Forces Day with a military parade and Street Fair on 20 June 2015.</p>
21	<p><u>Appointments to Outside bodies and Working groups</u></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To make appointments to outside bodies and working groups, as detailed in the agenda pack, subject to the following amendment:</b></p> <p><b>Cllrs Alan MacRae and Sheila Parker were to represent the Area Board on both the LYN Management Group and the wider LYN.</b></p>
22	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>Xina Hart, Community Youth Officer, informed the board that the next LYN Management Group meeting would take place on 16 June 2015. She also drew attention to the Takeover event, funded by the LYN which was to take place on 14 June 2015. It was noted that the most current details on positive activities for young people could be found on Sparksite, Facebook (Corsham Local Youth Network), and the newsletter (email <a href="mailto:xina.hart@wiltshire.gov.uk">xina.hart@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>).</p> <p>Josh Towers spoke to the board about Chelsea's Choice, a production organised by the Local Youth Network (LYN) to inform local people about Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The Area Board considered the production had been a great success and it was confirmed that the Local Youth Network planned to work with local drama groups to provide this production locally in the future.</p> <p>Xina Hart introduced a funding application from Corsham Cricket Club and advised the LYN had updated its recommendation to include that the club must ensure whistleblowing policies to be in place prior to the transfer of funds.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To grant Corsham Cricket Club £2,000 to support an Academy Performance Programme, on the condition that a whistleblowing policy and any other necessary requirements be in place prior to the transfer of funds.</b></p>

23	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>Cllr Parker spoke in support of the application from the Selwyn Hall Management Committee and expressed that the renovations were long overdue and the hall was much used by the community.</p> <p>Penny Bell spoke in support of the recommendation to approve the allocation of up to £2,000 from Area Board's youth revenue budget to support the Magna Carta 800 celebrations. The funding would enable the Corsham area to be fully involved in the Magna Carta celebrations by replicating celebrations locally. Members of the public questioned the location of celebrations in Salisbury and it was confirmed that details would be released shortly.</p> <p>Members considered applications for Area Board funding.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To grant Selwyn Hall Management Committee £5,000 for renovations to the rear of the stage at Box Village Hall.</b></p> <p><b>To authorise the Community Engagement Officer to approve the allocation of up to £2,000 from Area Board's youth revenue budget to support the Magna Carta 800 celebrations in Corsham and in Salisbury on 15 June.</b></p> <p><b>To note that the CEO and Community Youth Officer form a local project team to deliver the Corsham area's element of the celebrations.</b></p> <p><b>To note other expenditure incurred since the last meeting from the 2014/15 budget accruals and under spends:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hire of Colerne Village Hall for slipper exchange on 28 April 2015 - £33.</b></li> <li>• <b>Payment for slippers for Colerne slipper exchange on 28 April 2015 - £192.</b></li> </ul>
24	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received minutes from the last CATG meeting on 22 April 2015 and considered the recommendation arising.</p> <p>Cllr Philip Whalley explained the permissive path would hopefully reduce school traffic in Corsham by providing a safe walking route to school and outlined the location of the path.</p> <p>Cllr Richard Tonge explained that funding for this project could be sourced from the Substantive Highways Scheme Fund however asked that, should this not be successful, money be allocated from the CATG budget. Following a question from the floor, the Councillor advised that there would be no formal monitoring of the path's usage however it was supported by the schools and the Town Council</p>

	<p>and so it was expected to be well-used.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To support the £5,700 needed to complete the project on the Corsham Estate Permissive Path on the condition that funds be initially sought from the Substantive Highways Scheme Fund. Should this bid be unsuccessful, funding was to automatically be drawn from the CATG budget.</b></p>
25	<p><u>Supporting vulnerable people in our community</u></p> <p>James Slater, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) gave a presentation about integrated care; the vision of the CCG was to have seamless services centred around local people. The work of the CCG in Corsham and Box was outlined, specifically the use of the Campus and voluntary sector, the creation of ‘one-stop shop’ clinics and the joint training of practice and community nurses. The representative encouraged those present to complete the consultation on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.</p> <p>During a question and answer session local practitioners explained that communication with patients was improving however there were still issues with the communication between GPs and hospitals. HealthWatch Wiltshire promoted that patients with sensory issues be noted and requested public feedback on whether the care system was working for them. Dr Terry Cottrill advised town and parish councils that tackling social isolation and supporting podiatry in their areas would help reduce the numbers of older people visiting the doctor.</p> <p>Nicola Gregson, Head of Commissioning for Older People, Wiltshire Council, drew attention to the market position statement detailing data on older people’s services in Corsham and gave a presentation about helping older people to stay at home. She encouraged anyone caring for an older person to look at the new page on the Wiltshire Council website where everyone can find information, help and support for older people). Following comments from the meeting it was agreed that social isolation was often a cause of illness in older people.</p> <p>The Area Board hoped to appoint an Older Persons’ Champion and a Carers’ Champion to be part of a wider group communicating the needs of older people in the area. Members questioned whether additional funding for older people’s services would be available, it was explained there may be addition money to support the prevention of illness but the focus of the initiative was to re-allocate existing funds according to local priorities.</p> <p>The board expressed support for the role of these Champions and suggested creating an Older Peoples’ Network similar to the Local Youth Network (LYN).</p> <p>The presentation was followed by a workshop session to discuss priorities for</p>

	<p>older people, smaller follow-up workshops were to be arranged. It was also agreed that there would be a further workshop to ascertain the services that older people would like in the local area.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>That the Area Board supports and begins work on establishing a forum for older people in the Corsham community area.</b></p>
26	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
27	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The next ordinary meeting of Corsham Area Board was to be held on 23 July 2015.</p>

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board May 2015



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

**Sgt:** PS Ben Huggins

### **Town Centre Team**

Beat Manager – PC Hazel Anderson  
PCSO – Shaun Redmond

### **Rural Team**

Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball  
PCSO – Alan Byrne

## 2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## 3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

### **Drugs –**

A group of 8 youths suspected of smoking Cannabis had home visits carried out and warning letters given to their parents regarding their behaviour.

In the village of Box two males were stop/searched and found to be in possession of Cannabis, one was issued with a Youth Caution and the other with a Cannabis Street Warning.

A local youth was located in a disused building, he was searched and arrested for being in possession of Cannabis and issued with a Youth Caution.

An adult male was stop/searched and issued with a Street Caution for Possession of Cannabis. Whilst driving a vehicle an adult male was arrested on suspicion of being unfit through drugs and Intent to supply Cannabis.

Two adult males were arrested for Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply, one was issued with a Caution and the other is on bail.

A vehicle was stopped by officers in Lacock, one of the occupants was found to be in possession of cannabis and issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

A vehicle was stopped and searched in Patterdown, an adult male was found to be in possession of Cannabis and issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

**Burglary –** An unknown offender entered an insecure property at Fuller Avenue. An I-pad was stolen.

**Non-Dwelling burglaries** – A large quantity of cash was stolen from the safe at Texaco Garage on Pickwick Road, two people have been arrested and are currently on bail. Unknown offenders have cut through the perimeter fence to Southwest Metal Finishing on Leafield Industrial Estate. The rear door to the building was forced open - offenders then left the location empty handed when the alarm was activated. A small window was smashed at Corsham School and a fire extinguisher was stolen. The Hartham Park Quarry site was entered, the alarm was activated and a CCTV camera was stolen. Unknown suspects have forced the Yale lock on the access door to a barn in Box and entry was gained, an untidy search was carried out, various items from within have been stolen. Unknown suspect(s) have gained entry to a personal garage in Box by forcing the lock from the door by unknown means. Once inside they have carried out an untidy search of suitcases and also removed two bunches of keys including vehicle keys from inside.

**Criminal Damage** – An unknown person has used a marker pen to draw on a car, they have done this on several occasions whilst it was parked on Leylands Road, Rudloe. A couple of cat owners in Katherine Park have reported to the Police that the fur has had a zig zag pattern shaved off on one side of their cats. There is no explanation for this and enquiries are ongoing. Two windows at the Wessex Water building on Mill Lane, Box were smashed by unknown person(s). Unknown suspect(s) have sprayed paint over some work signs at ARC, Monks Lane, resulting in them needing to be replaced. Unknown suspects have inserted a screwdriver or similar object into the front door lock of a secure and unattended vehicle in Box. No entry was gained however damage has been caused to the lock. We would like to remind members of the public to ensure you don't leave any valuables on display in your cars or vans when unattended.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Two adult males were arrested at the Red Lion, Lacock for being drunk and disorderly in a public place, they were issued with fixed penalty tickets.

**Theft** - An adult male who stole a vehicle from Alexander Terrace, was located and arrested nearby whilst trying to make off from the Police. An increase of high visibility patrols are being carried out in Mill Lane, Box at the Two Mills Fishing area due to a huge rise of poaching incidents. A high value bike which was secured to bars outside a home on Palm Road, Colerne was stolen. Some children's bikes were also stolen from Mullins Close, Colerne. An Unknown person has entered Neston school grounds and removed victorian roof tiles from a low outbuilding. Offenders have gained entry to a shed in Westwells by removing the door and have then stolen a large red petrol lawn mower. An Unknown male stole a quantity of shaving blades to the value of £100 from the Co-op in Box. Several thefts have taken place at the new TK MAXX Store – these are being dealt with by the Store. Two buses parked at Thingley Sidings, Easton Lane, had some windows smashed and emergency hammers from within were stolen. There has been an attempt theft from the Co-op, Box by 3 Asian males. Staff noticed the suspicious actions of the males, they left the goods and fled the shop. Unknown suspects have stolen cash from collection boxes on a couple of occasions from the Church in Lacock, by forcing off the padlocks securing the boxes.

**Assault** - An adult male assaulted another male and caused damage to his car, he was issued a Caution as a result of this.



**Information –**

Mr Mike Veale will be the new Chief Constable with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 due to the retirement of Mr Geenty.

The force now has a dedicated cybercrime Facebook page.

Corsham NPT attended the Sci-Fi event and had a very busy day meeting and greeting those from other galaxies.

The new reception desk is open at the Springfield Community Campus, there will be a designated area which will signpost members of the public to the Police Volunteer who kindly give up his time to work 0900-1300hrs on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday (unless he has personal commitments or holidays, then these times will not be covered). It is important to note that whilst Corsham NPT are based in the Campus, we are a small team and it is therefore often unlikely that visitors to the Campus will be able to speak to us directly without a prior arrangement. Of course, if a member of the team is available then we will always try and help with your enquiry. If someone wishes to report a crime, reception staff will direct them to use the free yellow phone outside the Campus to ring 101 where the crime report will be taken by our Control Room. There is also a 999 facility on this phone should it be an emergency.

**Community Engagement –** In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at [facebook.com/CorshamPolice](https://www.facebook.com/CorshamPolice). This has been effective in putting out local crime warnings (in addition to usual methods such as Neighbourhood Watch), appeals for witnesses or information and for putting out good-news stories. We also use the site to tell the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 847 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

Ben Huggins

A/inspector for Calne, Corsham and Chippenham.

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