

Just a Minute

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Marlborough Area Board

22 June 2010

Area Board meets in Ramsbury 22 June

Marlborough Area Board met in Ramsbury on 22 June, when the Chairman, Councillor Chris Humphries, welcomed 50 people to the meeting.



Chairman of the Board
Councillor Chris Humphries

The main focus of the meeting was on young people's issues:

- ➔ **'Dreams & Wishes' survey asked young people 'The one thing that will make my life better is.....'**

Martin Cook from MADT outlined the findings of the survey. The two main recurring themes were **transport issues** for young people and the need for **more activities** both in and out of school. An improvement in transport would also help tackle social issues.

- ➔ **Youth transport/access**

An interactive discussion generated ideas on how best to spend £5k that the board had been allocated to improve youth transport in the area.

Suggestions included:

- Making use of minibuses already available and using the funding to train and CRB check drivers
- Reinstating and linking up footpaths and cycle lanes
- Supplying young people with "Hi-viz" accessories to improve safety

It was decided that a working group would be set up to investigate these proposals further and report back to the Marlborough Area Board.

Waste collection consultation

Andy Conn, from Waste Management Services at Wiltshire Council, briefly outlined their consultation exercise on future waste collections.

There was a need to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and to increase recycling. The Council also needed to harmonise the collection service across Wiltshire and the public were being encouraged to make their views known.

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling/waste

Car parking consultation

Views on car parking are being sought from July 12th to September 3rd at

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Libraries Review

After a presentation from officers that looked at how the library service might be taken forward, attendees were asked for their top five priorities for the future:

Some of the points raised were:

- It was vital to consider the needs of blind and partially sighted library users
- Opening hours should be more flexible
- The availability of a meeting room in Marlborough library would be well received
- Digital book services were worth exploring

Community issues

If you have a local issue which you like to bring to the attention of the area board, there is a very simple way to do this. You can complete an online form, or download one, from our website and send it to your community area manager. This should be a matter of public concern, while any individual complaints or personal matters should be reported to customer services on: **0300 454 0100**.

You can keep track of issues referred to the board at:

 www.wiltshire.gov.uk/marlboroughareaboard

Grants awarded!

The Marlborough Area Board exists to make things better in the area and part of their work is to allocate funding to local projects.

- ➔ **Baydon Cricket Club** applied to the Area Board and was awarded £515 towards the purchase of much needed new equipment.
- ➔ This year £4503 has been allocated to 4 projects thus far.

Funding is available to help provide facilities, equipment and activities that are important to the

local community. These awards can really make a big difference in helping communities get schemes and projects started. Applications are now invited - to find out more about the funding criteria please visit:

 www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

- Marlborough Area Board has an allocation of £43,906 to spend locally in 2010/11
- Up to £5000 available for your community project.
- Funding linked to local priorities
- Simple application process
- Small projects costing no more than £1000 in total - no need for you to find match funding (except for local councils)
- Up to 50% of the total cost of a project, where the project costs more than £1,000
- Council funding from other sources cannot be used to match fund
- Schools and other council services are not eligible to apply
- Support for organisations making applications
- Signposting to other sources of funding

Keep in touch

A community area network has been established in the Marlborough area. This is open to anyone who wants to sign-up for email alerts and information about the work of the board and its partners. You can sign up by sending an email with your details to:

 julia.densham@wiltshire.gov.uk

Next meetings – all welcome

- ➔ **Tuesday 31 August**
Lockeridge Village Hall
6.30 pm for 7.00pm
- ➔ **Tuesday 19 October**
St John's School, Marlborough
6.30 for 7.00pm