

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2010 AT ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, GRANHAM HILL, MARLBOROUGH, SN8 4AX

Wiltshire Councillors

Chris Humphries (Chairman), Peggy Dow, Nick Fogg and Jemima Milton

Cabinet Representative – Lionel Grundy (Children's Services)

Officers

James Cawley (Service Director), Richard Rogers (Acting Community Area Manager) and Kevin Fielding (Democratic Services Officer)

Parish and Town Councils

Marlborough Town Council – Alexander Kirk-Wilson

Avebury Parish Council – S Baldry

Baydon Parish Council - Anthony Prior

Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne Monkton – Bob Gutherson

Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett – Gill Crabtree

Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council – Sue Rogers

Ogbourne St George – Keith Wallace

Preshute Parish Council - Melvyn Lillywhite

Ramsbury & Axford Parish Council - Sheila Glass

Savernake – Joan Davies

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andrew Noble and Andy Peach

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership – Richard Pitts

Wiltshire Police Authority – Kieran Kilgallen

Members of Public in Attendance 54

1. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to St John's School.

The Chairman introduced Lionel Grundy, (Wiltshire Council cabinet member for Children's Services) who was in attendance for this meeting.

The Chairman then invited all the Wiltshire Council members and officers in attendance to introduce themselves to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Ogbourne St Andrew Parish Council.

3. **Minutes**

Decision

The minutes of the meeting on 7 December 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Councillor Nick Fogg	Agenda Item No.10 Community Area Grants – Marlborough Arts Association	Prejudicial	Member of Marlborough Arts Association	Would leave the hall when this application is discussed
Cllr Chris Humphries	Agenda Item No.10 Community Area Grants – Aldbourne Youth Council	Personal	Member of Aldbourne Parish Council	Would not vote on this application

5. **Chairman's Announcements**

A working party looking at the A345 would be meeting with officers from Wiltshire Council during February 2010.

6. **Partner Updates**

Wiltshire Police

Inspector Andy Noble asked that the written update distributed with the agenda was noted.

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

The written update distributed with the agenda was noted, Mike Franklin made the point of the importance of roads being gritted during the cold weather that the county had suffered, several fire crews had reported issues on non-gritted roads when called out.

NHS Wiltshire

The written update distributed with the agenda was noted.

Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership (MAVCAP)

Rich Pitts thanked Joan Davies for all her hard work in health related issues that she had given to the Marlborough and Villages Community Area Partnership and other organisations over the past few years, the Chairman also thanked her on behalf of the Area Board. A bouquet of roses was presented.

There were no Town or Parish updates.

7. **Young People's Issues**

Rich Pitts, Chairman of MAVCAP, gave a brief overview of the recent survey carried out by MAVCAP, which highlighted the “dreams and wishes” of a cross section of young people across the Marlborough community area.

Several local youth groups were then given the opportunity to tell the meeting what they did and what mattered to them, living in and around Marlborough.

Aldbourn Youth Council

Points made included:

- The Youth council had fostered good links with both Parish and Town councils.
- Had been very successful in their fund raising, with £10,000 raised to fund a BMX track.
- The group took part in regular village clean ups and hedge planting sessions.

- The group had been motivated to prove adult doubters wrong when first formed, and through working and listening to them, they had won over the doubters with their hard work and willingness to get involved in local projects.
- The group felt that all villages would benefit from a “Youth Council”.

Wiltshire Assembly Youth

Dr Lesley Spencer and members of the Assembly gave a power point presentation that outlined the main themes and findings of the “dreams and wishes” survey, (a copy of the presentation is attached).

Community Area Youth People’s Issues Group and the Bridging Project

Points made included:

- The group are keen to get young people involved in local politics.
- Young people have an important voice and can make a difference.
- The group are looking to work with the local Police to foster a working link between them and local young people.

The Chairman thanked all the youth groups for their informative and enlightening speeches.

Points made from the floor.

- Parish Councils should employ young local people who are struggling to find work opportunities.
- Wiltshire Council should be doing more to help young people afford public transport.
- Parish Councils should work with youth groups to start up community shops.

Cllr Lionel Grundy, (Wiltshire Council cabinet member for Children’s Services) advised the meeting that he would be looking at better public transport links for young people, this issue had been a recurring theme at other area boards that he had attended recently.

Rich Pitts advised that MAVCAP would like get a wider group of people together to discuss how to take youth issues forward and looked for the Area Board to support this.

Decisions

- **That the Marlborough Area Board would commit the under spend of £7,439 from the 2009/10 Area Board budget to be carried over to 2010/11, to be used to deliver projects identified from the February 2010 “Dreams and Wishes” consultation exercise with local young people.**
- **Cllr Fogg agreed to represent the Area Board and work with MAVCAP to take forward the work.**

8. Wiltshire Police Authority

Inspector Cullop then introduced Kieran Kilgallen - (Chairman of the Wiltshire Police Authority) who gave a brief presentation that outlined what the Wiltshire Police Authority did, who they were and what could they do for the residents of Wiltshire.

Points made included:

- The Wiltshire Police Authority wanted the opinions of local people as to their priorities for the service of Policing they received in the future.
- How much would local people be prepared to pay next year for their police force.
- What changes would they like to see in local policing.
- Where your council tax money is spent on policing Wiltshire.
- Neighbourhoods expected good response times from their police service.

Mr Kilgallen advised that the Wiltshire Police Authority would be sending out e-mails and letters to find out just what Wiltshire residents think their Policing priorities should be.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kilgallen for his presentation.

9. Community Speed Watch

Inspector Andrew Noble gave a brief overview of Community Speed watch.

That plans were now at an advanced stage of the county-wide roll-out following successful trials in a number of Community Areas.

Implementation of Community speed watch and the use of speed indication devices was part of the Wiltshire Police strategy and would potentially lead to casualty reduction by engaging the community in addressing speed related offending.

The main objectives of community speed watch were:

- To secure a reduction in vehicle speeds.
- Reduce the numbers of collisions and casualties.
- Improve quality of life for all.
- Reduce noise and pollution.
- Raising public awareness to inappropriate speed.

Community speed watch would help local people reduce speeding traffic through their local community.

The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem with direct action using approved speed monitoring equipment, (speed guns).

Parish Councils that wish to consider using the Speed Watch Scheme should contact the Community Area Manager in the first instance.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Noble for his overview.

10. **Funding**

a) Community Area Grants Scheme

Consideration was given to seven funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.

Susie Fisher addressed the Area Board on behalf of Marlborough Arts Association.

Tony Prior addressed the Area Board on behalf of Baydon Parish Council.

Amy Wallis addressed the Area Board on behalf of the Aldbourne Youth Council.

Sheila Glass addressed the Area Board on behalf of Ramsbury & Axford Parish Council.

Marilyn Martin addressed the Area Board on behalf of the Broad Hinton Village Hall Association.

Sue Rogers addressed the Area Board on behalf of Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council.

Note

Cllr Nick Fogg left the hall prior to the Marlborough Arts Association application being discussed by the Area Board members and returned after the members had voted on this application.

Cllr Chris Humphries did not take part in the vote for the Aldbourne Youth Council application.

Decision

Marlborough Arts Association – Award £5000 towards the marquee hire, technical support and security for the Marlborough Jazz Festival.

Baydon Parish Council – Award £582 towards the installation of three pairs of gates at the village entrances as part of a traffic calming scheme.

Baydon Parish Council – Award £619 towards the installation of a water supply to the parish field to feed allotments and recreational activities.

Aldbourn Youth Council – Award £868 to provide outdoor adventure activities for young people.

Ramsbury & Axford Parish Council – Award £199 towards the provision of a new parish notice board for the village of Axford.

Broad Hinton Parish Council – Award £3000 for the provision of a patio for the new village hall.

Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council – Award £216 for the replacement of the picnic bench at the village play area.

Reason

The above applications met the Community Area Grant criteria.

b) Expression of interest to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme

Sustainable Christmas Lights Illumination – an initiative to establish the Christmas lights illuminations in Marlborough on a permanent basis.

Decision

- It was agreed that the Marlborough Area Board would support the application on the understanding that clarity was given on how the project would be managed and by whom, and that details of this team would be forwarded to the Marlborough Area Board Members.

11. **Any Other Questions**

A Number of questions were raised including:

Clarification on when would the Marlborough football pitch and BMX Track be floodlit?

It was agreed that this was a Town Council issue.

That more grit should have been available so the carers could get to vulnerable people during the cold weather.

Wiltshire Council would continue to ensure that as much grit as possible would reach those areas that need it most.

Could young people have a more “youth friendly” agenda?

It was agreed that the Community Area Manager would look into this.

When will Marlborough have a permanent Community Area Manager?

Wiltshire Council were considering options and would ensure that this post is filled as soon as possible.

12. **Evaluation and Close**

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended, and reminded those present to complete the new pink evaluation form.

(Duration of meeting: 7.00pm – 9.10pm)

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