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Malmesbury Area Board

November/December 2011

'Just a Minute' is a summary of the official minutes for the Malmesbury Area Board. Copies of the full set of formal minutes are available from Alexa Smith, Democratic Services Officer, email alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01249 706610

Welcome



Thanks to everyone who attended our November area board held in Sherston.

We are always interested to hear your views and Wiltshire Council and its partners are currently undertaking a large random survey among

Wiltshire residents called 'What matters to you', in order to understand local people's priorities and needs. The survey is going out to 20,000 Wiltshire households, is available at our main offices, leisure centres and libraries. It can also be completed on-line [by using this link](#). It would be good to hear from you.

Do [click here](#) to view two You Tube items featured at our September area board on, 'Help to live at Home' and 'Parking at Glovers Court'.

Jane Scott, Leader of the Council, was unable to attend the November meeting but will be at the January area board. So if you have any specific questions for her, please send them to alexa.smith@wiltshire.co.uk before Christmas.

On that note, can I take the opportunity to send you my very best wishes for a happy Christmas.

Cllr John Thomson - Chairman.

Partner updates

Police – Inspector Chris Martin reported that theft of natural stone was an ongoing issue, with saddle-stones a particular target. He advised

people to mark the stones. He confirmed that Wiltshire is the safest county in England and violent crime had fallen by 20% in the last year.

Malmesbury Fire & Rescue Service – Mike Franklin cautioned people to be very careful when using candles at home and for those with open fires, solid fuels or wood burning stoves to make arrangements for chimneys and flues to be regularly cleaned.

Malmesbury & the Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) – had recently received a grant from Malmesbury Carnival Committee. The first route being tackled is the White Walls Walk from Malmesbury to Luckington where interpretation boards and a booklet would be provided.

Sherston Old School – reported that the new Post Office and shop would open on 26 November.

Young People - Chloe Harris-Alba had attended the House of Commons on behalf of the UK Youth Parliament to debate child poverty, transport, tuition fees and employment.

Chloe went on to announce that Malmesbury area board had provided £6,000 to give away to young people aged between 8 and 19 years old who came up with community projects by 13 January 2012. Projects were aimed at young people undertaking activities in their community. This could involve working with others including adults. Further information is available [on Sparksite](#) or contact Miranda Gilmour, on 01672 515742 or miranda.gilmour@wiltshire.gov.uk or Gareth Brown at Malmesbury Youth Development Centre gareth.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk

Evaluation of Youth Projects

Presentations were given by the five groups of young people who had received funding from the area board in May 2011.

Malmesbury Bridging Project Group a local 13-19 year olds with disabilities or special needs visited Oakwood theme park. They explained that as well as having a great day, taking part in the project had increased their confidence and improved their communication skills.

A Young People's Film Project Group is operating film nights for 13-19 year olds. Forty people attended 'Planet of the Apes' and with better publicity they hoped more young people would attend the Christmas film.

Sherston Craft Group visited Gifford's Circus and used the experience to stimulate their imagination to create craft work. This included needlework, puppets and paintings which they displayed. All work had also been displayed at Sherston Art Festival.

Somewhere In Between, a local Christian group illustrated their experience with a DVD. They had gained snowboarding skills and in doing so obtained recreational certificates.

Malmesbury skating group had camped when visiting Truro Plaza skate park.

Malmesbury Area Board Review

Results of an area board survey undertaken this summer, was provided. Overall, the level of satisfaction was high. Meetings were considered accessible, useful and informative and the process of solving local issues was rated highly. There was room for improvement which included consultation with parish councils and consideration of the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

A short workshop was undertaken with a request for ideas for the future improvement of the area board. Details of the workshop can be seen in the End of November edition of the CAN Newsletter. If you were unable to attend the November area board but would like to add your views [Click here](#) and let us have your ideas by 4 January 2012 please.

All feedback will be considered at the January area board.

Malmesbury CATG

The Area Board closed the following schemes:

- Kerb/ footway at Swann Close, Crudwell - completed.
- Traffic calming/footway at Tetbury Lane, Crudwell - completed.
- Improvements to the A429 zebra crossing near the Primary Health Care Centre, Malmesbury - completed.
- Traffic calming on Park Road, Malmesbury – not a priority, though the school may want to consider when developing their Travel Plan.
- Purchase of land to accommodate a footpath from The Crescent (B4042) into Lea village was not considered cost effective.
- Church Path, Oaksey – the issue was not appropriate for the CATG and a Community Area Grant should be considered.

The Area Board approved £1,058 towards a scheme to enhance pedestrian safety between The Green, from opposite Olivemead Lane, to Sedgemoor, Dauntsey.

Community issues

The Area Board closed the following issues:

1493 - A highways issue in Abbey Road.

1613 - Pedestrian safety in Sherston - was being addressed by the CATG.

1835 –Hauliers had been contacted about HGVs on minor roads in the Dauntsey area.

1974 - Community payback were handling a request from Sherston

A number of issues were referred to the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group.

To log or track an issue please use [this link](#). Please also remember that we welcome your community issues which can be [submitted electronically](#).

Area board funding

A Community Area Grant of £4,653 was awarded to Lea Community with Lea Baby and Toddler Group towards imaginative play equipment in memory of Celia Rose Brenner.

Malmesbury Area Board

Wednesday 18 January 2012

6.30pm for 7.00pm in Malmesbury Town Hall

- Councillor Jane Scott, Leader of the Council
- Actions to Improve the area board
- Reduced Night Lighting
- Community Area Grants