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Devizes Area Board

June 2012

Just a Minute is a summary of the official minutes for the Devizes Area Board as well as other useful information. Copies of the full set of formal minutes are available from Alexa Smith - contact details can be found on the back page.

Chairman's foreword

The Annual meeting of the Devizes Area Board was quite an event! We started the evening by thanking everyone who was involved in the Queen's Jubilee visit to Wiltshire. The Devizes Regency Dancers, Potterne Mummers, Wadworth Brewery, Richard Rogers, David Dawson and Dave Buxton all worked very hard to make the Devizes tent the best at Salisbury, and made us all proud to be from Devizes. The Potterne Mummers gave us a rousing song, and it was fun to have Regency Dancers at a Council meeting!

The Devizes Board has been in action for three years and I am very pleased that some of the long term projects have come together. We have now found a site for a skatepark and BMX facility, and the residents of Roundway will finally have allotments. These projects involve so many people to make them happen, and I am very grateful for all the support and help the Board gets from our Councillors, Wiltshire Council officers, and the numerous volunteers from the community. A big thank you to everyone!



Laura Mayes

Chairman Devizes Area Board

Jubilee parties are a success

Around 36 parties that received a grant from the Devizes Area Board took place to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The reports that we have had so far are that they have all been a great success. Not only were they opportunities to get together and celebrate but many of them have led to new friendships, neighbourhood groups being set up and local action taking place. This is exactly what we hoped for as building stronger communities was one of the key aims.

Some of those who received grants have sent some pictures in of



their parties. We are hoping to have one or two photographs of all the events so that we can make a collage of them. These can then be made available for all to see

Campus project gets started in Devizes

The Devizes Area Board received a presentation about developing a community campus in the Devizes Area. A campus is simply a building or buildings that are specifically designed to allow a number of local services to co-exist and provide improved services.

The first step is for a 'Shadow Community Operations Board' (SCOB) to be set up to plan what this would look like. The SCOB would have representatives from the community, voluntary organisations, elected members and other sectors. This is a new and innovative venture as it allows the community to take the lead on deciding what its local services will look like.

If you would be interested in taking part in the SCOB, an expression of interest form is available on the Wiltshire Council website or please contact Richard Rogers at richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk. Forms must be completed no later than 23 July 2012.

Search for skate park site near an end

After many years of searching for a permanent site for a free outdoor skate park in Devizes, the Area Board with the backing of Devizes Town Council agreed that Green Lane playing fields is the only possible site.



There was unanimous support for not only locating a skate park at this site but also a

BMX facility. A noise impact survey has already been successfully undertaken and the board has now given the green light to take this project forward. If all goes well, it is hoped that it will be ready for summer 2013. However a lot of work needs to be undertaken including securing the funding, applying for planning permission, and design

of the skate park. It is envisaged that some of the potential users will play a leading role in the project including informal design proposals.

The first stage is to check that there is a mandate for the skatepark. "[Click here](#) to vote on whether you want a skate park and BMX facility at Green Lane Playing Fields in Devizes. Voting closes on the 23rd July"

New allotments for Roundway

One of the commitments of Wiltshire Council is to consider all genuine requests for asset transfers to community groups or Parish Councils. At the May meeting the Area Board approved a request from Roundway Parish Council to take over some land near Green Lane for allotments. This was the first time such a request had been received and it is hoped that others may be encouraged to consider if this is something they could also do.



Roundway Parish Council has been looking for a suitable location for a number of years and the applause at the meeting confirmed their delight in finally achieving their goal. If you are interested and wish to

discuss how to go about this, then please contact the Community Area Manager.

Future of Browfort

At the March 2012 Area Board meeting, those present heard about plans to use the Browfort site for older people, when it ceases to be Council offices in September 2012. At that meeting some people volunteered to form a local working group to help with the project. Their first meeting will take place on July 26th and the purpose is to ensure any local concerns are adequately addressed.

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Paths for Communities

Paths for Communities is a funding scheme set up by Natural England to develop and enhance the network of Public Rights of Way in England in order to deliver benefits to rural areas. Local community partnerships are eligible to bid to Natural England for funds. The aim of P4C is to encourage and support local communities to work with land owners to make improvements to the network of Public Rights of Way. In all cases P4C projects must include some element of new Public Right of Way creation. In most cases projects will include an element of new Bridleway creation but projects that include Footpath creation alone will also be considered where community and economic benefit can be demonstrated. [Read more...](#)

PAWS Call to artists, Oct 12 – Mar 13

Wiltshire Council's arts service offers a participatory arts workshop scheme (PAWS) with projects designed and run by professional artists, to local community groups. Every six months we create a new menu that is offered out to a wide variety of community and voluntary group, after school clubs, youth groups, older people's clubs, disability groups and more.



Groups apply for the project of their choice and we then assess and allocate up to 20 projects per season. Each project runs for a minimum of 8 hours spread over 2 to 4 visits. The fee per project is £350 plus travel expenses and a planning fee.

The next season will run from October 2012 to March 2013 and the deadline for artists applications is 9am Monday 2 July 2012.

For more information about the opportunity please go to the [PAWS website](#) where you will also find details about the current season and what's on.

Chance to have say on crime policy

Residents in Wiltshire and Swindon are being offered the chance to have a say on the shaping of future crime policy. The way police policy is formed in the UK is changing and from November every police force will have an elected police and crime commissioner to decide its priorities and budgets.

To help oversee the work of the commissioner and hold them to account, there will be a police and crime panel made up of local councillors and two independent members of the public. The shadow panel has been set up and Wiltshire and Swindon councils are now looking for two community minded people to undertake the role of the independent members from the summer of 2012 for four years.

For more information about the roles or to apply contact Wiltshire Council's head of democratic services John Quinton on 01225 713054, email john.quinton@wiltshire.gov.uk Application forms are also available on the council's website [by clicking here](#) The closing date for applications is July 9 2012.

Grants and Funding

The Area Board awards grants at all its meetings and particularly welcomes applications for new and innovative work within the community. The deadlines for receiving completed applications are the end of June for the July 23rd meeting, and the end of August for the Sep 24th meeting. If you are thinking about applying then please contact Margaret Tipper

(Margaret.tipper@wiltshire.gov.uk, Tel: 01225 718441) or

Richard Rogers
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Five grants were awarded by the Devizes Area Board at its May 2012 meeting.

- Devizes Community Area Partnership was awarded £2,098 to improve the signage in Devizes before the Town Council takes them on.
- Kennet Furniture project were awarded £4,500 to employ a volunteer manager
- Devizes Carnival was awarded £4,000 to expand their outreach work and run more workshops.
- Devizes rugby Club were awarded £4,700 for mobile flood lights
- The Old School Day Centre were awarded £874 to purchase ICT equipment

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Next Area Board Meeting

Devizes Area Board

Monday 23rd July at Bromham Social Centre. 6.30pm start with refreshments from 6pm. The agenda is likely to include the Devizes Transport Strategy, Air quality and the Wiltshire Community Bank

The next Parish Forum will take place on the 10th July

If you are not on the area board mailing list and would like to be, please send your details including name and email address to:
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