

Summary - Marlborough Area Board - Meeting held on 12/9/2017

MAB Elected Councillors – Chairman James Sheppard, Vice Chairman Stewart Dobson, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE.

Wilts Housing site Allocations Plan -Formal Consultation on the Pre-submission – approved by Wilts Council. Last chance for comments 22/9/2017. www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshgsiteallocationsplan - to allocate new sites for housing and amend where necessary.

Interactive Public Meeting - Voice your views at (events@wiltshire.gov.uk) to discuss the challenges the council is facing and the impact this could have on the £900m budget that supports over 300 services. 25/9/2017 Trowbridge County Hall 5.30pm and 26/9/2017 Devizes Corn Exchange 5.30 pm.

Household Recycling Centres – changes and closures to allow for refurbishment work. Marlborough HRC closed 2/10/2017 reopens 14/10/2017. Alternatives during these dates Devizes/Everleigh. Any queries 0300 456 0102 wasteandrecycling@wiltshire.gov.uk

Martin Litherland provided information on Wiltshire Council's Waste & Recycling strategy (Concern was expressed that if it becomes too difficult or expensive at Recycling Centres there will be an increase in fly-tipping.) There is a 'complete the online survey' <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling> to help decide future policy on this important issue. Closes November 2017.

Wilts Police – East Community Policing Team – Sector Head: Inspector Nick Mawson; Deputy: Sergeant James Williams; Community Coordinator: PC Teresa Herbert; Marlborough PCSO's Lucy Stonestreet and Mark Braithwaite.

The 101 Call Handling for Wilts – There has been some criticism – as the police are being asked to do more with less - callers waiting too long to be answered. There has been some improvement in the service following the initiation of the CPT Model.

Local Crime - Targeted patrols continue in Marlborough villages. Forty-seven Burglaries including attempted ones since 1/5/2017 in the Marlborough area. However, there was only one incident in August! Positive outcomes have resulted from a number of incidents investigated. A resident of Ramsbury has been charged and convicted for burglaries. Mr Luke Patterson has been given a 26 week suspended prison sentence. Other burglaries in east Wiltshire include individuals not local and some are involved with organised crime groups. Police operations have enabled positive progress with help from local communities.

Organised Crime – Local Officers have been engaging with businesses in the town requesting they report anything or anyone acting suspiciously, including unknown or unexpected doorstep traders, unusual vehicles in the area (many offenders use high performance ones). This can apply to villages and concerns reported to 101. Be vigilant - Child Sexual exploitation & Abuse – report any concerns to the Police.

Theft from motor vehicles – thirty-seven within the Marlborough area since 1/5/2017. This figure includes theft of fuel from farm machinery, batteries from tractors, lorries, and horseboxes and Froxfield is one of the villages affected. Theft from vehicles at beauty spots also recorded. Area Board funded signage will be installed at such sites to warn and deter.

Hare coursing & Poaching – This policing priority created 7/08/2017 to allow policing team to focus on areas where illegal activity occurs, which includes daytime trespass in pursuit of game and poaching.

Marlborough Police Station set to close because it is only used part-time and there are other ways to report crime. The Police Commissioner invites suggestions from the public as to alternative options. (There was some disquiet at the meeting as to this proposal).

Anti-social behaviour at Coopers Meadow Marlborough – targeted patrols have seen complaints drop to zero.

Dog Poo a communities wide problem; can dog walkers be obliged to carry and show their poo bags if asked?

Fire & Rescue – DWFRS – Still looking for new Firefighters - please look at website or come and visit your local Fire Station on a Monday evening 19.00 – 2100. On-going Risk awareness with local businesses. See website. Free, home fire safety, checks – see website. Nineteen incidents between 18/7/2017 – 31/8/2017 for Marlborough & Ramsbury. <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/>

Healthwatch - www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk - A report into Dementia found varying care from GP surgeries with some doctors being dismissive, whilst others listened, carried out tests, prescribed medication and referred patients to support services. The report has been submitted to Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Boards and other Groups. Dementia friendly training and CCGs has provided more training to GPs. www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/reports-publications

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group - <http://www.wiltshireccq.nhs.uk> Patients in Swindon and Wiltshire are set to benefit from expansion of diabetes prevention programme for individuals at risk of Type 2 diabetes.

Supporting Learners over 50 – Glynwen Chetcuti, Job Coach at LearnDirect gave a presentation as to how their program could help over 50s with confidence and training to support their aspirations.

Community Resilience – Emergency Plan – **Froxfield has one in place and it will be revised shortly.**

Community Engagement Manager, Andrew Jack – Air quality would be improved if there were no engine idling whilst waiting. Switch the engine off signs and a voluntary scheme to promote this.

HomeRun School App. Andrew gave an update on the app currently being piloted in schools, and allows air pollution monitoring at the school gates.

Digital Making & Raspberry Pi – Robots in action, web cams, make music, art work, and much more Marlborough Library 9.30 – 12.30, 23/9/2017 – all welcome.

A race to remember – at 10 Wiltshire Leisure Centres are taking part in a 12 hour charity spinathon to raise funds for Alzheimer's Support 21/9/2017, 7 until 7.

Dementia Action Alliance – www.dementiafriends.org.uk or for more information on making Marlborough Community dementia friendly www.dementiaaction.org.uk and to get involved sheilaa@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk

The Woodland Trust Free Trees scheme to commemorate the Armistice in 2018 – Community Groups to submit their application by November 2017 to Andrew.

Feedback from the Marlborough Explorer Scouts and Innov8 Sportz CIC on the outcomes of their Area Board Funding, which enabled a trip to Tanzania, where some of the young people involved gave a presentation as to the help and support they gave to one community.

Keep wildlife Wild – The ducks on the Kennet do not need feeding, and when they do it should be from natural river sourced food, not human bread, cakes, chips etc. which leads to health problems.

Marlborough Town Council – Car Parking – have your say www.manp.co.uk ; more affordable housing needed and recreation/sports facilities. Community & Youth Centre on a 7-year lease update.

The Local Youth Network (LYN) Applications and Update - Helen Bradley, the Locality Youth Facilitator, asked the MAB to consider £1996.89 for Marlborough Area Development Trust Digital Makers Club. Agreed.

Community Area Grant Funding 2017/18 – Members of the Area Board agreed as the funds have already supported several large projects, further applications for grants would be looked at in March 2018, assessed and any decisions based on agreed criteria, unless an urgent request is received in the interim.

The next meeting of the Marlborough Area Board will be held on 28/11/2017, 7.00 pm at Marlborough Town Hall.

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