

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WENDOVER LOCAL AREA FORUM  
HELD ON 10 JULY 2008 AT ASTON CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH, GREEN END  
STREET, ASTON CLINTON  
COMMENCING AT 7.05PM AND CONCLUDING AT 9.11PM**

**Present:**

Bill Chapple, Chairman  
Marion Clayton,  
David Thompson, AVDC  
Nicky Gregory, Wendover Parish Council  
Ted Wilkinson, Weston Turville Parish Council  
Andrew Tipping, Stoke Mandeville, Parish Council  
Michael Blundell, Halton Parish Council  
Paul Hammett, St Mary's Church Wendover  
Jim Wilding, CHASE (Concern for Halton Airspace Safety and Environment)  
Mandy Aplin, Thames Valley Police  
Helen Taylor, Thames Valley Police  
John Paulson, RAF Halton  
Peter Mussett, BCC  
Madeleine Howe, BCC  
Ann-Marie Davies, BCC  
Colin Perrottett, BCC  
Paulette Hunn, BCC  
Karen Adamson, BCC  
Karen Jones, BCC

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Michael Foote, Wendover Parish Council (the Chairman was informed that Ted Wilkinson was substituting for this meeting only), Carol Paternoster, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Jenny Hunt, Stoke Mandeville Parish Council, Christine Jenson, Buckland Parish Council and Julie Bunker, BCC (Colin Perrottett was substituting for this meeting only).

**2. Adult Social Care: Local Surgeries**

The Chairman welcomed Karen Adamson, Community Development Worker. Karen explained that she had previously worked in a Community Team at Stoke Mandeville hospital and as an intake manager for home carers providing a rapid response service.

The three key tasks in her current role are as follows:

- Recruiting people to be assigned to the GC2C areas - interviews will be taking place at the end of July.
- Providing community link training for Adult Social Care
- Establishing Social Care surgeries. Members were advised that joint work is currently taking place with Thames Valley Police, GP surgeries and the British Legion and that the surgeries will provide services, advice and guidance to a variety of people. There have been 39 referrals in two months.

Paulette Hunn, Unit Manager, Hillcrest Resource Centre explained that she manages the Day Service for Adults with learning difficulties and that she will

be undertaking additional duties as an Adult Social Care representative. She asked members to contact her if they have concerns about adults with social care needs.

A member commended the initiative and she explained that in her opinion the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care had raised the profile of older people in Buckinghamshire. In response to a question members were advised that details of the surgeries are available on the Buckinghamshire County Council website.

### **3. Youth Work**

The Chairman welcomed Paul Hammett, Youth Worker at St Mary's Church, Wendover. Paul explained that he is a part time Youth Worker at St Mary's Church.

- Starting in September the possibility of opening a youth café in Wendover in the spring of 2009 will be explored.
- Consultation will take place with young people and other local organisations.
- This facility will be independent of BCC youth services
- The preferred site is a Christian centre and other options include the Youth Centre or Wendover Memorial Hall
- The proposals are supported by the Wendover Churches together
- It will be necessary to test the reaction from young people to using Church premises

Members were invited to raise questions and the following points were made:

#### **What activities will be taking place?**

Young people will have the opportunity to access game consoles and receive free refreshments such as smoothies and toast. Workshops will also be provided if the demand is sufficient.

It was noted that there is a Youth café in Aston Clinton after school. Paul explained that the aim is to establish where the need is greatest and that consideration is being given to opening a café one day per week.

The Chairman asked if the café will be restricted to Wendover or a wider area. Paul replied that initially the proposal is to restrict the cafe to Wendover. The age will be determined by demand and generally will be for young people up to year nine.

#### **Will local schools be visited?**

This was confirmed – a visit will be made to John Colet School.

The Chairman noted that the Halton Cadets will be old enough to help at the youth café's.

### **4. Extended Services to Schools**

Madeleine Howe reported that an Extended Services Coordinator will be appointed for the Wendover area. (*Chairman's note after the meeting Maxine Saving was appointed as an Extended Services Co-ordinator for the Wing & Ivinghoe and Wendover areas*).

## **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 15 May 2008 were considered. Jim Wilding reported that there was no record in the minutes of the presentation on noise that he gave to the meeting and the RAF response. Madeleine Howe agreed to amend the minutes to reflect this point.

### **5. Matters arising**

- Members were asked notify Madeleine Howe by 18 July if they will be available to attend a meeting on 6 January 2009.
- A member asked for confirmation of the definition of affordable housing. Peter Mussett replied that it would be difficult to find an average cost of housing because Buckinghamshire was the fourth most expensive county in the country. The average house price in Aylesbury Vale is £259,000 and in South Buckinghamshire the average is £507,000. The Chairman explained that the definition of affordable is very individual. *(Chairman's note after the meeting the definition of affordable housing was obtained from the Community Action Network as follows 'Housing where the occupant is paying no more than thirty percent (30%) of gross income for gross housing costs, including utility costs.)*
- The Chairman reported that GC2C had been approved by full Council earlier that day and that the aim is that all aspects of services will be become localised on a routine rather than an exceptional basis in future. Marion Clayton explained that Children's Services will become localised. A member commended the proposal and he noted that Every Child Matters includes local delivery as part of the agenda.

### **6. Highways Matters**

Members were invited to raise questions and the following points were made:

- In response to a question Colin Perrottet reported that on 4 August the planning and patching gangs will be Wendover and Aylesbury local community areas for 3 weeks. The transportation local community gangs will be in the Wendover and Winslow local community areas from 18 August. The Local Area Technicians have agreed the final work programme with members in each of the parishes.
- The Chairman reported that in 2008 spending on highway repairs was £3.25m and that in 2009 this will increase to 2009.
- A member explained that in his opinion the grass cutting at Hampden Hall had not been very of a satisfactory quality and that it had been necessary to cut round the bus shelter. Colin Perrottet suggested that the member contacts Clifford Marshall or Julie Bunker about grass cutting.
- During a discussion on road signs regarding 30mph restrictions members were advised that the responses have been mixed with some parishes welcoming the signs and others requesting that they are removed.
- A member reported that the potholes on Halton Lane need repairing. It was agreed that this be investigated.
- Members discussed the impact on road users of the memorials at Terrick and Worlds End and it was noted that the family liaison groups approach the families about the possibility of removing them. It was also suggested that a

consistent approach is adopted in the area and that an update is provided to the next meeting.

- Members discussed the possibility of making a horticultural feature at the roundabout at Hampden Hall. Colin Perrottet advised members were advised that to contact the Transportation department.

## **7. Princess Mary Hospital Development**

Ann Marie Davies referred to a letter dated 9 July 2008 from Del Tester providing a position statement with regard to the development proposed at the site (*A copy of which is attached to the minutes*). Offsite works will commence on 21 July 2008 and last until 22 September 2009. BCC has received a £170,000 contribution for pedestrian and cycleway facilities from the Hospital Circular Road to John Colet and Wendover Church of England schools, B4009/Chestnut Avenue junction along the B4009 to Wendover High Street and improvements to the Clock Tower Junction.

Members requested that an update is provided for the next meeting on the cycleway near John Colet School and they expressed disappointment that £170,000 was insufficient funding. Ann Marie Davies reported that it is intended that a meeting of all the interested parties takes place in the near future to discuss how the money is best allocated.

The Chairman asked if consideration could be given to the young people helping to prepare the route and that an offer had been made from RAF Halton. It was also suggested that any work could be supervised by the Probation Service. This was noted.

## **8. NAG Update**

The representatives from Thames Valley Police were unable to provide an update because they had not attended the meeting.

It was noted that Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) had been used on Tring Road and Aylesbury Road and that warnings had been issued to drivers on Halton Lane.

A member reported that he considered that there was inadequate police representation in Wendover at the weekends whilst their presence during the week was evident. Police attendance is determined by the shift patterns and that the response unit in Wendover is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. A third PCSO will be joining the team on 31 July and will be working longer shifts.

## **9. RAF Halton Matters**

Wing Commander John Paulsson reported that RAF Halton held at Home Day on 14 June which had been very successful and attended by approximately 10 – 12,000 people. Consideration was being given to repeating the event next year.

There has been an article in the Bucks Herald and coverage on Mix 96 about the future of RAF Halton. The RAF has launched a study into the site which trains approximately 20,000 staff per annum. The general view is that the future is positive.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the open day and that it had been an excellent day. He requested that there was no parking in the village next year. This was noted. In response to a question regarding if there had been any complaints about low flying aircraft, Wing Commander Paulsson agreed to clarify this point. A member explained that in her opinion the advance publicity helped to reduce the number of complaints.

Members were advised that the increase in the number of recruits will impact on the number firing on the range. Firing may continue after 5pm until 6 or 6.30pm every 2 weeks on a Friday. Consideration is being given to moving this to a Monday.

Wing Commander Paulsson reported that he was shortly to be posted to another station and that his successor will be Andy Eckleston. The Chairman welcomed the positive news about the long term future of RAF Halton. In his opinion the village would not be the same without the RAF station.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

**CHASE** – Jim Wilding the representative from CHASE reported that the RAF and CHASE are in consultation. The areas worst affected are residents who live closest to the runway. A review of flying hours per week and per month between April and October is taking place. The tugs are operating until 6pm and the belief is that the activity should cease at 4.30pm. He reported that tugs will be operating from 5 July until 4 August including weekends and that in his opinion the boundaries are being stretched too far. Wing Commander John Paulsson expressed a preference to replying in writing. The Chairman requested that a copy of the reply (when available) is attached to the minutes.

The Chairman referred to an article in the Bucks Herald suggesting that Disneyland would be coming to Aston Clinton and reported that he had not received any correspondence about this and in his opinion it was aspirational and wishful thinking because an application would need to receive planning permission.

#### **11. Items for Future Agendas**

##### **Parking**

- Commuter parking on Ligo Avenue
- Parking review in Wendover
- Parking outside Tesco's in Wendover
- Parking outside Stoke Mandeville Station and Stoke Mandeville hospital
- Parking in Middle Field, Weston Turville

It was suggested that a representative from Chiltern Railway is invited to attend the next meeting.

#### **12. Date of Next Meeting**

- Thursday 11 September 2008 at 7pm at the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville.