

Area East Community Planning Sub-Committee – 26th March 2008

8. Community Planning Update

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Purpose of the Report

This report provides an overview of community planning activity in Area East and an update on the progress of the community plans.

Background

The approach to Community Planning in Area East has been to promote the benefits of community planning at a local level and to support the production of Community Plans in any Town or Parish expressing an interest in the process.

Town/Parish Community Plans

Community Plan	Update
<p>Wincanton People’s Plan Status - Adopted by Town Council Endorsed by Area East Committee in April 2007.</p> <p>The Wincanton Market and Coastal Town Initiative (MCTI) steering group oversees the implementation of the plan. Meetings are usually bi-monthly as group oversees project implementation by identified lead group/agency.</p>	<p>Planning of a 2/3 day food festival in the Autumn to run concurrently with South Somerset Food Festival.</p> <p>Review of town centre security needs planned in conjunction with Wincanton Businesses Together.</p> <p>Ongoing liaison with South West Regional Development Agency on production of strategic overview.</p> <p>Meeting between key agencies with land around Carrington Way. Collaboration explored and common level of understanding created about current status for each organisation.</p>
<p>Castle Cary and Ansford CanPlan Status – Adopted by Town/Parish Councils. Endorsed by Area East Committee in Dec ‘06.</p> <p>Castle Cary Town Council and Ansford Parish Council monitor progress of the plan and have a joint meeting annually.</p>	<p>Improvements to Castle Cary Station – The Interpretation panel has been installed and clearly shows the walking route into Castle Cary, further work to improve signage on the route is planned. First Great Western has improved the parking arrangements and better transport link info is now available.</p> <p>Speed Restrictions 20mph speed restrictions being progressed as a priority MTIG project. Meeting with SCC to discuss taking highways related schemes forward has been arranged. Further information should be available at the meeting.</p>

	<p>Community Action Group Community meeting is planned to report the progress of the Community Action Group and discuss the way forward. Community garden project is progressing with a keen group of volunteers.</p> <p>Youth Facilities An allocation of £35,000 towards a Multi Use Games Area has been agreed by SSDC. Steve Barnes and Tim Cook are due to attend the Town Council meeting in April.</p> <p>Tourism Group The tourism leaflet is in draft form and will be available for the start of the tourism season. The leaflet has been funded by local sponsorship and grants from SSDC, Wessex Rail Partnership, Community Chest and the Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>Business and Economy A meeting was arranged for all businesses to discuss a number of key issues including Car Parking, RadioLink, Planning. An update will be available at the meeting.</p>
<p>Bruton The Way Forward Status – Adopted by Town Council Endorsed by Area East Committee in Dec '06.</p> <p>The Bruton The Way Forward steering group oversees the implementation of the implementation of the plan.</p>	<p>Traffic Calming – Public consultation held attended by approx 100 people, proposed changes supported. Garry Green is formalising a plan with County for implementation late Summer 2008.</p> <p>CCTV and Radio Link – Stakeholder meeting concluded that Radio Link was impractical for Bruton. Lighting improvements and surveillance quality CCTV are needed in key areas.</p> <p>Third Age and POPP. A group organised by Anna Groskop and helped by Partnership for Older People Project has arranged to meet at the Unionist Club.</p> <p>Parking, Museum and Tourism Possible sites for additional car parking have been identified. Sites to be reviewed by Garry Green to identify the most appropriate. Bruton Museum is working with Bruton Trust on a time-line/ipod project with Sexey's School.</p> <p>Grant Bids The application by Town Council for improvements to Jubilee Park, Pavilion and Dovecot is being assessed at the Viridor March 19th Grants committee meeting.</p> <p>Young People The Community Action group have held a Film Night and are planning trips for groups of</p>

	<p>young people over the holidays.</p> <p>BTWF</p> <p>The committee has finalised a memorandum and articles of association to become a company limited by guarantee for charitable purposes. The Town Council will fund the legal fees to achieve this constitution following which an extraordinary general meeting will finalise the officers of the company.</p>
<p>Queen Camel Status - Adopted by Parish Council Endorsed by Area East Committee in July 06.</p> <p>Delivery by theme groups overseen by Parish Council.</p>	<p>The School/Parish Council project to produce a piece of artwork for the bus shelter has been completed.</p> <p>The planning and development group is moving forward on developing an affordable housing scheme. An initial audit of possible land has taken place and priority sites have been identified. The group is seeking advice on developing a site using the Community Land Trust model. The next steps will be a more thorough assessment of sites and negotiation with land owners. A meeting with Land Trust expert to inform the way forward has been organised for the 14th April.</p> <p>A number of activity days for young people are being planned for the summer holidays in August.</p>
<p>West Camel Status – Adopted by Parish Council Endorsed by Area East Committee in Oct 06.</p> <p>Implementation overseen by Parish Council.</p>	<p>The West Camel Living Plan is due to be reviewed at the Annual Parish Meeting. Progress on actions identified in the plan and rolling the plan forward will be discussed.</p>
<p>Cary Moor (Lovington, Alford, South Barrow, North Barrow) Status - Adopted by Parish Council Endorsed by Area East Committee in Oct 06.</p> <p>Parish Council to oversee the implementation of the plan.</p>	<p>A website is in being developed for the Parish.</p> <p>A welcome pack has been produced and is available to new residents.</p> <p>An attempt to start a youth club has not been successful due to lack of volunteers. Evidence in the Parish Plan has been used to respond to SCCs consultation on the future of the Dimmer site.</p>

<p>Keinton Mandeville Status - Adopted by Parish Council Endorsed by Area East Committee</p>	<p>A community website is now live and fully functioning www.keintonmandeville.com. The footpath map and welcome pack have been completed. Copies will be available at the meeting.</p> <p>Plans for the toddler play area near the village hall are progressing well with over £16,000 raised so far.</p> <p>A youth representative has been appointed to the Parish Council and some work is underway to look at the possibility of providing a Youth Outreach Worker.</p> <p>The Parish Council is keen to produce a Village Design Statement and advice and guidance is being sought from SSDC Planning Policy.</p>
<p>North Cadbury and Yarlington (includes Galhampton and Woolston) Status - Adopted by Parish Council Endorsed by Area East Committee in Nov 06.</p>	<p>The Parish Orchard project is moving forward slowly as a sequential site assessment is being done. It is hoped that this scheme will provide the opportunity to deliver many of the desired outcomes (BMX track, allotments, kick about area and informal play space etc) identified. Plans to install speed restriction signs through the village are progressing however further funding will be required.</p>
<p>Mudford Status - Draft plan complete. Parish Council to oversee the implementation of the plan.</p>	<p>The plan is ready to go to print. The Parish Council has been working towards delivering actions identified. These include major play area improvements and a pedestrian crossing which is due to be installed in the Autumn.</p>
<p>Holton Small group established and working towards producing a Parish Plan.</p>	<p>Elements of the plan completed but still some consultation to complete before the document is ready for publishing. Drop in meeting to consult on the draft "Settlement and Landscape Statement, Proposals and Policies" to be held on 14th March.</p>
<p>Barton St David</p>	<p>The first public meeting was attended by 114 people. There is a lot of local interest in the plan but significant local land use issues are tending to dominate. Guidance has been sought from planning policy but is yet to be provided.</p>
<p>Charlton Musgrove</p>	<p>Steering group formed and the first Public event (Sausage and Mash lunch) on the 8th March was attended by approx 50 people.</p>
<p>Milborne Port</p>	<p>Steering group is established and is working towards identifying key theme areas.</p>
<p>Sparkford</p>	<p>A number of people have expressed an interest in being on a steering group. The Parish Council is still keen to take this forward.</p>

Marston Magna	Initial letter and questionnaire is ready to be circulated to all households. Request to help with printing costs has been received.
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Funding for producing Parish/Community Plans

There is currently no funding available from the Government to support community planning and advice from the Community Council for Somerset is that plans will have to be funded from other sources.

The Community Development Officer is due to attend a meeting of Officers from around the County to discuss the future support for Parish Plans. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

Implementation Fund

Of the £50,000 ring-fenced for the implementation of community plans, £30,015 remains unallocated.

Financial Implications

There are no new financial implications resulting from this report.

Implications for Corporate Priorities

This work contributes towards increasing economic vitality and prosperity and ensuring safe, sustainable and cohesive communities.
