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The core agenda was Community Campuses with presentations by Wiltshire Council Transformation Officer Lucy Murray Brown and WfCAP's Chair and Chair of Corsham's Community Operations Board Allan Bosley.

Slides from both speaker's presentations are linked to above.

Lucy Murray Brown explained the reasoning behind the campus project and the gradual roll-out across Wiltshire. she explained that the core criteria to all campus buildings includes shared reception, community space, accessible IT provision, personal care facilities and catering facilities but that the detail of this and additional facilities would be unique to each community area and dependent on local consultation.

The CAPs and community networks are key to carrying out this consultation and informing their COB of community needs and views.

Allan talked specifically about the Corsham Campus project which is the pilot and has just been signed off with the contractors for the building work to go ahead. He emphasised the fact that although the campuses were physical buildings, this project is far more about the overall concept of communities being able to influence local amenities and empowered to take on responsibility of managing these assets.

CCAN, the Corsham CAP, ran two consultations and engaged with the local schools to ensure children and teenagers had their say and this also managed to capture more of the parent's views too.

Allan spoke in detail about the challenges and opportunities the COB faced during the process. The chairs of the various COBs have occasional meetings where they are able to share these experiences and obviously the learning from each is taken forward by the WC officers. However, as mentioned before, the campus plans and project will differ between each community area.

The core agenda was followed by the regular speed-networking session and a short practical session reviewing and discussing how influential people thought their groups were. There is a tool called VOICE which can help community groups to work through a process determining their influence and potential. The process requires all core members of the group to commit to 2/3 workshop sessions. Please get in touch if you want to know more on this.

All CAPs and voluntary groups are welcome at Develop's VSF meetings.

Next Meeting: 15th May 2013

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