

MINUTES

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU
Date: 24 January 2019
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 10.00 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Derek Brown OBE (Chairman), Cllr Sven Hocking (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ricky Rogers and
Cllr John Walsh

Also present: Cllr Church, Cllr Clewer, Cllr Devine

Wiltshire Council Officers

Karen Linaker, Salisbury Community Engagement Manager
Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Richard Walters, Head of Service, Major Projects

Town and Parish Councils

Salisbury City Council – Annie Child
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – David Burton

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Hutchings
OPCC – Jerry Herbert, Deputy PCC

Total in attendance: 70

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Derek Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Salisbury Area Board and invited the members of the Board to introduce themselves.</p> <p>In addition to the Board members, Councillors Clewer, Green, & Church, were in attendance.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Maggs – Dorset & Wilts Fire • Cllr Matthew Dean
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2018, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To announce that as a result of the CEM re-structuring exercise, Karen Linaker would be leaving the Salisbury area after two and a half years, moving onto cover the Southern and South West Wiltshire Area Boards. <p>In her time with us the Board had been impressed by her knowledge, enthusiasm and sheer hard work for the city and its residents.</p> <p>She has built a network of partnering organisations and has shown us what can be achieved when we work together. She will be sorely missed and we wish her well in her new endeavours.</p> <p>Mark Read would be taking on the Salisbury CEM role, having formerly worked with Tisbury Area Board.</p>
6	<p><u>Information items</u></p>

	<p>The Board noted the following written information items attached to the agenda, or circulated at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Healthwatch Wiltshire b. Clinical Commissioning Group c. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Precept Consultation 2019 d. Wiltshire Council – Polling District & Station Review & Special Schools Consultation e. Consultation Portal: link
7	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>Deputy PCC Jerry Herbert gave an overview of the proposed increase to the precept. A DVD was played before and during the meeting and can be viewed online.</p> <p>This year central Government made a headline announcement on how much it was willing to increase the funding for its services. They have given us the powers to raise that for up to £2 per month for a typical D band property.</p> <p>The cost was typically £15/month, with the increase this would go up to £17/month for the Policing aspect. If we are unable to raise the precept we are unable to maintain the level of Policing that we have today. We have a plan to invest in Community Policing, and intend to recruit a further 41 Police Officers in the new financial year. This would be as two Cyber units, with five new officers. Other additions in Fraud, Child Sexual Exploitation, second area in increasing the roads and Armed Forces, and finally 15 officers into local Community Policing teams.</p> <p>The consultation would run until 31st Jan.</p> <p><u>Questions included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you need Policemen to carry out the online tracking of abuse? <u>Answer:</u> Because there are certain areas that require a warrant for enforcement. • Cllr Walsh – the SCC were currently funding two security officers, so really, we are asking our citizens to fund this twice. We have filled the gaps locally. • Cllr Hoque – Would there be more of a selling point, how sure are we that we will get that number of new officers after the increase. <u>Answer:</u> We are sure we will deliver on this. We already have candidates that have been vetted and will go on with their training. • Cllr Dalton – In a Twitter tweet from the PCC, he said that officer numbers had reduced by 23%, this will go some way to bring that number back up. Is the journal report of the 999 support being reduced accurate? <u>Answer:</u> We are looking to take today's number of Officers up by 41. The

contribution the Government makes to funding Police has gone down. There are gaps, and this can only be funded by increasing the precept. There will be some changes with the control room, and likely to involve some changes in job roles. The speed with which 101 and 999 calls are answered has improved. We need to continue to adjust the numbers and types of man power there to reflect the changes in the way people report incidents.

- In your opinion what staff levels do you think you need to do a proper job? Answer: That is a matter for the Chief Constable to advise on. Yes we could do more with more staff, but it's a matter of how we manage what we have and direct our resources where they can be most valuable.
- There has been an increase in flytipping, speeding, and vandalism. If there are not enough Police to uphold the law, it will increase, I think having a decent Police presence is worth the increase.
- The Police resources being used in Christie Miller Rd has been extensive, how much does that cost? Answer: I cannot tell you the specifics at Christie Miller Road, however the Home Office has agreed to pay the additional costs involved. We anticipate that there is still an amount to come back, and we would put this forward once we have all of the final bills in from all forces.

Police – Inspector John Hutchings

Proud of the service that we provide as Wiltshire Police across the whole of the county, not just in the south. Full update provided in the pack.

We have been doing a lot over last few months. We made a commitment, and offered to attend a public event when invited, we have been doing that and continue to endeavour to be there where we can.

There had been issues over the Christmas period with a youth element in Salisbury, however the levels of antisocial behaviour dropped off since the schools had gone back. We rounded up those involved and were now working with the Youth Offending team to steer them away from such behaviour.

Crime statistics were published for the year. In Salisbury the year on year figure for crime was down. There had been an increase in patrol activity as a result in anti-social behaviour. Activity was a planned increase as part of our pulse patrols.

Purse thefts had also seen a reduction. One of our Community Coordinators had left post and would be replaced by Caroline Ralph. The Special Constabulary were integral to all the work we do. The hours they provide free of charge were 358h this month.

The Chairman asked Inspector Hutchings to pass on the thanks of the Board to the volunteer Specials, adding that we really appreciate all the force does for us.

Fire

The Fire Service 'We are DWFire' [video](#) had been played before the meeting.

Salisbury City Council (SCC)

Clerk – Annie Child gave an update.

At Full council last week we elected a new Leader; Cllr Jeremy Nettle. We also set the budget for the forthcoming year, band D would remain at £208 which equates to a 0% increase this year.

Projects we will be focusing on this year are:

- Public toilets
- Phase 2 cemetery
- Allotments
- And allocating funds to a few key projects

SCC was also picking up on the Neighbourhood Plan process, the first task would be to recruit and set up a Planning Steering Group. The details of this would follow on our website.

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council

David Burton gave an update:

- We had also made a contribution to the cemetery project undertaken by SCC.
- The Country Park was proceeding, we take H&S seriously, checking the proposals to make sure they meet the criteria
- A 1000 tree woodland was underway with planting taking place in the Country Park, and had also taken ownership of two play areas.
- Investment in a Bus Shelter Project, and would be looking for grant funding to support that in due course.
- Awarded a Lottery grant of £42k for River Bourne and River Avon project, we would be enlisting over 100 children to assist with that exciting work.

Questions:

- Cllr Walsh – Would there be a map showing the routes through the Country Park? Answer: Yes, we will have one. A ranger will be in post at end of March, and by mid-summer we would hope to be producing maps.

Salisbury BID

Paper circulated at the meeting and is attached to the minutes.

Community Engagement Manager - Karen Linaker

Wiltshire Council had launched an initiative to support the National Armed

Forces Day (NAFD) event, which would be held in Salisbury over the weekend of 28th – 30th June 2019.

The NAFD event was a huge celebration of bringing our troops home. The three day programme, which was free to attend included:

- Armed Forces family event
- Community day with parade and air show
- Veterans' and young people's day

Friday 28 June – Armed forces personnel and family event

- Children's activities and entertainment
- Barbecue – celebrity chef
- Live entertainment – concert
- Gala dinner

Saturday 29 June – Community day

- VVIPs in attendance
- Armed forces parade, air show, fly past
- Arenas, marquees and exhibitors, military village
- Shows, activities and displays
- Handover of NAFD flag
- Evening concert and fireworks

Sunday 30 June - Veterans' and youth day

- Live entertainment
- Afternoon tea for invited veterans
- World record breaking attempt to create the largest human poppy
- Commemoration service
- Fly past
- Wartime singalong finale

There was opportunity for all Wiltshire community areas to be involved, with three active projects aimed to encourage all areas to take part.

Community art tapestry project

- An artistic lead, commissioned by Wiltshire Council, will work with community groups in each of the 18 areas to create a tapestry/artwork/collage
- The tapestries will be joined together to create one larger framed piece which will be displayed at the event
- This lasting legacy piece will then be displayed across the county
- Copy version for all areas

Largest human poppy world record attempt

- Aim to bring together more than 4,000 people from across Wiltshire to take part in an attempt on Sunday 30 June at Hudson's Field to create the largest human poppy using coloured biodegradable ponchos – current record is 2,567 people (Cirencester – 3,000)
- Could involve transport from each area to ensure the event is inclusive
- Encourage veterans/cadets and young people

Next steps:

- Decision on three areas for community involvement
- Work with CEM and local representatives and groups to encourage involvement and to progress
- Support will be provided to assist with art work
- Further update and detail to be provided on largest human poppy
- NAFD flag will be provided for photos, plus support

Question:

I asked once before if something could be done with the other side of the war memorial. Could some funding be found to do this now? Answer: We will take that onboard. There are things that we can do.

Air Quality Group -

The Board noted the report from the last meeting which had been attached to the agenda.

Child Wellbeing Group

Cllr Douglas explained that the people involved in the Child & Wellbeing group set 3 priorities. Focused on one area in 2018, the Friary. As a result of those conversations the Community Foundation secured £200k for a five year programme. The local people were involved on how that would be used.

The next area of focus in 2019 would be Bishopdown, in the north and south wards. We would meet on 7 February with other community groups, to ask what was already being done for children 0-5, what the gaps were and how we could help.

If we can help children 0-5 years old, that has an expedient effect on the rest of their lives.

Crime & Community Safety Update – Cllr Hoque

The Board noted the report from the last meeting, which had been attached to the agenda.

Cllr Hoque noted that at that meeting people cycling on the pavement came up as an issue. We will work on this to tackle the problem.

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Theme Item - Air Quality

The Chairman gave an introduction to this themed session on Air Quality in the Salisbury Community Area.

The Board then received an overview from Public Protection on the Wiltshire perspective.

Presentation from John Carter, Head of Public Protection & Rachel Kent

There are clearly a number of air pollution issues around Salisbury. The new Clean Air strategy had been published last week by central Government.

Generally, the air quality for the majority of the county was good, however there were some areas where issues occurred. In Salisbury there was a nitrogen dioxide issue related to vehicle exhausts.

There were seven hotspots where air quality related to traffic, three of those were in Salisbury. Work with groups and other Officers, we look at ways to improve this, and work with Highways England on the trunk roads.

The three hotspot areas in Salisbury were; City Centre, London Road and Wilton Road.

Monitoring takes place over a 12 month period, we have around 80 sites across Wiltshire, if the sites do not show a high level of pollution after a year, we move the sites. We are also open to suggestions from parish councils and such for new sites.

Air Quality Management Group – Richard Bolton

There are a number of local issues which contribute to poor air quality. We have tried to identify current problems and hope people in attendance can come together to discuss some solutions.

Congestion Issues – The combination of the range of vehicles using the city centre on a daily basis, with the narrow pavements can make pedestrian movement uncomfortable.

It is difficult to establish dedicated cycle and bus lanes due to the lack of resources.

Avon Valley town path and shared path are busy. There are also places where the cycle routes come to an abrupt end.

There is a lack of awareness that trees and other vegetation make a vital benefit in urban environments.

Round table discussion

Those present were then asked to work in groups on tables to discuss the

	<p>issues for Salisbury and to make suggestions on ways to tackle those issues. Following discussion, each table was asked to feedback 2 main points, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and the integration of the public. • Take up of Park and Ride too slow • See improved pedestrian areas • Reduced car spaces in the city centre • Other modes of transport, closing streets and raising awareness. • Removing private cars from the centre of the town, only allowing taxis and buses. • Modal shift monitoring of all the different forms of transport to see whether things are changing. • Improving traffic flow around Churchill Road and the inner ring road. • Interactive signage, with regards to what is going on with air quality. • Fleet buses and P&R not attractive to use, need late night service on Peters Finger service. No point to use buses when free to park or park easily. • Free parking for electric vehicles in residential areas and at the P&R • Problems with idling cars, when dropping people off. Could the traffic wardens give info out to those people to turn engines off. • Upkeep of trees a problem, so encourage people to plant on their own land. • School travel – there could be more car share and more school buses, with more after school clubs and sessions to spread out people collecting children. • Traffic lights – not needed late at night in some areas. • Coordinating road works, so not too many in one area, causing traffic jams. • Convenience and time is a key factor in people’s decisions. • Better continuous cycle ways. So people feel safe cycling. Benji Bikes – electric and cargo carrying. <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for all of the passion being shared on this topic. It was important to hear the new ideas. The Board would take all the points raised tonight to the AQMG and add them to the action plan.</p>
9	<p><u>Salisbury Recovery Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and South Wiltshire Recovery, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism and Richard Walters, Head of Service for Major Projects were in attendance to provide an update to the Board.</p> <p><u>Salisbury Recovery – Cllr Pauline Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now thinking more strategically in Southern Wiltshire – we want to look forward to the amazing things that are going on.

- The Christmas Market and ice rink were a great success. We have been trying to do a lot to keep Salisbury economically active. There were 44 chalets sold this year, in addition to the ice rink which sold over 12k sessions. Very positive feedback from this.
- Since the 4th March incident to 31st December, we lost over 1m visits to the city, with an average decrease in footfall of 11%. This is why we continue with the strategic work, and have a dedicated team.
- The Cabinet is committed to providing a flagship library and art gallery in the city.
- The high street is changing and we need to keep up with the trend. The funding of £6.1m has to be spent by 2021, otherwise it would be taken from us.

The Maltings – Richard Walters

I have been involved for a good number of years in the Maltings project. The site is a significant brownfield site in the middle of the city. TH Real Estate (THRE) owns the Malting site. We have been working with them to bring forward a comprehensive scheme for that site. The March events were also played out within the area of the site.

There was always the intention to have a comprehensive development on that site.

We have secured funding for £6m to facilitate the first stage of the development. It has been a driver in us taking this development forward comprehensively.

There are 4 key components to the development, and we are proposing to use the £6m funding by 2021. To move that forward we have come forward with an application for plot 1, along with a Master Plan for applications for the other plots in due course. The Phase 1 application was submitted in December 2018.

Travelodge had been secured as an anchor tenant for phase 1. We would retain the continuity of a library service within the city.

An application for the Market Walk area would be presented in spring 2019, subject to ongoing dialogue with THRE.

Cllr Clewer

The Young Gallery would be my area. There was a commitment to retain a flagship library with a reference library, and art gallery.

Moving the library was always on the cards, back to Salisbury District Council days. As part of the desire to improve the Market Walk development the library has to move.

The proposed site is a decant location, and not the final site for the library. There will not be any lack of library provision in the city. The cultural quarter is being developed.

A plan for the final location of the library will be emerging through the ongoing development process. We want a modern library, with more IT facilities.

The Young Gallery will need to relocate at the same time, however we are not sure where that will go at the moment.

Questions from the Board:

- The Maltings development used to be a standing item on this Board's agenda, how it got lost I do not know. Can the Chairman be included in future briefings on the progress of this. This Board should have the role that was given to us after the demise of Salisbury Vision. Why is the Board not involved with the new THRE Group? Answer: Cllr Church - The speed at which we have been progressing on this has been quite fast. We are now at the stage where our presentations are forward thinking and will take this approach in the future. The Civic Society was consulted and had a presentation and so did the Salisbury City Council, where all of their members were invited. Richard - Things were moving quite fast and we needed to get an application in. We do recognise we do need to engage with you and consult you in the future phases. This application is due to be considered by SCC at its planning meeting on 4th Feb.
- I am interested to hear that where you are putting the library is not the final destination of the library. You need to move the game up a bit to provide more information to the people, as we don't know these things until now. Answer: Cllr Church - This application will come to Strategic Planning and there would be an opportunity for public involvement.
- I am glad the communication error has been picked up. Grateful for the £6.1m awarded to Salisbury, however I have concerns over the size of the library. Had not realised that the site was temporary. I would welcome some clarification on floor space. Answer: The current library has 995.91m² of library space in the building at present. The ground floor 576.1m². The decant site is roughly about the same as the ground floor at the moment. The computers would probably end up in the decant library provision.
- What was the planned timescale in terms of split reference library. The library design may or may not be changing, but many people may not be changing, it would be better to look at usage of current users. Answer: Timescale may be a couple of years.
- Would it not be a waste of public money, to move twice? Answer: Cllr Church - This is our opportunity to get this right for Salisbury, and there is no other way.
- It is a big site, once the library has moved on what will fill that space, will it be empty for a number of years? Answer: It may be a space that the

	<p>Travelodge feel they can use, or maybe a restaurant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We all want Maltings redeveloped. It has taken too long to get to this point, on land that the Council owns. The library is a popular place and well used. Salisbury Library is the second busiest library in the south west region. Seems now that we have the £6m, the Council is rushing to spend it, and mistakes can happen when you act in haste. <u>Answer:</u> Cllr Church - I think this is a really forward-thinking development for Salisbury, and we should embrace it. The library is not fit for purpose and not modern, and our community deserves better than this. The new one will be a flagship library. • I am disappointed that this is being held by Strategic Planning, as Southern Area Planning Committee has local Members that know the city and what is best for it. <p><u>Questions from the floor:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the first public forum other than this on 4th February at SCC Planning? <u>Answer:</u> Yes. • I am dismayed that the planning application for the first phase that has come forward has come before the production of a Master Plan. One of the aspirations was for the cycle path continuing across Salisbury. <u>Answer:</u> I agree that a piecemeal approach is not appropriate for this site. In the spring the application coming forward would be accompanied by a Master Plan. That building has some serious material in it, including asbestos, so part of the money will be used to address those issues to make it suitable for development. • It is crucial to make sure we consider the issues as a whole, I hope the Council makes it clear publicly that the library decant is a temp process. • The developer must consult the public before the application went in, when did this happen? <u>Answer:</u> It has been trailed in two planning strategies. It has been presented by THRE at a public meeting. There was consultation with stakeholders. <p>The Chairman noted that opportunities would be available to consult on this fuller. The Board would look to see how best we can take this forward. Things are moving quickly, we need to be flexible.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers request that the Maltings became a standard item on future Area Board agendas and that the chairman was briefed as we go forward.</p>
10	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>Councillor Ricky Rogers introduced the two bids for Youth Funding which had been to the LYN, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda, noting that the young people had questioned the applicants thoroughly.</p> <p>The money in the Youth Budget for the remainder of the financial year was</p>

	<p>approximately £1550.</p> <p>The Board Considered the recommendations of the LYN, debated the projects and asked questions on the two bids.</p> <p><u>Salisbury Live – request for £2,500</u> The event would run from May 5th to June 1st. The applicant noted that they had received a further £500 from sponsorship and would raise some more from fundraising.</p> <p>Cllr Brown recommended a grant of £1,300, and suggest the applicant approach the SCC to ask for the rest.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board awarded Salisbury Live £1,300 of Youth Funding towards the Salisbury Live 2019 event.</p> <p><u>Harnham Schools Association – request for £240</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board awarded The Harnham Schools Association £240 towards the Harnham Slope Fun Run event.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Board considered three applications for funding from the Community Area Grants Scheme for 2018/19, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Following discussion, the Board voted on each application in turn.</p> <p><u>Pantry Partnership – request for £5,000</u> This application had been deferred at the last meeting, pending further information regarding the lease of the premises. The applicant had now been granted a two-year lease.</p> <p>Cllr Douglas noted that she belonged to a church that also worked with the applicant. There was not prejudicial interest so she took part in the discussion and vote for this application.</p> <p>This project was considered a good use of the building and would help the community.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Pantry Partnership was awarded £5,000 towards Refurbishment of the former Victoria Bowls Club. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for</p>

	<p>2018/19.</p> <p><u>Salisbury Wildlife Group – requested £1,000</u></p> <p>The SCC Parks Team would plant the trees, with the understanding that the Group take on the maintenance thereafter.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Salisbury Wildlife Group was awarded £1,000 towards tree planting at Five Rivers. <i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2018/19.</i></p> <p><u>St Thomas’s Church Salisbury – requested £5,000</u></p> <p>A conversion project of the church space to a large flexible space which could then be used for multiple functions and groups. Funding sought for chairs.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> St Thomas’s Church was awarded £5,000 towards replacement chairs. <i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2018/19.</i></p>
12	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group Update and Funding</u></p> <p>Cllr John Walsh introduced the report detailing the outcomes from the last HWB Group meeting.</p> <p>The Board was then asked to ratify two funding awards which had been made under the delegated powers of the Community Engagement Manager, in consultation with the Area Board Chairman, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board ratified the allocation of £31.15 to the Interfaith week lunch drop-in event held on 16th November 2018.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board ratified the allocation of £50 to the Celebrating Age, Christmas Lunch Party, held on 16th December 2018.</p>
13	<p><u>National Armed Forces Day - Funding Bid</u></p> <p>The Board considered the request for funding to support the National Armed Forces Day event to be held in Salisbury in June 2019, as set out in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board allocated £1,000 half capital half revenue to the</p>

	National Armed Forces Day event in 2019.
14	<u>Close</u> The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 28 March 2019.