

# **MINUTES**

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD

Place: Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU

Date: 8 November 2018

**Start Time:** 7.00 pm **Finish Time:** 9.10 pm

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# In Attendance:

# **Wiltshire Councillors**

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

Cllr Pauline Church - Salisbury Recovery Update

# Wiltshire Council Officers

Karen Linaker, Salisbury Community Engagement Manager Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer Tracy Carter – Director Waste and Environment Vicki Harris – Waste Services

#### **Town and Parish Councils**

Salisbury City Council

#### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – John Hutchings Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Paul Webber

Total in attendance: 60

Agenda Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
33	Welcome and Introductions
	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.
34	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence had been received from:
	Cllr Mary Douglas
35	<u>Minutes</u>
	<u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 September 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
36	Declarations of Interest
	There were none.
37	Chairman's Announcements
	The Chairman made the following announcements:
	<ul> <li>Future Themed meetings – The January Area Board meeting would focus on Air Quality and the March meeting would focus on Housing.</li> <li>Crime and community safety event 19<sup>th</sup> November – Atiqul Hoque</li> <li>11<sup>th</sup> Nov – war memorial 11am annual remembrance service – 100yr anniversary of the end of the WW1</li> <li>15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Light switch on with a celebrity.</li> </ul>
38	Information items
	The Board noted the following written papers attached to the agenda:
	<ul> <li>Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> <li>Wiltshire Council Information Items – Balloon &amp; Lantern Release, and Looking to the Future.</li> <li>Military/Civilian Integration consultation and discussions – circulated at the meeting for people to take away.</li> </ul>

# 39 <u>Salisbury Recovery Update</u>

Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Salisbury Recovery, Cllr Pauline Church gave an update on the recovery to date.

Some of the key points included:

- Footfall gap had started to close
- £1,550,004 From Wiltshire Council Reserves
- £3,285,487 Awarded to Wiltshire Council from Central Government
- £500.000 Awarded to Visit Wiltshire from Central Government
- Total: £5,335,491

712 businesses in Salisbury had been contacted and offered advice and 79 in Amesbury (including those accessing drop-in support at Salisbury Enterprise Centre and Amesbury Library).

Across the three grant streams, 114 individual businesses had been supported and an estimated 304 jobs had been safeguarded.

Alongside the £1,014,629 already allocated to business support and events there were significant further requests for business support under consideration; £192,000 of short term projects and event requests were under consideration; and up to £287,000 of medium-term recovery projects were being considered. This would account for remaining funding of the £927,000 allocated by government if all were agreed.

Parking (£1.5m including £1m from WC) and Tourism (£500k) Funding Response costs £220,000 awarded following first incident £997,000 awarded following second incident Total £1,217,000

The full amount had been spent/committed on costs such as temporary barriers, security, rehousing displaced residents, remediation of sites, staff backfill and overtime and a long-term recovery team.

Aside from the allocation of Wiltshire Council funding of £1,102,417 towards car parking and park and ride, other costs drawing on Wiltshire Council reserves (spent and committed) include:

- £137,000 for reinstatement of Bourne Hill and temporary work at Five Rivers.
- £100,000 for National Armed Forces Day.
- £100,000 for tourism.
- £10,000 on business support (advice).
- £10,000 on events.
- £100.000 staff backfill.

Altogether £1,550,000 had been committed from limited reserves towards South Wiltshire's recovery.

South Wiltshire - Moving forward

- Zizzis reopened this week
- The Mill re-vamp underway
- Salisbury Christmas Light switch on 15 November 2018
- National Armed Forces Day local and national launch 16 November 2018
- Salisbury Christmas Market and Ice Rink opening 29 November 2018 6 January 2019 early bird tickets available now!

Long Term Economic Recovery plan and initiatives:

- Transport improvements
- · Tourism campaign working with Visit England
- Cathedral Masterplan
- Salisbury Museum
- · Redevelopment of college campus
- Royal Artillery Museum to be built in the Larkhill area
- Maltings Planning app to go in towards the end of this year.

Strategic recovery and response Board – Cllr Church was Leading politically with Leader of the Council Cllr Jane Scott, to bring in some additional stakeholders.

# 40 Plastic Waste

The Board welcomed Tracy Carter Director for Waste & Environment, and Vicki Harris, Interim Principal Waste Services Officer, who gave a presentation. The main points were:

The Council was in the process of developing a household waste management strategy, working towards zero tolerance to waste.

- DEFRA has a 25 Year Environment Plan achievement date 2042
- Commitment to phase out avoidable plastic waste where technically, environmentally and economically practicable.
- The plan sets out over thirty action points:
  - Half related to tackling plastic waste
  - Three related to tackling waste food.
  - Two related to reducing the amount impact of litter.
  - Seven action points on recycling.

The following priorities were identified within the strategy document:

Waste prevention

- Repair and reuse
- Recycling and composting
- Energy from waste
- Litter and fly tipping

# Priority 1 – Waste Preventon

- The council would work with national, regional and local partners to provide advice and information to encourage residents to reduce the amount of household waste they create.
- Actions included working with Area Boards, town and parish councils and their communities to reduce waste created at home.
- Engagement with government organisations in the development of initiatives to reduce the amount of plastic waste produced.

# Priority 2 – Reuse and Repair

- The council would work with local reuse organisations and contractors to increase the opportunity for items to be repaired and reused.
- We will work with town and parish councils to run community events such as repair cafes and swap shops.
- We will work with providers to separate reusable waste at household recycling centres.

# Priority 3 – Recycling and Composting

- The council would continue to ensure that cost effective and efficient recycling services were provided so that residents were able to recycle a range of materials as easily as possible.
- Actions include collecting
  - plastic pots, tubs and trays
  - · drink and food cartons

From 30 July along with the usual plastic bottles and cardboard in the blue lidded bins.

What happens to plastics once collected?

- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, cardboard, drink and food cartons, shredded paper and brown paper collected in blue bins is taken to a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) based in Calne.
- Plastic bottles and cardboard are mechanically separated from each other and contaminants removed.
- The plastics and cartons are then further optically sorted into polymer types.
- The materials are then baled and are sent to the relevant re-processors.

The Chairman highlighted a project to bring a water fountain into the square in Salisbury for people to refill their own containers rather than having to buy

plastic bottles. This initiative saw the first installation of a water fountain around a month ago. Since then SCC had been contacted by a further two companies who wished to provide a further two fountains.

The initiative was hoping to produce a Salisbury drinking bottle for a small cost, to be used and refilled. Aimed at local residents and tourists, as this idea had been successfully operated in other countries already.

Any ideas on the production of the bottle scheme please contact the Community Engagement Manager karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

Following the presentation questions were taken, these included:

- Were Tetrapak's now able to be recycled? <u>Answer</u>: Yes, but as Tetrapak
  was a trade name, these are included in our reference as food and drink
  containers.
- Why can't we have a doorstep food waste recycling service? <u>Answer</u>: We carried out a consultation last year and very few people were in favour of a county wide food waste collection service, with only 17% of those who responded in support. This would be something that would be quite costly to run. We will keep it under review and may revisit in the future. We do subsidise food waste digesters for sale.
- Why aren't we able to put potato peelings in green garden waste?
   Answer: We operate a system called Open Windrow Composting for our green garden waste. If we introduce food waste we would then have to use an alternative way of composting and this would be more expensive.
- Cllr Dean I want to congratulate Tracy and her team with some of the difficulties some councils were facing in recycling, I am pleased that Wiltshire has managed to find ways to recycle for us. There are issues for kerb side recycling of food products in areas close to rivers as this can attract rats. I understand that WC is having a depot review, what form was that taking and what input would people have, as I would be vocal for Churchfields to have longer opening hours in the summer. Answer: The depot review was at an early stage. We are focusing on our operational depots at present so these are the winter maintenance depots, where we store salt and house our gritters. Many household recycling centres around our county were not attached to depots, as Churchfields is. We appreciate the recycling centre is not ideal in Salisbury, the range of materials we collect there now can mean we have traffic issues.
- Eco bricks there is another option would like to see this promoted around Salisbury. Further info can be found online at: <a href="www.goodfair.co.uk">www.goodfair.co.uk</a> We are based in Cross Keys shopping centre, Salisbury.
- Can I put plastic straws in to the recycling bin? <u>Answer</u>: I don't know we will find out.

The Board then heard from Mike Lennard from Transition City a local action

group.

There were companies that used recycled plastic to build houses with and it is stronger than concrete. There was also tarmac which is part mixed with plastic. I am sure there are opportunities for WC to make some money from initiatives such as these. Waste goes onto farmland for fertilizer. www.salisburytransition.org

One of the outcomes of the meeting would be to call on the services of Transition city to take on some of the actions arising from this evening.

The Community Engagement Manager, Karen Linaker explained the format for the roundtable discussions which then took place.

In groups people were asked to consider:

- 1. What we as the consumer could do better in Salisbury to reduce plastic waste?
- 2. What would we like to see local businesses, and local organisations whether government, schools, churches, or charities do to reduce plastic waste in Salisbury?
- 3. How could we support each other in this work?

Facilitators then fed back two key points from each table. These included:

- Black plastic There was concern with not being able to recycle this we thought that the colour should change, then it could be recycled.
- The cost of commercial collections was too expensive so many businesses did not recycle because of the cost.
- To run a national deposit back scheme, not just for glass and plastic but also packaging.
- · Return and refill containers -
- WC to follow Swansea's lead to build 6 recycled houses out of recycled plastic in the new development at Harnham – This would be pioneering if Salisbury could get on board.
- The council could consider dual waste bins.
- Rewards schemes could be given vouchers for returned plastics.
- Simpler message to public of what can go in what bin so people are sure.
- Education if we can get to children early enough and enforce the message that plastic is bad.
- Bring your own container/bottle/bag set up a scheme in Sal to incentivize retailers to ask people to bring their own bags.
- Sustainable procurements recognition for local retailers who were going the extra mile.
- Additional bins on the street for recycling
- More community led pressure to limit waste prevention talk to businesses and hospital etc

- Communication and education more wide ranging, more fun— make it regular and access to it for all.
- More awareness raising about the bricks that were mentioned.
- Helping local businesses reduce Styrofoam, black plastic and packaging.

The Chairman welcomed Richard Meaburn from Waitrose, ran through their Plastic Plan, detailing what had already been achieved and what was planned for the future. A copy of his update is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman thanked everyone for taking part and noted that the Board would re-visit this theme in one year's time, but in the meantime, there would be updates at future Boards when necessary.

# 41 Local Youth Network (LYN)

The Board noted the LYN report attached to the agenda. Cllr Ricky Rogers gave an overview of the grants for consideration.

Question: Had the board previously awarded funding to the anybody can cook project? <u>Answer</u>: Yes, this Board had previously awarded them £5,000, earlier in the year, for a different project.

Anybody Can Cook - I was contacted by the Foyer, and asked to set up a series of cooking lessons for their residents. The project is for six sessions for anyone that wants to attend. Then further sessions for those individuals that wished to take catering up as a career path.

#### **Decision**

The Any Body Can Cook Community Interest Company was awarded £1,672.44 towards the project at the Foyer.

Gym Project - This project had been running successfully for 2 years. It was aimed at 15 – 21 year olds, that face a lot of barriers. We have had 14 young people attend the gym scheme this year.

#### Decision

Wiltshire Council was awarded £4,800 towards the Salisbury Club 1 Gym Membership Project.

# 42 Partner and Community Updates

The Board noted the written Partner updates attached to the agenda. In addition, the following verbal updates were received:

# Salisbury City Council – Cllr Matthew Dean

This weekend we will hold the Remembrance Day commemorations outside the Guild Hall.

# Police – John Hutchings

We are supporting Movember at the moment to raise money for charity. Many of our Neighbourhood team are trying to grow our facial hair to raise money for cancer research.

A written update circulated at the meeting, some of the point highlighted were that the Police had now moved back in to Bourne Hill. Pulse Patrols would be continuing.

We have been 100% successful in the delivery of a police presence at any event or meeting we have been asked to attend.

#### Questions:

- Cllr Dean We had a presentation in the spring about your trial of a
  combined post with the Fire Service, what has happened to that? <u>Answer</u>:
  Yes, this was a trial with two officers that happen to be retained Fire
  Officers as well as their PSCO roles. The reality is that the support they
  have offered the Fire service, had not impacted on his day duties with us
  at the moment.
- Are you at 100% cover with PCSO's? <u>Answer</u>: No we still have vacant Posts, however we have just had a recruitment campaign.
- Cllr Walsh SCC had spent a lot of money on beefing up the security side
  of the city should we continue? <u>Answer</u>: We work in partnership with
  them, and there was some success at the beginning, however as time
  has moved on their lack of powers has thwarted their success. It is an
  intelligence based partnership.

# Community Engagement Manager – Karen Linaker

Salisbury had big plans for national Armed Forces Day, which would include a series of events at end of June 2019.

The first defibrillator funded by the Area Boar had been installed this week.

The Men's Shed initiative was developing and had attracted the attention of Turning Point.

Important Area Board dates -

- 13<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm Child Wellbeing Group meeting at Five Rivers
- 16<sup>th</sup> November, 12pm Salisbury Interfaith Week event at Café Diwali
- 19<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30pm Crime & Community Safety Event Guild Hall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 4pm Health & Wellbeing Group meeting, City Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> December deadline dates for grants to next area board meeting
- 24th January, 6.30pm Next Area Board meeting, City Hall

# 43 Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

The Board considered the notes and recommendations of the last CATG meeting, and the Salisbury Area Maintenance Works for 2018/2019, as attached to the agenda.

Cllr Sven Hocking noted that the bus shelter replacement work has been held up due to a problem with the supplier.

The Street name plate initiative was moving forward. There had been three wards where repainting had been undertaken by a local tradesman hired by the Board.

CATG had been looking at a scheme to put a footpath in Harnham but this had escalated to be a £170k scheme, so for now it had been put on hold.

Cllr Rogers thanked the CATG for supporting the scheme to install a hand rail in Bemerton Heath. This simple addition has had such a big benefit to those people using the path.

Cllr Dalton noted in relation to issue 6588 for double yellow lines at the bottom of Hollows Close in Harnham, that the bus stop and the other side was used by residents to park. The layby was used as an unofficial school drop off point. Currently, you still can get a ticket if you park there. He had spoken to the Highways engineer, and he had agreed that when the lines fade, they would then painted inside, so the £2,160 would be better spent on something else.

#### Decision

The Salisbury Area Board approved the recommendations as set out by the CATG at its meeting on 9 October 2018.

#### **Decision**

The Salisbury Area Board noted the schedule of maintenance works for 2018/19 as detailed in the agenda.

#### 44 Community Area Grants

The Board considered the application for funding from the Community Area Grants Scheme for 2018/19, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.

# Food Cycle, Salisbury hub

The CEM informed the Board that the applicant was not in attendance.

Cllr Hocking noted that he had wished to ask the applicant some questions on the project before he could consider awarding funding. He suggested that the application be deferred until the next meeting to enable the applicant to attend.

Cllr Dean also noted that the applicant was currently only in the building on a temporary basis, and that they would need to discuss with SCC the prospect of

	them staying there long term, ahead of the Board considering the project.	
	Karen noted that the applicant was planning to start work there in November.	
	<u>Decision</u> The application from Foodcycle Salisbury Hub was deferred until a future meeting to enable someone to attend to answer questions and support the application. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2018/19.	
45	Cllr Led initiative - Hand on Heart Defibrillator project	
	The Board considered a Councillor Led Initiative to provide funding to a project which aimed to purchase five defibrillators for dual school and community use.	
	The Board was asked to allocate £5,000 towards this project. The Initiative was backed by Cllr Ricky Rogers, who spoke in support, stating that this initial request for five units was just a start. It was hoped that in the years to come more buildings could be included in the scheme.	
	Decision The Salisbury Area Board allocated £5,000 towards the Councillor Led	
	Initiative – Schools Community Defib Project.	
46	Close	
	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 24 January 2019.	
	Attachment: Waitrose Handout	