

MINUTES

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD
Place: City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury SP2 7TU
Date: 10 July 2014
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.17 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ricky Rogers (Chairman), Cllr Brian Dalton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Helena McKeown, Cllr Bill Moss, Cllr Ian Tomes and Cllr John Walsh

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Steve Milton, Head of Community Governance
Naji Darwish, Head of Service - Community Protection
Tim Woolford – Local Highways, Area Manager (South)

Town and Parish Councils

Salisbury City Council – Cllr C Corbin, Cllr T Corbin, Cllr M Dean, Cllr S Hocking, Cllr A Roberts, Cllr J Robertson, R Williams, Cllr M Willmot
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – Cllr D Law

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Dave Minty
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Mike Franklin
Balfour Beatty Living Projects – Rebecca Reid

Total in attendance: 59

<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 Ricky Rogers welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Salisbury Area Board and invited the members of the Board to introduce themselves.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Rogers declared an interest relating to item 13, Community Area Grant applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rotary Club of Salisbury, as he was part of a Charity which had recently received a grant from the applicant. He did not take part in the voting for this application.
5	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second round of grass cutting seemed to have improved. • Residents had been pleased to see the start of resurfacing to some local roads. • The Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service consultation had been delayed. • The ownership of the Salisbury City Football Club was in question, local supporters were devastated over the sale of the club, the Chairman hoped that there would be some positive news shortly.
6	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following information sheets attached to the agenda, and additional information available by following the online link provided.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Salisbury Vision b. WC updates c. Youth Services Review update d. Issues system: https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/index.php
7	<p><u>Current Consultations</u></p> <p>The Board noted the information on the following current consultations, available online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing Policy • Leisure Survey 2014 • Sun Awareness Survey 2014 • Housing Needs Survey • Consultations on Traffic Regulation Orders
8	<p><u>Update from Representatives</u></p> <p>The Board received the following updates:</p> <p><u>Salisbury City Council (SCC) Andrew Roberts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be a Teenagers market on Sunday 13 July. • The Farmers markets continued to do well. • The Guildhall was a finalist in the Marketing Category and the Information Centre was a finalist in Tourism in the South Wilts Business of the Year Awards. • The judging for Britain in Bloom was taking place that day, it was hoped that Salisbury would receive an award. <p><u>Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – David Law</u></p> <p>The Riverbourne Community Farm had held its annual open day in June, where over 4,000 people had attended the free entry event. The farm continued to support free tours for school visits.</p> <p>The Laverstock Family Fund Day was planned for Sunday 20 July, where entry would be free.</p> <p><u>Police – Inspector Dave Minty</u></p> <p>The Police had successfully now moved in to Bourne Hill and already there had been good partnership working between the Police and Wiltshire Council, with the Public Protection teams for both sitting alongside each other.</p> <p>Issues had initially been raised regarding safety in the building, some degree of this had been a perceived threat, any actual threat had been looked at and solutions had been found to address this.</p>

There would be no custody facilities or handling of sex offender registration at Bourne Hill.

It was recognised that the signage to the Police Station needed to be improved. Due to Bourne Hill being a listed building, the options for erecting any signage on the building were limited, so the use of A-boards was being considered.

Wiltshire Police was committed to having a custody suite in the south of the county. Until a purpose build suite was ready in Salisbury, the Melksham custody suite was now in use. The Chief Constable had committed funding to the Prisoner Transport team to enable the arresting Officers to be deployed back on to the street as soon as possible.

The Drink Free Zones around Salisbury were a useful tool, as they enabled Officers to approach people drinking alcohol in those zones and remove it from them.

The Police were working with partners in the Licensing team to address the problem of urination around the city, by implementing an £80 fine to those caught.

Comments and questions were then received, these included:

- The alleyway from Brown Street Car Park, going through to Gigant Street was a prime spot for people to sit and drink all day. Answer: We will monitor this.
- There was no visitor's free parking at the College Street car park, for people who wished to hand items in to the police station. Answer: Inspector Minty agreed to feed this comment back.

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue – Mike Franklin

On 12 June 2014, the Wiltshire Fire Authority met and appointed a new Chairman, who took the decision to postpone the running period of the consultation on the Future of the Fire Service. The Consultation would now run from 21 July for 13 weeks.

The three options which would be considered were:

1. Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority to stay independent and increase collaboration with Wiltshire Council & Swindon Borough Council.
2. Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority to stay independent and increase collaboration with Dorset Fire Authority while also collaborating with Wiltshire Council & Swindon Borough Council.

3. Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority to merge with Dorset Fire Authority to create a single Combined Fire Authority while also collaborating with Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and the Borough of Poole.

Further information could be found online at www.wiltsfire.gov.uk by following the consultation portal to the documentation.

There would be a public meeting in Wilton on 13 October 2014 during the afternoon at The Michael Herbert Hall, and two other meetings on 14th October in Devizes and Chippenham.

Salisbury Area Board had also requested an update at a future meeting.

Youth

Ed and George who were in attendance at the meeting approached the Board for guidance on how to move forward with their movement to raise awareness of politics amongst young people and to encourage them to become actively involved.

They felt that many young people were disenchanted with politics at a national level, with over 60% of young people not voting.

Although there was a Sparksite website, which was created by young people for young people, things like this were not widely known about. Not all young people wanted the same things, like a skate park or swimming pool, some want something else.

The Chairman explained that the Youth Service was changing; the Area Board would be receiving funding to develop a new model of youth development for the Salisbury area. We would welcome having young people like you on board to work with us in achieving a new model.

Questions and comments were then received, these included:

- Your local councillor would be a good start to get involved in politics.
- The SCC had funding to start up a Youth Council, contact them to get involved.
- In Salisbury we have the first Children's Commissioner, he has no political allegiance, it may be useful to contact him.
- All of the political parties at SCC would be interested to speak with you, it is extremely important to engage with young people, as 60% of young people aged 18 – 21 who do not vote, go on to never vote.

Ed and George ended by thanking everyone for their comments, and the invites to join various local groups; however they felt that people did not listen to young people, and invited further discussion after the meeting.

Salisbury Campus Update

Building work was about to start to develop the new Salisbury community campus at Five Rivers, due to open in Autumn 2015.

Wiltshire Council was working with local people to develop community campuses across Wiltshire – Corsham campus would start to open in summer 2014 and Salisbury campus was the next to start being developed.

What would be in Salisbury campus

Salisbury campus would provide a variety of refurbished and also a number of new facilities for the local community. Services and facilities that the Salisbury campus would provide included;

- Point of contact for Wiltshire Council and partner services
- Enlarged and refurbished café
- Climbing wall
- Refurbished and extended gym
- Dance studio
- New external changing rooms and an all weather pitch
- New dry changing rooms
- Activity spaces for exercise and other activities
- Music rehearsal rooms
- Meeting rooms
- Training kitchen for young people and people with a learning disability
- Sensory room
- Personal Care Room
- Facilities for police teams
- Hot desking

Who would build the campus

Rydon had been selected to build the campus and would be starting the works in July 2014.

During the construction, different areas of the centre would be unavailable at different times and classes or activities would be relocated where possible – user groups would be contacted about specific areas in good time for alternative arrangements to be made where necessary.

The swimming pool and other wet areas of the centre would remain largely unaffected and disruption would be minimised to these areas as much as possible whilst the campus was developed.

Reduced fees across all activities at Five Rivers would be introduced throughout

the duration of the build process in order to recognise the disruption that would be faced, although the council was working hard to ensure this was reduced.

What will happen when

More information regarding the timeline would become available as each phase was approached, but the indicative phasing of the work was ;

July 2014	Mobilisation and enabling works – changes to car park and setting up of Rydon’s site Sports hall and conference suite refurbishment begins
During September – October 2014	Sports hall becomes available Dry changing rooms relocate to new area
from September/October 2014 to late spring 2015	Temporary gym provided whilst gym extended and refurbished Dance studio created from existing dry change (reprovided in new area) Construction starts on new campus extension – includes activity space, music facilities, police areas and hot desking
Late spring/summer 2015	Work to circulation areas and new single point of contact Café area refurbished
Autumn 2015	Completed campus opens

Questions

- Would there be only one music rehearsal room? Answer: It was planned that rooms would be available, and there would be a dedicated room for Base Connections to use.

Further questions could be sent to CampusConsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk or telephone 01225 718350

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Section 106

The Chairman drew attention to the attached information on the s106 money available within the Salisbury area.

Steve Milton, acting Community Area Manager, circulated a paper and informed the Board that at present, the s106 money was available to SCC and Laverstock & Ford Parish Council to bid for funding towards schemes.

Advice suggested that if the Area Board had strong views on how to use the money, then it could work with the SCC in deciding which projects to fund.

The Chairman proposed that the Area Board met with the SCC to come to an agreement on how to use the funding.

Questions and comments were then received, these included:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Douglas asked whether the money could be used to mend pavements around the City. • It was requested that the list of s106 funds available be produced by ward area, so that it could be determined where the funds could be spent more easily. • The new development in Harnham received some s106 funding for a community building which was supposed to be built on the open green space area. Now that the residents have moved in they do not want a building built on the green. In situations like that, the building should have been built before the houses were occupied. • Although the money was set aside in Harnham for a community hall, it could now be used towards an outdoor pool. • The Board should sit down with SCC to establish what priorities they already have for the money. • SCC Cllr Sven Hocking explained that fifteen of the SCC Councillors were new to their positions and were not aware until recently what the section 106 money was, or that it was available to spend in their area. As the year goes on, the amount remaining in the pot would decrease as the Cllrs got to grips with the process. • The money from the Conquered Moon development in Bemerton Heath, had a 2015 expiry on its use, what would happen to the funds after that? • The criteria and restraints on the use of the s106 funding can be frustrating, sometimes we are told that we cannot implement a new scheme because it is too close to something else. <p><u>Decision</u> The Community Area Manager would meet with the SCC to discuss the possibility of working together to prioritise future schemes funded by the Section 106 budget.</p>
10	<p><u>Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) Consultation</u></p> <p>The Board noted the information included in the agenda on pages 63 – 74, and received a presentation from Naji Darwish, Head of Public Protection (Community Protection), on the proposed Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) for Salisbury.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that following correspondence with local business owners and the Salisbury City Council (SCC), it had become apparent that there was some concern over the introduction of a CIA for Salisbury. There was also support for the current policy to remain in place as it was felt that it worked well for the City.</p> <p>The CIA was an additional power brought forward by central government, which gave local authorities the option to impose a collective impact on city centres. Under the current licensing process every new application was considered on its</p>

own merits. The introduction of a CIA would enable Licensing Authorities to have more say about what goes into a city centre. Preserving what was already in place and only focussing on new applications.

At its meeting on 2 September 2013 the Licensing Committee resolved that "Further analysis of the available data and evidence in support of the adoption of a Special Policy for the Milford Street area of Salisbury needed to be carried out and a consultation process completed with all interested parties over a twelve week period".

Comments and questions were then received, these included:

- Amanda Newbery of Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID) explained that the BID had discussed the proposals for a CIA briefly at their last meeting; most of those in attendance were not in favour of taking it forward, adding that they had worked really hard to achieve the Purple Flag Status, they did not want to change the dynamics of the relationship.
- What was the Purple Flag? Answer: The Purple Flag was an accreditation awarded to Towns and Cities which had achieved a high standard of evening and night time economy.
- Local resident, Jane Woodhouse pointed out that in section 3.1 of the appendix to the report, stated that 74% of the 82 responses received during the public consultation were in support of the authority implementing a CIA in the city. Ms Woodhouse felt that those views had not been regarded, and asked whether there would be further consultation? Answer: The views of the residents were critically important.
- As the decision had been delayed by six months, would the public still be able to feed in their views? Answer: Yes, the first step for further consultation was to come to the Board and present information and gain views, the next stage would include going out to stakeholders.
- For some elderly residents living in the city, sleep was a requirement for health; they did not favour reducing the size of the CIA. Answer: Reducing the size of the proposed CIA area would be considered, along with any effects it may cause on the health of residents.
- SCC Cllr Matthew Dean was a licensee outside of the proposed Salisbury CIA area. He was unambiguously against the implementation of a CIA for Salisbury, as were the majority of the SCC Cllrs. The proposals would make it much more difficult for a new hotel, bar or public house to open in the city. As businesses shut, we would want to see new businesses opening in their place. If it became too difficult, these new businesses would look to other areas which looked at applications on their own merits, not by a CIA. On behalf of the licensing trade, taxis and the planning committee of SCC, I ask you to reject the plans for a CIA in Salisbury.
- Cllr Walsh noted that the licensing committee had no members from the Salisbury area. Statistics reported that there were more problems in the

evening, than in Trowbridge or Chippenham, however more people came in to Salisbury than the other locations so the figures did not actually represent an accurate picture. 39,000 people did not reply to the consultation, and service personnel were not asked to participate, when large numbers of them come in to the city to use the night time facilities. Cllr Walsh had asked the licensing committee to delay the decision by six months to allow for further consultation with local people. He would like the licensing committee to come and hold the meeting in Salisbury, so that local people could attend to put their views across.

- Cllr Douglas noted that the graph on page 71 was missing some text which meant that it was not clear what the information was showing. In addition, Cllr Douglas felt that the Licensing Committee should come and spend an evening out in Salisbury on a Saturday night, staying until the nightclubs closed, so they could actually see for themselves what they were actually be asked to make a decision on.
- What was the problem that the CIA was supposed to be addressing, and how would the CIA address it? Was there an analysis of the problem?
- Cllr Clewer explained that Salisbury wanted to see more people staying in the city during 3.00 – 5.00pm. We need to understand the problem and make sure that this tool did not attack the balance which was required, rather than address it. We do not have a problem here in Salisbury, we are a calm, quiet and peaceful place, and this tool may have the wrong impact on that.
- Salisbury needs a strong night time economy, as we are already competing with other areas like Southampton and Bournemouth. We are proud to have the Purple Flag status and want to hold on to it.
- If you move in next to a pub then you should expect some noise, however if you were there first and a pub opens next to you, then you have the right to complain. It is understandable that people may have concerns, but the way to stop issues with bad pubs is through the licensing or planning process.
- As ward Councillor for Harnham which was outside the city centre, Cllr Dalton had not received any complaints regarding the CIA and had neutral feelings on the subject.
- Cllr McKeown was ward Councillor for the area covered by the proposed CIA. As a local GP, late night drinking produced an increase in work for doctors, nurses and casualty department. Cllr McKeown had been out late at night with the police and Licensing Officers to see firsthand what went on. The night time economy needed to be supported by buses coming in and out of the surrounding villages. For the elderly residents which had moved to the city to downsize their home and remain mobile, they not only had to deal with noise, but also vomit, urination and opening of bowels on the streets. Cllr McKeown would like to see a wider CIA area, but would settle for the reduced zone, and was supportive of the implementation of a CIA for Salisbury.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands in the room to see the level of support and those against the implementation of a CIA for the city. The majority of those

	<p>who voted were against it.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board remained neutral and encouraged local residents to continue to take part in the ongoing consultation.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>The Board noted the CATG report attached to the agenda at pages 75 – 82, and received an update from the Chairman of the CATG, Cllr Brian Dalton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and prioritisation of 20 mph speed limits CATG approved two schemes from the list for recommendation to the Area Board, these were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shady Bower Road, Milford Mill Road and Manor Farm Road b. Lower Road and Church Lane, Bemerton; <p>The following scheme be held on a reserve list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Upper St, Lower St, Middle Street in Harnham <p>CATG noted that they would prefer it if the whole of the city could become a 20mph zone rather than just two schemes.</p> <p>Cllr Douglas noted that there should be more funding available to CATG, and that the Board should support the request for the whole city to become a 20mph zone.</p> <p>Cllr Moss asked whether funding could be spent on signage. Answer: The request could be considered, Cllr Moss was invited to the next CATG meeting to discuss the request.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board agreed the recommendation for the two schemes for the 20mph speed limit review, as detailed in the report.</p>
12	<p><u>Air Quality Action Group</u></p> <p>Councillor Richard Clewer gave an update to the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last meeting the Board had awarded funding to the AQA for tree planting. The Group had looked at areas around the city where this could take place, and Wilton Road had been proposed as it was the only area which exceeded the air quality requirements. Two possible sites were

	<p>being looked at. The plan would be to plant beech trees as they were particularly efficient in reducing particle matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group had asked Officers to contact the Highways Agency regarding problems on the Wilton Road. • The Group was working on a series of initiatives; Steve and Margaret were in the process of putting these together and would report back to the next Board meeting. <p><u>Comments received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You could consider asking people to donate money to plant a tree for remembrance reasons.
13	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Salisbury Area Board considered four applications for funding from the Community Area Grants Scheme for 2014/15. Three as detailed in the agenda pack and one additional grant as detailed in the circulated paper at the meeting, at the request of the Chairman.</p> <p>The Chairman invited applicants present to speak in support of their application. Following discussion the board voted on each application in turn.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Salisbury Civic Society was awarded £275 (revenue) towards Historic open days. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Wyndham Park Infants School was awarded £4,950 (Capital) towards the Somerset Road Campus Hub. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Rotary Club of Salisbury was awarded £2,784 (Capital) towards the Rotary Spireworks. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><i>Councillor Rogers did not take part in the vote for the above application as he was part of a Charity which had recently received a grant from the applicant. He did not take part in the voting for this application.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Salisbury and South Wilts District Scouts Council was awarded £1,271.25 towards the Scout HQ Management Committee Car Park Project 2014. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>A copy of the additional late report for the Scout application is attached to these</p>

	minutes for information.
14	<u>Close</u> The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 18 September 2014.
<u>Attachments</u>	