

MINUTES

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU
Date: 14 May 2015
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 10.00 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 Bill Moss, Cllr Ian Tomes and Cllr John Walsh (Vice Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Jessica Croman (Democratic Services Officer)
Tom Bray (Community Area Manager)
Nicola Gregson (Head of Commissioning for Older People)

Town and Parish Councils

Salisbury City Council
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council

Partners

Wiltshire Police

Total in attendance: 73

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Election of a Chairman</u></p> <p>Tom Bray, Community Area Manager (CAM), called for nominations for Chairman.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Councillor Brian Dalton was elected as Chairman of the Salisbury Area Board for 2015/16.</p> <p>Cllr Brian Dalton in the Chair.</p>
2	<p><u>Election of a Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Brian Dalton, called for nominations for Vice Chairman.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Councillor John Walsh was elected as Vice Chairman of the Salisbury Area Board for 2015/16.</p> <p>At this point the Area Board members introduced themselves.</p>
3	<p><u>Nominations to Outside Bodies</u></p> <p>The Board noted the report attached to the agenda, and considered the recommendations of representatives to Outside Bodies and Working Groups as detailed in the papers.</p> <p>Amendments were made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take off the Salisbury Area Sports outside body as that no longer existed, • To replace Cllr Dr Helena McKeown on the St Edmond's Arts Trust with Cllr Brian Dalton • Include both Cllr Ricky Rogers and Cllr Richard Clewer on the LYN Management Group <p>A question was ask about representation for the Playhouse and it was noted that there was a representative from Wiltshire Council and not the Area Board.</p> <p>Decision</p>

	<p>The Salisbury Area Board , subject to the amendments above, agreed to:</p> <p>a. Appoint Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix A;</p> <p>b. Reconstitute and appoint to the Working Group(s) as set out in Appendix B; and</p> <p>c. Note the Terms of Reference for the Working Group(s), as set out in Appendix C.</p>
4	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Dr Helena McKeown informed the Area Board that she would have to leave the meeting early.
5	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Cllr Mary Douglas' name being spelt correctly.</p>
6	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
7	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following information items attached and detailed in the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WC – School Place Planning • Stanhope – Central Car Park and Maltings Update <p>The Board discussed the need for more information relating to the Salisbury Maltings Council and requested that be presented at the next Area Board.</p>
8	<p><u>Update from Representatives</u></p> <p><u>Salisbury Town Council (SCC) – Andrew Roberts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor Making and AGM for the Town Council would take place on Saturday 16 May.

- Armed Forces Day would take place on 28 June.
- Joint working with BID to dress the city centre.
- The Salisbury business event had been its biggest and best so far and a special thanks was given to all of those involved.
- SCC worked well with Wiltshire Council during the cycling event with passed through Salisbury and they looked forward to more joined up working.

Laverstock & Ford

An update was given on the local community centre which was actively supported by local groups.

A question was asked about when the shops would open. It was noted that they were in the process of trying to attract businesses although a fast food outlet would soon be opening there.

Another question focused on the Airfield and it was noted that the owners had put in an application to build homes on the airfield although local residents were against the applications due to the site being a conservation site with a historical background.

Police – Inspector Dave Minty

- Crime figures remained low although at times would fluctuate.
- All PCSO's are now in place and receiving laptops or ipads to enable them to work remotely.
- The cycling event had been a great success and the extra amount of police presence helped keep the spectators and competitors safe and allow traffic to continue to move throughout the city.

A question was asked about the custody centre and it was noted that the Inspector did not have any information at this point as the report had been delayed.

Fire

In the agenda pack

Community Campus

- The campus project was going well and on schedule.
- The gym would open in September.

A question was asked about transport arrangements to the campus as the Citizens Advice Bureau had some concerns. It was noted that currently a minibus was being considered, although there was still time to make changes and the SCOB at their meeting would discuss that further.

	<p>A question was asked about the opening of the campus and it was noted that the building would open in October but no formal opening date had been agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates and informed the meeting that an urgent item to discuss the Magna Carta events would be taken after the grant item.</p>
9	<p><u>Salisbury Art Centre Funding Reduction Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the item giving some background information. Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services, Heritage & Arts and Customer Service, was welcomed to the Area Board and invited to address the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Wheeler explained the decision to reduce the grant funding to the Salisbury Art Centre with the main points focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council had a reduction in grants from central government and needed to reduce its services. • The cost of delivering services had increased and Wiltshire Council had to change the way they were working. Internally there had been major cuts but that had not produced enough savings and the decision to make cuts to the Art Centre, albeit a difficult decision, had to be made. • Since 2009 Wiltshire Council had retained funding when other authorities had cut funding for art centres. Last year more funding was sought from the voluntary and community services. • It was noted that 70% of the investment from the Arts Council goes to Salisbury compared to other areas, which is why the decision was made to cut funding for Salisbury. • It is hoped that this will harbour cooperation and communication between all of the arts facilities throughout Salisbury and enable joined up working to reduce costs and help ease the difficulties. • Cllr Wheeler had spoken to the Arts Council about continuing their funding for the Art Centre. • Wiltshire Council were committed to working alongside the Art Centre to identify ways to source funding. <p>Questions were taken from the public:</p> <p>Q: Why was £89,000 taken from only one place? Should it not have been spread out for all to bear the pressure?</p> <p>A: It was recognised that salami slicing would cause all of the organisations to ultimately cease operation. For that reason, the long term plan made sense to take from the Art Centre.</p>

Q: Could the City Hall, which brings in a lot of revenue, up their rental charges?

A: It is key for all of the provisions to start talking and co-operating. Such as designing a centralised ticketing system and promoting one another as each provision offers something different.

A petition was handed to Cllr Wheeler to stop the funding cut noting that the art centre would take years to pick back up.

Questions were taken from the Board Members:

Cllr Ricky Rogers:

It was noted how strong the feelings in the community were for the Art Centre and Wiltshire Council should reconsider during the next budget. Community projects and those areas further away from the centre of Salisbury would drop because that is the only access they had to an art centre.

Cllr John Walsh:

Only three weeks' notice was given which was unacceptable and would have profound immediate impacts.

The Director of the Salisbury Art Centre gave a presentation on the impacts of the funding cuts which highlighted:

- Only 3 weeks' notice given about the cuts, which has put the centre in a difficult situation.
- Funding from the Arts Council is at risk due to the lack of local level support from the Council which means the long term existence of the centre is at risk.
- Lose three permanent staff including the Engagement and Participation Project Managers.
- Reduce café, bar and box office staff.
- Close Sundays.
- Cuts to marketing.
- Free events would be difficult to continue without the Councils support.

The work of the Art Centre was highlighted and it was noted that by losing three permanent employees, work in the communities would be severely affected especially among disadvantaged young people.

Questions were taken from the public:

Peter Williams (stakeholder), made a statement about the process in which the decision was taken and that he was not aware of any consultation having been completed. The decision was noted as being discriminating against disadvantaged groups with local members unaware of the decision. Two

questions were put forward for answers at the next Area Board meeting:

Q1: How does Wiltshire (having sacked the Chief Executive) ensure that within the Cabinet model there is always a clear and unambiguous separation of policy from implementation, and how do the people of Salisbury hold the Cabinet to account?

Q2: When was the decision made that the Arts Centre should take the full cut in the arts budget, who were consulted (a complete list please - organisations, Cabinet members, staff and individuals), what objective and comparative data for all grant recipients in Wiltshire was used to inform that decision, and where in the archives of Wiltshire Council is all the information recorded so that it can be reviewed by the public?

Q: Salisbury Town Council asked about the option to raise council tax and urged the Art Centre to get in touch with them so they could see where and if they could help.

Q: Who was the current rep on the Art Centre Board?

A: It was noted the Wiltshire Council had appointed someone, although that was not relevant to the discussion.

Q: What statutory provision was currently provided? What happens elsewhere in the county in other art centres? Is there an opportunity for the three art centres across Wiltshire to co-operate and work together?

A: Cllr Wheeler informed the meeting that he currently sat on the Art Council Board and South West Art Council whom were all fully aware of the situation and had made a case that no centre should receive funding cuts from them. Cllr Wheeler urged the three art centres to start working together. Cllr Wheeler would take the questions away with him as he was not in a position to answer all of the questions.

Statements by the Board Members:

Chairman:

Noted that he would be writing a letter to Jane Scott and hope that the other Members would sign and support him.

Cllr Ian Tomes:

Not sure Wiltshire Council fully understands the impact and importance of the Art Centre on Salisbury's culture and economy. The centre was helping people get back into society.

Cllr John Walsh:

Agreed to sign the letter and was disappointed that only three weeks' notice was given.

	<p>Cllr Mary Douglas: Cllr Douglas agreed with the other board members and noted that it was key to focus on what they had gained, such as organisation working more collaboratively. It was also important for better communication and working between the people, Cabinet and the Area Board.</p> <p>Cllr Bill Moss: Noted that it was the right decision as it would have destroyed any other organisation and that for a long time cuts have been coming and organisations should have started preparing. Cuts could not have been made to other areas such as schools and hospitals.</p> <p>Cllr Richard Clewer: Noted that it was a very difficult situation to be in although priorities needed to be taken into consideration hence he understood the decision. He was hopeful that going forward they could start to look at possible outcomes.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council were limited in their powers in raising council tax as they did not have the freedom as the Town Council had. Although the issues on discrimination on groups concerned him and he would take that further to be looked into.</p> <p>Cllr Ricky Rogers: Asked if cllrs could help then to please let them know. Art in Salisbury was important for everyone not just those who could afford it.</p> <p>Chairman: Thanked Cllr Wheeler for his attendance and hoped that he now understood the frustrations of the community. He noted that he could not justify the cuts coming from one organisation and that he would write to Jane Scott.</p>
10	<p><u>Services to the Elderly</u></p> <p>Nicola Gregson, Head of Commissioning, Older people, gave a presentation on services to the elderly in the Salisbury area and helping older people to stay at home.</p> <p>It was noted that it was difficult to get information from the community and that a new website had been put together with a new information portal on the range of services. Residents were encouraged to take a look and if they noticed any missing services, then to get in touch so Wiltshire Council could update the portal.</p> <p>The market position statement (which had been circulated) was referred to, noting that the purpose of the statement was to inform each Community Area Board of current service provisions and uptake of community services, support and accommodation; and to inform everyone about the council's commissioning</p>

	<p>intentions to develop and support services that reflect the aspirations and wishes of older people living in Wiltshire.</p> <p>Nicola explained that they were looking at ways to communicate with communities with the possibility of creating Older Peoples and Carers Champions.</p> <p>The next steps would be to hold workshops in the communities, involve local voluntary organisations and Healthwatch, map out current services and identify gaps in provisions.</p> <p>It was noted by the Board Members that the community needed to get involved because the services would affect all at some point. A question was asked about the workshop dates and it was noted that they would take place by summer and would liaise with the CAM.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Nicola for the presentation and welcomed her back in the future to give an update.</p>
11	<p><u>Street Cleansing Proposal</u></p> <p>Steven Godwin from the Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID) gave a presentation on their application for funding from the Area Board.</p> <p>BID was made up of local businesses that paid a levy to improve the city. Due to the state of the city's streets they put together an initiative for an intense cleaning service. Businesses had already and Salisbury City Council had contributed £20,000 each and hoped the Area Board would also contribute £20,000 and support the initiative.</p> <p>It was noted that the current Balfour Beatty contract could not currently be improved and did not cover certain cleaning elements that were causing problems for Salisbury. The initiative would be a responsive planned and flexible service which would enable Salisbury to compete against other cities who were much cleaner such as Bath and Winchester.</p> <p>The service would be monitored and evaluated on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Questions were asked about stopping the cause of the problem and it was noted that they hoped by having uniformed cleaners they would deter people from littering. It was also noted that 2015 was a particularly important year for Salisbury with the Magna Carta events.</p> <p>Another question asked if volunteers could get involved. It was noted that volunteers could get involved and that BID would encourage Balfour Beatty to be more efficient and they would like to get involved with schools and encourage volunteers, although health and safety regulations would have to be met.</p>

Board Member questions and statements included:

Cllr John Walsh:

Currently Wiltshire only had six road sweepers which rarely covered Salisbury. The AB had previously given out money to self-help people and cllrs were also trying to contribute.

Chairman:

The Chairman was unaware of the initiative until approached and would like a presentation from BID.

Cllr Ian Tomes and Cllr Mary Douglas:

Both agreed and supported the initiative noting that it was in everyone's interest.

Cllr Richard Clewer:

More information is required; what exactly will the £20,000 cover as the grant can only fund capital projects and what was the annual budget for the project? Cllr Clewer noted that the AB would not be able to support BID on an ongoing basis, although Wiltshire Council did support litter wardens they would rather that the local town council took the lead.

It was noted that all of the money would be spent on capital items such as equipment.

Cllr Ricky Rogers:

Supported in principal although the AB covered the larger Salisbury area and if there was a problem could the BID be flexible enough to cover other areas outside of the centre?

It was noted that the first six weeks would involve an intense clean up after that they would be happy and flexible enough to attend to other areas in need.

Decision

To approve funding for £20,000.

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Local Youth Network (LYN) Funding

Tom Bostock, Chairman of the LYN Management Group gave an overview of the three bids for funding from the Community Youth Grant Scheme, as detailed below:

Application	Grant Requested from applicant	LYN Recommendation
Applicant: Salisbury City Council Project Title: The Unit Co-ordinator	£5000	Grant in full: £5000.00

Applicant: Salisbury Basketball (South Section) Project Title: Salisbury youth basketball project	£1662	Grant in full: £1662
Applicant: Exeter House School Project Title: Exeter House School Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme	£2683.23	Grant in full: £2683.23
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£9345.23	
Total amount allocated so far in 2015/16	£0	

Comments and questions included:

- Members requested that the business plan for The Unit be received prior to any funds being released.

Decision

Salisbury Area Board approved the LYN recommendations for funding as follows:

- 1. The Unit, subject to the business plan being received within the next 2 to 3 weeks and Cllrs Ricky Rogers and Richard Clewer being satisfied, would be awarded £5000.**
- 2. Salisbury Basketball was awarded £1662 towards the Salisbury Youth Basketball Project.**
- 3. Exeter House School was awarded £2683.23 for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.**

13	<u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u>	
	The Board noted the Minutes from the last meeting of the Community Area Transport Group held on 14 May 2015 and considered the recommendations for funding for 2015/16, as detailed in the report.	
	20mph Speed Limits	CATG supported option 3 with extras to be adopted for the 20mph speed limit scheme for Bemerton.
		Award - £4,000 for Bemerton 20mph speed limit scheme.
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14	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Board considered 6 applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme for 2015/16, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda. Applicants present were invited to speak in support of their applications. Following discussion the Board Members then voted on each application.</p> <p>Decision Young Gallery was awarded £5531.03 towards their Edwin Young Collection Trust. Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants criteria 2015/16.</p> <p>Decision To defer the Salisbury Malayalee Association’s application for £3990 to the next meeting and to request that they attend to explain more about the project and who would benefit. Reason – The Board required further information to make a decision.</p> <p>Decision Salisbury Transition City was awarded £1220 for the Salisbury Transition</p>			

	<p>City project. Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants criteria 2015/16.</p> <p>Decision Friends of Bemerton St John Primary School was awarded £300 for their annual summer fete. Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants criteria 2015/16.</p> <p>Decision Hourcars was awarded £3000 for an additional vehicle. Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants criteria 2015/16.</p> <p>Decision Salisbury Rotary & Chamber Community Group was awarded £5000 for their Contemporary Craft & Heritage Festival. Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants criteria 2015/16.</p> <p>Urgent Item</p> <p>An urgent item for a Members initiative to secure funding for the Magna Carta events was discussed.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To approve funding of £1000 from the 11-19 youth revenue budget to support the Magna Carta 800 celebrations in Salisbury.</p>
15	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held on 16 July, 7pm at the Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU.</p>