

MINUTES

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road,
Salisbury, SP1 3NR
Date: 16 May 2019
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.55 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Sven Hocking (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Mary Douglas,
Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ricky Rogers and Cllr John Walsh

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Marc Read, CEM - Salisbury
Tom Dobrashian - Director for Economic Recovery
Richard Walters, Head of Major Projects

Town and Parish Councils

Salisbury City Council – Annie Child
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – Karen Beard

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow

Total in attendance: 52

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
29	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>Cllr Sven Hocking in the Chair.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman, Councillor Sven Hocking welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Salisbury Area Board.</p>
30	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Derek Brown (Chairman) • Cllr Matthew Dean • Robin McGowan – Salisbury BID
31	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>It was noted that the web address given in the Housing and Homelessness item should read: https://www.streetlink.org.uk/</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
32	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
33	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following updates and announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be a change to the order of items on the agenda, due to the travel requirements of a lead presenter for item 9. • The Times had voted Salisbury as the 'Best Place to Live' for 2019. • Salisbury was ranked as number 1 for having the lowest littering rate in England. • Autism awareness Showcase – 21st May at the Guildhall, Salisbury • The Big Lunch would take place on 2nd June at the Lower Bemerton Community Centre

34	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written updates attached to the agenda or circulated at the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clinical Commissioning Group b. Healthwatch Wiltshire c. Wiltshire Council Updates d. Current Wiltshire Council Consultations <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Trivett – Healthwatch Wiltshire had a small grants programme which we applied to. There were 41 bids put forward in total and 4 projects were supported, none of those were in Salisbury. They were wasting peoples time.
35	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group Update & Funding</u></p> <p>The Board noted the report and consider the 2 bids for funding, as detailed in the papers attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Celebrating Age – Music sessions £1500 The project was in its 3rd year. The whole project was explored and Salisbury was one of 6 localities it operated. Each group was required to find match funding of £1500, and as long as projects were suitable the balance would be awarded. The project enabled older people to get out and attend the best quality cultural activities.</p> <p><u>Question:</u> This was your 3rd year and they are proposing a small charge, would it be sustainable? <u>Answer:</u> Cllr Walsh - The Board contribution was not as large as the amount of money the project attracts, it was a benefit to the community.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Celebrating Age was awarded £1500 towards the supply of music sessions from the Health & Wellbeing budget for 2019/20</p> <p>Older Peoples Champion – Silver Salisbury £1000 Last year for first time we had a programme of events to celebrate Older People’s day. This year the aim was to increase the activities, which would run over 3 weeks, including a day at the Guild hall, physical activities and many craft skills. Many of those offering the activities were also older people. We reach those who may be hard to reach, lonely and isolated, to encourage them to try new activities.</p> <p><u>Question/comment:</u> Cllr Walsh noted that Older Persons Champion, Irene had organised the whole programme of events as a volunteer. Well done.</p>

	<p>Cllr Hoque was in full support of this worthwhile cause.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Silver Salisbury project was awarded £1,000 from the Health & Wellbeing budget for 2019/20</p> <p>The Board was also asked to ratify one funding award of £475.50 which had been taken under Delegated Powers, by the Community Engagement Manager.</p> <p>Defibrillator Project In 2018/19 the Area Board allocated funding to an Area Board project to fund two defibrillators, to be sited within the City. At the time, the first was sited in Market Square, with the second location to be confirmed. Permission had since been given to site the second in the George Mall. The cost of that installation was £475.50.</p> <p>Due to the extended timeframe of the project reaching its completion, and to enable the defibrillator to be installed as soon as possible for greatest benefit, the allocation of funding was agreed under the delegated powers divulged to the CEM in consultation with the Chairman. This decision was made at the Area Board Councillors agenda setting meeting on 17th April 2019.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Board ratified the delegated decision to allocate £475.50 to the defibrillator project for installation of the second device</p>
36	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written updates attached to the agenda and received verbal updates from representative's present.</p> <p><u>Salisbury City Council (SCC) – Annie Child Clerk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salisbury had been declared one of the most litter free cities in England • The Sunday Times had awarded Salisbury as the best place to live 2019 • The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had a schedule of six Community engagement meetings, with further information available on the SCC website. • The annual Mayor Making will take place on Saturday with a Civic luncheon on Sunday. Cllr John Walsh will be made Mayor for 2019/20. <p><u>Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – Karen Beard</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boardwalk replacement project was moving forward with contracts for tenders about to be issued. • Progressing on the Neighbourhood plan • The ownership of the Country Park was transferred to the PC in April • A Ranger had been taken on and was putting together some sub working

groups.

- There had been slow progress on the link paths from Old Sarum to Longhedge.
- Old Sarum Water Meadows was the area's green corridor.
- Thanks, were given to the Area Board for the £1000 contribution towards the hoggin path near the school. Children used it for first time last week.

Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow

In addition to the written report in the pack, Inspector Sparrow updated on the following:

- A new inspector was in post for the Amesbury area, which now allowed Pete to focus on the Salisbury area.
- A County Lines Intensification week was coming up with a strong focus on drug dealing problems associated with this issue.
- We continue to do our checks on our vulnerable people. We had recently made 4 arrests.
- Crime figures published showed there had been a decrease of 3% in Salisbury.
- Burglary and vehicle crime went down 25%. Robbery went up so we will look at the possible reasons for that.
- Our teams would be focusing on antisocial behaviour over the summer months.

Questions:

- The geographical areas for your Officers are not clear on the update, could we have a boundary map? Answer: Yes, I will circulate one to Board members after the meeting.
- There may be a typo on p58 of the pack as the allocation of staff looks duplicated for one area? Answer: I will take a look

Community Engagement Manager – Karen Linaker

A Beat the Street poster was circulated at the meeting. This advertised a new initiative to get people out and active. Collect a card/fob from either the Library or Leisure centre, make your way around the city to find the sites. Log in at each site on lampposts to show you have been out and about. A voucher award was available for participating schools.

Air Quality Group

The group had not formally met since last time. The sub group had met to pull through all the amazing ideas from the themed meeting in January and were working on an action plan which would be presented at the next AQMG meeting next month.

	<p><u>Comments:</u> Cllr Douglas – The action plan was great. WC had decided to have a Cabinet member for climate change, it would be useful to connect to that person.</p> <p><u>Plastics & Recycling Project Group – Mike Lennard.</u> The Group had produced an action plan with 22 actions, as detailed in the paper attached to the agenda. Some of the actions included working with businesses to encourage a return bottle offer and the installation of some dual waste bins.</p> <p>The next event was scheduled for 22nd June.</p> <p><u>Questions and comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the dual waste bins, you note that you haven't been able to contact anyone. It seems that Wiltshire were resisting these bins. Someone must be able to join this up. • I would recommend that you contact the Cabinet member for Climate Change, the CEM can put you in touch. <p>Salisbury City Council – The dual waste bins are part of a trial we are due to run in the next couple of weeks in the market square.</p>
37	<p><u>Salisbury Central Area Framework</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Council was working to accelerate the urban development of Salisbury city centre, building on its strong historic core. This was driven not only by the desire to ensure the city recovered from the nerve agent attack of 2018, but also by the commitment to respond to the need to adapt and contribute to the economic opportunities and threats which were upon the city.</p> <p>To help achieve this, the Council had appointed Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design to produce a 'Central Area Framework' that would raise the profile of Salisbury as an investment opportunity and guide the future development of the City.</p> <p>The framework would provide a strategic urban vision for the city centre area, identifying character areas within it and make recommendations on the form of future development and interventions that can accelerate positive change, to enhance Salisbury as a place to live, work and visit.</p> <p>The Board welcomed WC Director for Economic Recovery, Tom Dobrashian and Director at Tibbalds, Katja Stille, who delivered a presentation with opportunities to feedback views.</p> <p>We are moving forward and aspire to be pioneering, with both private and public-sector investment in the city on a number of deliverable projects.</p>

Talks with our stakeholders had informed the baseline report. Salisbury's heritage was unique and draws a lot of tourism.

The baseline report had identified possible strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, constraints and threats to be considered.

Themes had emerged, these were:

- Character and distinctiveness
- Open space and landscape
- Getting around
- Creating vibrancy
- Bringing out the qualities

Those present were then asked if they agreed with the themes and objectives, and which three they felt were most important.

The Framework was set out into six areas, these were:

1. Character areas
2. People friendly streets
3. River park and Meadows
4. Station area
5. Maltings
6. Softer Interventions

A map depicting where these areas may sit within the city was shown.

With regards to car parking and looking at the streets, there was big opportunity to make a lot of changes there. From a development perspective, we see heritage as a positive and want to build on that.

We know that younger people tend to move away and not come back. We are looking at how to retain our younger people.

Salisbury has a lot of strong stakeholders, it is our hope that we can encourage stronger joint working.

Salisbury is beautiful but we think it can do much better. Making more of the five rivers, and bringing out the history and environment.

Looking at existing projects that were already in place such as the High-street Fund and in the wider area, the Hospital and the Maltings. This framework would bring everything together. Making sure whatever happened on the sites supports the greater aim of the project.

Salisbury has Character Areas which we are looking at, establishing what they

have to offer the city as a whole, pushing different purpose on to the individual areas to make more of them. The areas are:

- Cathedral
- Market Place
- Cultural quarter
- Meadows
- Chequers

People were again invited to contribute their views on the interventions in transforming the central area, and were asked which intervention was seen as the most transformative and what barriers might be involved during delivery.

Next steps:

- Ongoing work
- Further technical engagement and development of framework
- Public consultation in June
- Finalise framework and projects

Questions and comments:

- You did not include much on traffic, which is a problem in Salisbury and the surrounding area. Something needs to be done. We have had many consultations over the years, this has a similarity of the Vision mark 2. We don't want promises and then nothing happens.
- 20 years ago there was a plan to pedestrianize Catherine Street and New Canal, the city is ready now, let's move ahead and show people that we have achieved something.
- These are exciting ideas, we need to be positive, the real issue is the A36 and traffic. Need to solve that problem to allow some of these initiatives to fall into place. The question is, how do we get traffic out of the city.
- Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Group is another group. At the moment both groups are forming, it would be better to have both groups working together.
- You stated that there was a perceived lack of leadership, and yet there are many strong stakeholders in the city. We need to look at who is convening that and take this forward. This is a framework connected to all that is going on.
- Margaret Wilmott – Is there the potential for rail maintenance to move. Was anyone investigating the possibility of that area being used as the access to the engine shed site. Joined up thinking was needed, as that

site may be suitable for housing. Answer: WC are working with SW Railways and Network Rail to see the potentials around that situation. They are looking at what the replacement rail will be.

- Steve Fear – there are some lessons to learn from the Vision. Some of the projects were partially completed. The bus station closed but a new interchange was never provided, so it made matters worse. Projects need to be achievable and need to make sure it deals with the issues now and not those from 10 years ago. You need to make sure we have something unique.
- Commercial viability. We need to build on our cultural capital, which is better than Winchester, if we are going to attract the investment. Otherwise we will end up with gated retirement flats.
- I left Salisbury 20 years ago and have only recently returned. The potential for tourism is one of our biggest attractions. Make the city something so that people want to stay and do more. Keep the visitors and they will spend the money.
- Things are starting to come together after many years. I would like to see more roads turned into pedestrian areas.

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Maltings Update Richard Walters – Head of Major Projects

At the last meeting we presented information on the principles of the Master Plan. Tonight I will update on the consultation so far, the initial feedback we have had and the process we are going through.

The consultation started on 15th April at 9am. There are display boards here at Five Rivers and in the Library. The consultation ends on 24th May at 5pm.

Spire FM and the Journal have both advertised the consultation and we have held an information day where we had many colleagues and partners there to take about all aspects of the site. We have so far had some encouraging responses and some criticisms.

Themes arising so far –

1. Salisbury Library – context of the Library move – new plans will be on the website by the end of the week. Young gallery and the market walk.
2. Parking – central car park. There will be a reduction in the long stay
3. Green corridor – supported and welcomed. Risks of flooding now more understood and Environment Agency on board
4. Coach Park – broad support for retaining
5. Delivery of public services and toilets.

	<p>6. Cultural quarter 7. Housing</p> <p><u>Next Steps</u> Analysing consultation data, and the consideration of the planning application at Strategic Planning on 19th June 2019.</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rogers - As soon as is practically possible when we identify the new library site and Young gallery please let the public know, so that it can start to restore peoples trust. • Cllr Dalton - I feel the library is still too small. The coach park is now included, changes are happening all be it slowly. • Cllr Hoque – We just need to see some action.
38	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>The Board noted the report attached to the agenda, and considered the funding bid as detailed in the attached papers.</p> <p>Life Rocks CIC – requested £3000 Towards a subsidised Music Tuition project.</p> <p>The applicant gave a brief overview. The grant request was match funded to provide the sessions. This year we hoped to deliver 1000 music sessions to young people who were socially and economic disadvantaged.</p> <p><u>Comments and questions included:</u></p> <p>Cllr Rogers, the LYN representative noted that the LYN Group had looked at the application at its last meeting, where they scored the project 66 out of 70. This scheme was successful, there were an additional 20 children last year who missed out as it was oversubscribed. This project was supported by match funding.</p> <p>Cllr Douglas asked for clarity regarding the text submitted on the application form. It was explained that the figures related to the number of people staying and leaving the project over the course of a year.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Life Rocks CIC was awarded £3,000 of Youth Funding for 2019/20, towards the subsidised music tuition project.</p>
39	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Applicants present were invited to present their projects. Following discussion, the Board then voted on each application.</p>

	<p>The application from Salisbury Cathedral had been withdrawn.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Contact the Elderly was awarded £69.59 towards the purchase of a portable ramp. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2019/20</i></p> <p><u>History Society</u> We have nearly 4k members on Facebook and a thriving magazine. We decided this year we wanted to make the history Festival bigger and better. We will be running a school's competition to write about how they think the market square will be in the future. There will be a prize for the winning school, and the winner will be mentioned in the Salisbury Journal.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Salisbury History Festival was awarded £1000 towards the History Festival. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2019/20</i></p> <p><u>Alderbury Football club</u> The Chairman noted that it was understood that the applicant had not yet approached their own community area the Southern Wiltshire Area Board.</p> <p>He suggested the application be deferred until it had been considered there first, then if a top up was required, then Salisbury Area Board could be approached.</p> <p>This proposal was supported by the Board.</p> <p>Action: The Board requested the CEM to contact the applicant to establish the membership figures for the Salisbury Area.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Alderbury Football Club application was deferred until a later date.</p>
40	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman updated on bus shelters – we are looking at the options for closing the gap, and speaking to the manufacturers</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 4 July 2019, 7.00pm at City Hall, Salisbury.</p>