

MINUTES

Meeting: Salisbury Area Board
Place: Online Meeting
Date: 4 March 2021
Start Time: 6.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.17 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Marc Read, Community Engagement Manager

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Matthew Maggs
Salisbury City Council – Cllr L Sirman

Total in attendance: 38

<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
55	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Salisbury Area Board and invited the members of the Board to introduce themselves.</p>
56	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies.</p>
57	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The Board noted an addition to minute number 53 – Community Funding, in that the £12,000 allocated to the Area Board Initiative – Street Name plates, was made as an exception to standard policy as it was over £5,000.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the online meeting held on 21 January 2021 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman.</p>
58	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
59	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p>As this was the last Area Board meeting in the 4 year cycle and before the elections in May, The Chairman thanked four of the outgoing Councillors who would either not be standing again or would be standing for another ward area.</p> <p>Councillors, Derek Brown, Mary Douglas and John Walsh would not be standing again, and Cllr Matthew Dean would be standing in a different ward.</p> <p>Those Councillors which would be leaving the council in May, in turn made short speeches.</p>
60	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written information items attached to the online agenda, which included:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Foster Caring b. Clinical Commissioning Group update c. Healthwatch Wiltshire update <p>The Community Engagement Manager also presented information for the area relating to the Foster Caring paper, urging anyone interested in becoming a Foster Carer to make contact using the details provided.</p>
61	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written updates and papers from Partners and Community Groups which were attached to the agenda pack.</p> <p>The following verbal updates were also received:</p> <p><u>Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow</u> A copy of the written Police report had been circulated to Members that day and would be attached to the minutes. In addition, Inspector Pete Sparrow gave an update, the key points were:</p> <p>Covid Policing continued to have an impact on Policing in the Community area. The roadmap issued had a series of dates which should be considered with the addition of ‘and not before’.</p> <p>Lockdown had had a significant impact on crime figures. Whilst crime was currently low with the economic downturns we were currently in and unemployment rising, some areas of crime could be expected to rise, such as thefts and burglaries.</p> <p>From 29th March, and not before, the Community Speedwatch scheme would be returning – if permitted.</p> <p>Changes to the team included the return of the rank of Chief Inspector to the structure. Inspector Sparrows post would in the future be responsible for just the Neighbourhoods and it was not yet known who would take up that post.</p> <p>Anyone with a doorbell camera was urged to sign up to Community Messaging system and help with providing CCTV footage when called to do so.</p> <p><u>Questions and Comments:</u></p> <p>The Board conveyed its thanks to the rest of the Neighbourhood Team members that would be leaving.</p>

	<p><u>Fire- Station Manager Matthew Maggs</u> In addition to the written update, it was noted that details of the Draft Community Safety Plan 2021-2024 and access to the consultation was available online at: www.dwfire.org.uk/draft-community-safety-plan-2021-24-consultation</p> <p>The closing date for comments was 13 May. Feedback could also be emailed to consultation@dwfire.org.uk</p> <p><u>Community Engagement Manager</u> Marc Read to update us on work agreed as priorities for Salisbury at January 2021 area board.</p> <p>Brief overview of a selection of some of the projects that were coming forward and happening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health – Safer & Supportive Salisbury, local mapping • City of Salisbury exploration meeting – 18 March 6.30pm • Salisbury Soroptimists – International Woman’s Day invite – 7 March at 2.00pm (email for link: sarumsoropts@gmail.com) • Talking Antisocial Behaviour – a partnership taskforce, looking at street drinking and solutions to ASB in Culver Street Car park. • Food project coordination across Salisbury <p>Marc would produce a full written update at next meeting.</p>
62	<p><u>The Bishop of Salisbury</u></p> <p>Bishop of Salisbury, Nick Holtam who was due to retire on 3 July, spoke on his time serving as Bishop over the last 10 years, which he stated had been a huge privilege and joy.</p> <p>Salisbury is a city that grew around the cathedral, in some ways Salisbury was the most churched place that the Bishop had ever been.</p> <p>During his service there had been some notable highlights such as the royal visits and the Queens Diamond Jubilee, and the recent celebration of the 800 years since the founding of the cathedral and the 800 years since the signing of the Magna Carter.</p> <p>The other events also remembered included the Novichok poisoning and the recent pandemic where we have seen people coming together to support each other.</p> <p>Part of the strengths of the city came from the relationships between the different faiths, which could be seen in the hospitals, the courts and the prison, and at Porton Down. With these strong relationships we can start to build back</p>

	<p>better.</p> <p>The Bishop had enjoyed the vast relationships he had experienced between the different religious groups around the city, noting the welcome he had received from the Muslim Association.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Bishop Holtham for all he had done during his 10 years.</p>
63	<p><u>MP John Glen</u></p> <p>John Glen, MP for Salisbury spoke on areas of work over the past year which had included some extraordinary and unexpected challenges.</p> <p>Paid tribute to Bishop Nick and the Members who all did so much for the Community.</p> <p>Reflections on work as a MP, as a Treasury Minister as well he had been working closely with Rishi Sunak on various interventions, he had used the experience he had as Salisbury MP based 70% of the time in the city, the discussions he had had with Members, Local Authority Officer, Police and residents had been based here 70 % of the time over the last year had informed the approach he had taken in Whitehall.</p> <p>John continued to work with his small team in Brown Street, helped by SCC Cllr Dr McClennan, to engage with businesses and individuals at this time.</p> <p>Keeping on top of the issues faced locally when making decisions about the future of Salisbury, such as where to locate new houses. Work was progressing with the River Park development.</p> <p>Aspirations included seeing a cleaner and more environmentally city centre. We live at the heart of a rural community and the relationship to the land is also important, in that we should do what we can to preserve the environment where we can.</p> <p>As I look to the future, unemployment was currently 4%, lower than the national average. I would look to help businesses as we move through the recovery period as we move back to normality through the Roadmap towards early summer.</p> <p>Looking to the future it was important to support one another as we find our new norm.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Walsh thanked John for all of the hard work and support he had provided over the years. <p><u>Answer:</u> That's kind, I have tried to support all mayors over the years as I</p>

	<p>try to listen to everyone from any background.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Douglas also noted that she felt John was an excellent MP, who had served the community faithfully. • Cllr Dean asked what view John had regarding the People Friendly Streets initiative, which had been pulled soon after initiation? <u>Answer:</u> When we can deliver a different and better plan, I would support funding of a better scheme. I would do all I could as it was in our interest to improve the air quality of the city. • Cllr Hoque asked for an update on the A303 tunnel. <u>Answer:</u> The tunnel was agreed in 2014, there would be a judicial review in next few months, which he hoped would give the final green light. With regards to Salisbury, there would need to be a look at connectivity with Southampton and Bristol. I am committed to finding a solution, as too much time was wasted queuing on the roads around Salisbury. <p>The Chairman thanked John Glen MP for attending.</p>
64	<p><u>Funding Update Stories</u></p> <p>The Board welcomed previous grant applicants to update on their projects around the city, since receiving funding.</p> <p><u>TEDx Salisbury - Leigh Chalmers</u> The event took place on 27 February 2020, where the theme for the evening was 'Crossing Boundaries'. There were talks on overcoming abuse, being a survivor and not a victim, taking chances and on following your dreams.</p> <p>There were also talks on the work taking place at Earlstoke Prison and the Pantry Partnership provided the food for the event.</p> <p>Feedback from the Art Centre was that it had attracted a new audience with many new faces. Everyone involved was a volunteer.</p> <p>Since the event there had been overwhelming feedback and 4000 view of the event on YouTube after the even.</p> <p>There were plans to put on another event in the future.</p> <p><u>Home-Start South Wiltshire - Becky Thompson</u> An independent charity affiliated to Home-Start UK. Due to the pandemic we moved our service to telephone support. Our volunteers now phoned or held zoom meetings with families each week. In SP1 & SP2 16 families had been</p>

supported over the last year.

Some of the challenge's families were facing included, isolation, twins, post-natal depression, managing children's behaviour.

Once families were referred, they were assessed and matched with a volunteer.

During the lockdown we had been able to deliver activity packs to family's which was supported by Facebook posts showing ideas for activities that families could do at home.

River Bourne Island Project - David Lovibond

The whole project cost around £4000. The current bridge dated back to 1490. Over the years the open setting had become clogged up with litter and crack willows.

The first phase in April 2020, rubbish collecting began in readiness for the work to begin. All work was carried out by volunteers, with all work being overseen by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

In the autumn, the extensive phase started, where the crack willows were pollarded. Once the river flow was increased, the oxygen level also increased which in turn improved the life within the river.

The aim was to improve the beauty of the bridge and take it back to a medieval setting as it would have been.

Salisbury Repair Café - Jimmy Walker

The repair café was all about bringing the community together and sustainability. Reducing the number of items going to landfill. We had around 60 volunteers in total that helped with all aspects of running the café.

Those that joined us had all sorts of different skills, we had people that could repair books, electrical items, hoovers, radios, toasters, fabrics, bikes, and jewellery.

There were people outside the Quaker Meeting House, queueing from 9am for us to open at 10am.

The donations re received enabled us to have a sustainable project.

Relate Dorset & South Wiltshire - Sian Merriott

The funding was originally to train one counsellor but after we went into lockdown it made more sense to train two online counsellors, enabling us to provide even more of a service.

	<p>As soon as we come out of lockdown we will be out holding face to face meetings to support those that need our service.</p>
65	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Board noted the report of the CATG meeting which took place on 9th February 2021 and considered the funding recommendations as detailed in the pack and on the screen.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board approved the funding recommendations of the CATG from its meeting on 9 February 2021, which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4e – Waiting restriction - £1000 • 5b – Street Nameplates – repainting- £1500 • 5b – street nameplates – replacements - £3945 • 5c – Street light assessment - £1250 • 5e – Improvements – Bishopdown - £500 • 6b – Shared use path signs - £505 • 6d – Dropped kerb - £1900
66	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p><u>Budgets available:</u> Community Area Grant - £9460.16 Youth - £3462.00 Health & Wellbeing - £850.00</p> <p>The Board considered the funding requests as set out in the report attached to the agenda. Members were reminded that as this was the last meeting of the financial year and there were limited funds remaining, the Board would not be able to fund all projects in full.</p> <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p><u>Wiltshire Makers – Artisan database - requested £4936</u> The applicant, Claire Burden outlined the application and answered any questions.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the project was aimed at Wiltshire and not solely Salisbury, could the applicant approach other Boards for funding, with each offering a token amount of £1000? The applicant could also apply to Southern and South West Boards. <p>Cllr Hocking moved a motion to award a reduced amount of £2936, with the suggestion that the applicant consider applying to other Boards for further funding. This was seconded by Cllr Douglas.</p>

Decision

The Salisbury Ara Board awarded £2936 to the Wiltshire Makers towards the Artisan database project.

Reason

The project met the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme 2020/21.

Salisbury Stingrays – Swim school project - requested £948.86

The applicant, Philippa Hemming outlined the application and answered any questions.

After clarification on the paid volunteer listed within the application, it was proposed that a reduced amount of £798.86 be awarded to remove the £150 from the original requested figure.

Cllr Brian Dalton moved the motion. This was seconded by Cllr Hoque.

Decision

The Salisbury Ara Board awarded £798.86 to the Salisbury Stingrays towards the swim school project.

Reason

The project met the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme 2020/21.

Bemerton Community Ltd- black out blinds - requested £1214

The applicant, Margaret Wilmot outlined the application and answered any questions.

As previously, the matter of the volunteer costs were clarified and a suggestion of removing that amount from the requested figure was suggested.

Cllr Walsh moved the motion of a reduced award of £1014. This was seconded by Cllr Hocking.

Decision

The Salisbury Area Board awarded £1014 to the Bemerton Community Group Ltd, towards the purchase of some black out blinds.

Reason

The project met the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme 2020/21.

Share Salisbury CIC – Library of things – requested £4500

The applicant, Eva McHugh outlined the project and answered any questions.

- What funding had been received from other bodies and what would the catchment area be?

Answer – £1200 of funding had come through a 'go fund me' page and a further £1600 in external donations from the community. The catchment

area was likely to be Salisbury and surrounding areas.

Cllr Douglass moved the motion to award a reduced amount of £3200. This was seconded by Cllr Hoque.

Decision

The Salisbury Area Board awarded £3200 to Share Salisbury CIC, towards the Library of Things project.

Reason

The project met the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme 2020/21.

Laverstock & Ford PC – St Judes play area – requested £5000

The applicant, Trudi Deane outlined the project and answered any questions.

Questions:

It was clarified that the park was not owned by Wiltshire Council.

Cllr Dean moved the motion to award a reduced amount of the remainder of the CAG budget, which was £1511.30, with the award being conditional on the balance for the project being achieved by the applicant within the 12 month release period. This was seconded by Cllr Hoque.

Decision

The Salisbury Area Board awarded £1511.30 to Laverstock & Ford PC, towards refurbishment of St Judes Play Area, with the following condition:

- That funding be released once the balance of the project costs were in place.

Reason

The project met the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme 2020/21.

Young People Grants

The Board considered the recommendations of the Youth Panel as detailed in the report.

Salisbury Transition City – Youth stage, party in the park requested - £1000 The applicant, Christian Lange outlined the project and answered any questions.

Decision

The Salisbury Area Board awarded £1000 of youth funding to Salisbury Transition City towards the Youth Stage Party in the Park project.

Salisbury Community Circus, through the pandemic - £4860

The applicant, Karen Evans outlined the project and answered any questions.

He Board noted the Youth Panel's support for the project, however there was

	<p>only a remainder of £2462 in the budget for allocation.</p> <p>Johnathon the Jester also spoke in support of the project, noting that during the pandemic he had been taking his kit out to visit families with vulnerable children and thanked the Board for previous funding as what that had bought a few years ago had really reached the young people we need to reach.</p> <p>The Board supported the project and proposed the remainder of the budget be allocated.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board awarded £2462 of youth funding to Salisbury Community Circus towards the ‘through the pandemic’ project.</p> <p><u>Health & Wellbeing Grants</u> The Board considered the bids for funding as detailed in the report.</p> <p><u>Carers Champion - activities for unpaid carers £850</u> The applicant, Helen Dowse outlined the project and answered any questions.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board awarded £850 to Carers Champion towards activities for unpaid carers.</p>
67	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that as this was the last meeting of this Area Board, the next meeting would be held after the elections on Thursday 17 June 2021.</p> <p>He closed the meeting by giving a final thanks to Cllrs Brown, Dean, Douglas and Walsh and wished them all the best for the future.</p>