

Minutes

Meeting of: City Area (Community) Committee

Meeting held in: The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury

Date: 15 November 2005

Commencing at: 6.00pm

Present Councillors:

S R Fear (Chair)
Mrs S A Warrander (Vice-Chair)
Mrs P Brown
K A Cardy
Mrs E A Chettleburgh
J M Collier

Mrs I M Evans
S J Howarth
M J Osment
I Tomes
C Vincent
J M Walsh.

Apologies from Councillors:

P M Clegg
D A Culver
B E Dalton
Ms S C Mallory
J R L Nettle
P V H Paisey.
P W L Sample
Miss M A Tomlinson

184. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no public questions.

185. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

186. Minutes:

Resolved: that the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 September 2005 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

187. Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

188. Shopping Trolleys:

The Committee considered the previously circulated report from the Waste Management Officer (considered at the Cabinet meeting on 12 October along with the recommendations from that meeting). Members considered that the removal of unwanted trolley corrals may provide an opportunity for additional recycling facilities to be provided in some areas. There appeared to be a particular need for a plastic bottle recycling banks. The Waste Management Officer explained the difficulties associated with the collection of plastic bottles.

Resolved - that the report be noted and that the Waste Management Officer be requested to raise the issue of recycling facilities for plastic bottles in his forthcoming report to Cabinet.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



189. Medium Term Financial Strategy:

The Committee received a presentation from the Policy Director, Debbie Dixon (attached). Debbie informed the Committee that the Chief Executive would like to convene a meeting with a few members to discuss the possible use of the City reserves to ease the Council's budget deficit.

Resolved - that the Chairman together with Councillors Mrs Chettleburgh and Mrs Warrander meet with the Chief Executive to discuss the budget proposals and a further report be brought to the next meeting on the proposals.

190. Community Plan Progress:

Ariane Crampton and Claire Westlake presented the report of the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance Partnership (previously circulated).

The following points were raised in respect of items in the progress plan:

- 24 (Page 2) In view of the identified need for additional facilities, the option of providing a play area as part of the new school development in Highbury Road should be explored further.
- 271 (Page 12) The new bus service is required for the new Bishopdown Farm estate not Bishopdown which is well served.
- 277 (Page 12) Does the County Council intend to complete the works as stated in the report? The local ward member was informed that the second section of the resurfacing works had not been included in the 2006/07 programme as stated in the report.
- 290 (Page 13) Traffic speeds are too high on some areas of the estate, the officers should contact the local members for details of the roads concerned.
- 291 (Page 13) Despite the reduction in traffic flow following the reopening of Skew Bridge, there is still a pressing need for traffic calming along Lower Road, Lower Bemerton, particularly in the vicinity of the school. Also a pedestrian footpath is needed in Church Lane to serve the school and improve the safety of school children. Further, could the officers investigate the provision of a footpath through the South Wilts Sports field to improve pedestrian safety for school children.
- 292 (Page 13) Why are the traffic calming measures being linked to the residents parking proposals? They should proceed separately at the earliest opportunity.
- 301 (Page 13) The information required has been sent to Wiltshire County Council by the local members and the Residents' Association.
- The litter and pigeon droppings in the vicinity of the railway station and around the railway bridges in Fisherton Street and Castle Street, presents a very poor impression for visitors, is a hazard for residents and needs to be tackled as a matter of urgency.
- Could the officers investigate and report back on the possibility of the A36 Churchill Way traffic lights being turned off between midnight and 6.00am when they are not required.
- Why has no Community Planning Officer been in post in the City for almost a year, this needs to be addressed in order to take forward the actions in the plan.

Resolved: That the community planning team be thanked for their report and invited to report back at the next meeting with updates on the issues raised above.

191. Parks Management Plan:

The Committee received the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Arising from the discussion of this issue, it was considered that for projects funded by the City Precept, press releases should use quotes from the Mayor of Salisbury rather than the Cabinet Portfolio Holder.

Resolved:

- (1) that the development plan template highlighted at Appendix A of the report be approved;
- (2) that with play areas promoted to priority 4, the initial priority listing highlighted at 2.4 of the report be approved;
- (3) that the use of internal secondment as outlined in paragraph 3.2.3 of the report be pursued;
- (4) that up to £20,000 be included in the 2006/07 special expense budget to cover the costs of the internal secondment;
- (5) that if it is not possible to fill the position through secondment, up to £10,000 be made available from the special expense budget to fund a back-fill officer in the Parks Team to enable an existing member of staff to carry out the work; and
- (6) That in future, press releases relating to projects or initiatives funded through the City precept should include quotes from the Mayor of Salisbury rather than the Cabinet Portfolio Holder.

*The meeting closed at 8.15 pm
Members of the public: 1*