

# Minutes

**Meeting of** : City Area (Community) Committee  
**Meeting held in** : The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury  
**Date** : Tuesday 02 October 2007  
**Commencing at** : 6.00 pm

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**Present:**

Councillor M J Osment (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs C R Hill (Vice Chairman)

Councillors K A Cardy, Mrs E A Chettleburgh, P M Clegg, I C Curr, B E Dalton, J M English,  
Mrs M I Evans, S J Howarth, A C Roberts, J C Robertson, I R Tomes, Miss M A Tomlinson and  
J M Walsh

**Apologies:** Councillors S R Fear, Dr H McKeown, P W L Sample, A A Thorpe,

**25. Public Questions/Statement Time:**

There were none.

**26. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:**

There were none.

**27. Minutes:**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 22 August 2007 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**28. Declarations of Interest:**

There were none.

**29. Chairman's Announcements:**

Members were informed that the visitors from Salisbury, Maryland (USA) sent their regards to the Committee.

**30. Review of Community Involvement:**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report discussed at the Northern Area Committee meeting held on 23 August 2007.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted.



Awarded in:  
Housing Services  
Waste and Recycling Services



**31. Area Working Under One Council for Wiltshire:**

The Committee received an oral update from Cllr Clegg on Area Working under Wiltshire Council. Members were informed that the role and functions of the Community Area Boards were still undetermined, and that the Chairs of the four Area Committees were meeting to discuss this aspect of reorganisation. It was noted, however, that the Community Area Boards would have different powers and responsibilities from parish councils, and that the Leader of Wiltshire County Council had recently indicated that all town and parish councils would be consulted to determine which specific powers they would eventually assume.

**Resolved:** that the above be noted.

**32. Pre-design Investigation of Fisherton Street Bridge:**

The Committee considered the previously circulated email and letter from Mouchel Parkman on the planned pre-design investigation of the Fisherton Street Bridge. The Committee requested that an update on the work be provided at its June 2008 meeting.

**Resolved:** that the above be noted.

**33. Revised Air Quality Management Area- Central Salisbury, London and Wilton Roads:**

The Committee deferred consideration of this item to its next meeting on 13 November 2007.

**34. 'Welcome to Salisbury' signs**

Cllr Tomes had requested the Committee to consider the possibility of including mention of Salisbury's links with Salisbury, Maryland (USA) and Salisbury, North Carolina (USA). The Parks Manager informed the Committee that there were a total of eleven 'Welcome to Salisbury' signs around the city, and that although they all referred to Salisbury's twinned towns of Saintes and Xanten, they did not acknowledge Salisbury's ties with its namesakes in the USA.

**Resolved:** that the Committee delegate appropriate powers to the Parks Manager to ensure the 'Welcome to Salisbury' signs referred to Salisbury's ties with its namesakes in the USA.

**35. Technical aspects of assessing, funding and delivering a West Harnham to Cattle Market shared footway/cycleway from Local Transport Plan sources**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Forward Planning and Transportation. The Parks Manager stated that the maximum cost of the scheme would be in the order of £80,000 including design costs and new kerbing (if Wiltshire County Council deem the latter necessary). In view of the fact that Wiltshire County Council considered the scheme to be a medium priority, Members were informed that if they wished to deliver the footway/cycleway, this could be achieved by use of available R2 funds.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted.

**36. Hudson's Field Management Plan**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Members thanked officers for their work on producing the draft management plan.

**Resolved:** that the draft Hudson's Field management plan be formally adopted.

**37. Current R2 Funds:**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Members noted that it was preferable to refer to the shared footway/cycleway as being from West Harnham to the community youth football pitches rather than to the Cattle Market. Members were informed that in order to use R2 funds to deliver this shared footway/cycleway, it would be necessary to reprioritise the list of approved projects.

**Resolved:** that

- (1) the projects and timetable be approved as per the officer's report, subject to the Harnham cycleway project being inserted between numbers 10 and 11 on the priority list;
- (2) the financial position regarding R2 contributions at this time be noted;
- (3) where appropriate, final decisions regarding siting, designs etc be delegated to the Parks Manager in consultation with the relevant Ward Members.

**38. Formation of a new Parish Council for Salisbury**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Legal and Property Services and received an oral presentation from Mr Chubb, a former Charter Trustee.

**Resolved:** that

- (1) the Project Implementation Document be approved;
- (2) Councillors Cardy, Clegg, Hill and Osment be appointed to the steering group;
- (3) the terms of reference for the steering group be approved;
- (4) Wiltshire County Council be asked to agree to finance the cost, or to agree to finance only part of the cost if Members agree alternative budgetary arrangements;
- (5) the initial consultation be carried out as per the Restormel model, with the Local Development Framework distribution list to be used for the purposes of consultation and Members to suggest any additional bodies to consult, and an advert to be placed in the Salisbury Journal.

**39. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:**

**Nativity Scene on the Guildhall, Salisbury**

Mr Ian Newman and the Reverend Scrace sought the Committee's approval for the erection of a statue on the Guildhall, and requested Members to consider whether the Committee could make a financial contribution to the project. The Committee was informed that the total cost of the project was £6000, and that although Churches Together had so far raised £2000, they expected this sum to reach £4000. Members expressed a range of views both on the principle of erecting the statue on the Guildhall, and on whether to fund such a project.

**Resolved:** that

- (1) the principle of the statue being erected on the Guildhall be approved;
- (2) the Committee contribute £2000 towards the cost of the project from its Reserve fund.

Councillors Clegg and Tomes requested that their dissent be recorded.

*The meeting closed at 8:45 pm  
Members of the public present: 5*