

Minutes

Meeting of : City Area (Community) Committee
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Tuesday 25 March 2008
Commencing at : 6.00 pm

Present:

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

Councillors K A Cardy, E A Chettleburgh, I C Curr, J M English, I M Evans, S J Howarth, H McKeown, A C Roberts, J C Robertson, P W L Sample, A A Thorpe, M A Tomlinson, C R Vincent, and J M Walsh

Apologies: Councillors S R Fear and I R Tomes

62. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

63. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

64. Minutes:

Resolved: that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 22 January 2008 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

65. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Curr declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the matter set out under agenda item 8 (Allotments and Churchill Gardens Management Plans) as he was an allotment holder. He remained in the meeting, but did not speak or vote on the matter.

66. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman informed the committee that Wiltshire County Council had organised their second 'Meet and Greet' session for town and parish councils in south Wiltshire for 22 April from 6.30pm at Sarum College, the Close, Salisbury. The Leader and Chief Executive of the County Council were to update town and parish councils on progress in setting up Community Area Boards and discuss delegation of powers to local councils. Given that the City is the only unparished area in the county, City Area Community Committee members were invited to the event to represent the city.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



The Chairman reminded members that the City Area Community Committee Salisbury Vision Seminar would take place on Wednesday 2nd April from 6:00pm at City Hall, Salisbury.

67. BMX Track at Bemerton Heath:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Alan Wighton, the Chair of the Shift Salisbury mountain bike and BMX club, addressed the panel and answered members' questions. During the discussion the following points were raised:

- General approval for the project and the aims of Shift Salisbury;
- Concerns about the impact on residents from access to the site and potential noise nuisance;
- The need to prevent the track being accessed and used by mini-motorcycles;
- A desire that the track be built to national standards, but be available for everyday use as well as organised race days and events;
- The possibility of connecting the BMX track and club with other local sporting enterprises such as the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Sports Club 'Hub Club'.

Resolved: That:

- i) the committee approve in principle the request to provide a BMX track on land adjoining the Salisbury High School, Bemerton Heath, subject to a more detailed design report being submitted
- ii) the committee would be prepared in principle to support the project financially to a maximum of £20,000 subject to the balance of funds being raised by the group;
- iii) that officers report back to the committee when further details are known regarding where funding could come from.

68. Allotments and Churchill Gardens Management Plans:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Clive Williams, the Chairman of the Salisbury Allotment Association, addressed the committee and emphasised the need for consideration and action on the matters set out in the Work and Resource Plan. During discussion members raised the following issues:

- The need for discussion and consideration about the future management of the allotment sites in light of Local Government Reorganisation;
- A feeling that any move to self-management of the allotments must be undertaken only if backed by allotment holders and the Salisbury Allotment Association;
- A desire for swift progress on the easily achievable actions in the Work and Resource Plan given the limited lifespan of Salisbury District Council;
- The possibility of charging differential rates to those who live outside the city limits but use allotments within the city;
- The need to preserve and potentially increase allotment provision given the current level of demand for allotments.

Resolved: That:

- i) the draft Churchill Gardens management plan be formally adopted;
- ii) the draft Allotments management plan be formally adopted

69. R2 Projects Update:

The Parks Manager updated the committee on the status of R2 projects. He informed members that the St. Nicholas Trust had turned down the council's request relating to the provision of a new play area at land off Britford Lane.

Resolved: That the committee notes the previously circulated R2 Projects Update report.

70. New Cemetery Update:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Reverend David Scrace of St George's and All Saints Church, Harnham addressed the committee and emphasised the need for a new cemetery for the city.

Resolved: that:

- i) the committee supports the option of utilising spare land at the London Road cemetery;
- ii) the committee approves the use of up to £26,000 from the ring fenced reserve account sum to carry out the initial laying out works required;
- iii) a further report be brought to the committee once more details are known regarding the situation at Fugglestone Red;

- iv) officers continue to highlight the need for a new cemetery with new development applications in the future.

71. South Wilts Sports Club - Hub/Multi-Sports Project

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Sports Development Officer and received a presentation from Peter Curtis and Peter Wrighton of Salisbury and South Wilts Sports Club. Ms Cherie Taylor, Head Teacher of Bemerton St. John Primary School, addressed the committee and emphasised the importance of access between Wilton Road and Lower Bemerton. During discussion the following points were raised:

- The need to investigate any additional benefits to the wider community that could result from the project, including access between Wilton Road and Lower Bemerton, given the amount of public money that may be invested;
- The possibility of sourcing funding from the district-wide account as well as the city account given that the benefits of the project are likely to extend beyond the city boundaries.

Resolved: that:

- i) the committee support in principle South Wilts Sports Club's vision to develop a Hub/Multi-Sports Club for the benefit of the local community;
- ii) the committee agree in principle to support the club financially with a capital contribution of between £50,000 and £100,000 subject to a further report;
- iii) that a report be prepared by officers outlining where the above sum of money could be sourced;
- iv) the committee wish to see the provision of access between Wilton Road and Lower Bemerton investigated as part of the development.

*The meeting closed at: 20:20
Members of the public present: 12*