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Minutes

Meeting of : City Area (Community) Committee
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Tuesday 6 May 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, H McKeown, A C Roberts, J C Robertson, A A Thorpe, M A Tomlinson, C R Vincent, J M Walsh, S R Fear and I R Tomes

Apologies: Councillors S J Howarth and P W L Sample

72. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

73. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

74. Minutes:

Councillor Roberts proposed an amendment of minute 71 bullet point 4 to read: "the provision of non-vehicular access between the Wilton Road and a point near St John's School on Lower Road, details to be agreed, to be a condition of the provision of the above financial contribution".

Resolved: that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 25 March 2008 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the above amendment.

75. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Ian Tomes declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the matter set out under Minute 80 below (Update on Parishing the City) in that he was a market trader. He remained in the meeting, spoke and voted thereon.

76. Chairman's Announcements:

There were none.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



77. Update on Management Plans:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager.

Resolved: to note the report

78. Bus Shelter Maintenance Budget for 2007-08 and Proposals for Expenditure in 2008-09:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Principle Traffic Engineer, along with the proposal from Councillor Brian Dalton as set out in the agenda. A list of locations was tabled at the meeting indicating where replacement bus shelters were required, as identified by Members in advance of the meeting. The officer confirmed that ownership of bus shelters in the city fell into three categories: those owned by Salisbury District Council, those owned by Wiltshire County Council, and those owned by Adshell, a private company. The officer informed Members that Adshell owned some shelters in the Bemerton Heath area that were currently unused due to a recent change in bus routes. Members noted that the process required to move unused shelters owned by Adshell to alternative locations was potentially complex both legally and practically. In the case of shelters owned by the District and County Councils, Members noted that due to the fact that a number of projects were currently being funded from the City Area Committee reserves, it would be prudent to request further information on the likely cost of replacement bus shelters at the locations identified by Members before committing to any expenditure. Members agreed that it would be helpful to know which shelters were more used than others, and if possible, whether certain designs of shelter were more or less susceptible to vandalism. On the basis of this information it would be possible, at the next meeting, to draw up a priority list for the replacement of specific bus shelters according to available City Area Committee reserves.

Resolved: to note the Bus Shelter replacement programme around the City a few years ago, now being maintained by Adshell. No future additional shelters are being proposed by Adshell. The Committee noted the terrible condition that some of the remaining Bus Shelters in the City are now in. These shelters were not replaced in the last programme. In conjunction with local City Ward Members, this committee wished that a number of bus shelters be replaced, subject to additional funding following a detailed officer report at the next meeting.

79. Replacement of Street Signs in Salisbury:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Chief Building Control Surveyor. A list of locations was tabled at the meeting indicating where replacement street signs were required, as identified by Members in advance of the meeting. Members had previously been requested to submit locations where replacement signs were required to the Chief Building Control Surveyor. It was noted that the budget for replacement signs came from the General Fund, and that if the total cost of replacing all the signs identified by Members exceeded available funds, Cabinet would need to be requested to increase this budget allocation.

Resolved: to make necessary arrangements for all the signs identified by Members to be replaced, with a request to Cabinet to increase the budget available for such work if the cost exceeded the total available funds.

80. Update on Parishing the City:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Legal and Property Services, in conjunction with a presentation from the Chief Executive Officer and the Head of Legal and Property Services. Councillor Fear tabled at the meeting a proposed fifth option for the role of the Salisbury City Council, which would encompass all the functions set out under option 1 in the officer report, in addition to taking responsibility for the running of the City Hall, Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre, the Charter market and fair, the crematorium, shops and certain events. Members agreed that the City Council should play a key role in Salisbury, but that it was important to recognise that it could not replace the District Council either in terms of its budget or functions. Members also emphasised the importance of negotiating the maximum possible capital for the City Council, possibly to include a capital endowment for a starting balance of reserves.

Resolved: that

- (1) the proposed parish council be named Salisbury City Council;
- (2) there is one parish council limited to the whole of the unparished area of Salisbury;
- (3) the existing City Area wards be retained under Salisbury City Council;

- (4) the existing number of Members for each City Area ward be retained under Salisbury City Council;
- (5) the Chief Executive, in consultation with the steering group, to agree the final wording of the options to be consulted on, based on the following: option 2, as set out in the officer report; option 5, as outlined above; and an enhanced version of option 5, to include management of the leisure centre, Tourist Information Centre, arts grants etc;
- (6) the Stage 2 consultation paper be agreed, subject to the amendments required by resolution 5 above;
- (7) the updated programme management arrangements be noted;
- (8) the Chief Executive arrange a site visit to a comparable City Council;

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

1) Salisbury Cathedral 750th Anniversary:

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager.

Resolved – that £750 be awarded to the Church of England towards the cost of staging the 750th anniversary pilgrimage from Old Sarum to the Cathedral

2) Milford Street Underpass Mural:

Councillor Tomes proposed that the City Area Committee gave its support to the painting of a mural in the Milford Street Underpass.

Resolved – that the City Area Committee formally support the painting of a mural in the Milford Street Underpass.

3) Twinned town Finger Posts:

Councillor Tomes informed the Committee that Cabinet had approved the use of land in the Guildhall Square for the erection of finger post signs indicating the distance to Salisbury's namesakes in Maryland and North Carolina, USA. The signs had been ordered and a planning application was being processed with the intention of their being in place in time for the visit in the summer by the delegations from the USA.

Resolved – to note the above

*The meeting closed at: 20:30
Members of the public present: 2*