

Minutes

Meeting of : City Area (Community) Committee
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Tuesday 02 September 2008
Commencing at : 6.00 pm

Present:

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

Councillors E A Chettleburgh, P M Clegg, I C Curr, J M English, S R Fear, Mrs H McKeown, A C Roberts, A A Thorpe, I R Tomes, M A Tomlinson, C R Vincent, and J M Walsh

Apologies: Councillors K A Cardy, S J Howarth and P W L Sample

104. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

105. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

Councillor Thorpe notified members that the Reverend David Scrace was to raise the issue of the Angel on the Guildhall in relation to the City's Christmas lights display at the meeting of Cabinet on Wednesday 3 September. He advised any members with strong feelings on the issue to make their views known to Cabinet members before the meeting.

106. Minutes:

Resolved: that the minutes of the special meeting held on 21 July 2008, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

107. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Curr declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 (Allotments Action Plan) because he was an allotment holder. He spoke on the matter and then left the meeting and did not vote.

Councillor Tomes declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 (Allotments Action Plan) because he was an allotment holder. He did not speak or vote on the matter.

Councillor Chettleburgh declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 (Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground Trust) as she was a patron of the Broken Bridges Nature Reserve Trust. She spoke on the matter but did not vote.

108. Chairman's Announcements:

There were none.



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109. Allotments Action Plan:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Yvonne Toon of the Salisbury Allotment Association addressed the committee and outlined the association's feeling that the proposed livestock trial should be extended to all sites, and not just Fisherton Farm.

Resolved: that

- (1) A sum of £20,000 be made available to fund those items highlighted at points 3a, 5a, 9a and 13a, financed from the Committee's reserve account;
- (2) the policy related to 4a (wardens) be confirmed;
- (3) the policy related to 14a (livestock) be extended to apply to existing tenants of *all sites* at the date of the meeting and approved;
- (4) more expansive, comprehensive reports be submitted to a future meeting with regard items 1a (bonfires), 2a (rent reviews), 3b (additional water troughs), 6a (paperwork), 8a (keys / rotovating service) and 11a (pest control), and the issue of tenants subletting plots;
- (5) those items at 7a (dedicated allotments Officer), 10a (self management) and 12a (website issues) be noted.

110. Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground Trust:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Chris Cochrane and Anne Trevett of the Broken Bridges Nature Reserve Trust addressed the committee and outlined the objectives of the project.

Resolved: that the use of £75,000 from the Lower Bemerton trust fund toward the purchase costs of the land outlined at Appendix A of the report be approved, subject to the approval of the Charity Commission

111. Victoria Park Heritage Lottery Bid:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager in conjunction with a DVD that had been prepared to support the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Resolved: that

- (1) the Stage 1 bid to the HLF as outlined in the report is unanimously supported;
- (2) the future financial implications at this time be noted.

112. Salisbury City Council – Proposal for a Youth Council:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Programmes and Projects Manager.

Resolved: that the contents of this report be noted and that officers continue to further this project in line with the following recommendations, namely that;

- (1) the youth council should have as wide a representation as possible;
- (2) age should not be limited at this stage;
- (3) membership of the youth council should be open to young people who are either residents of the city or who attend youth groups or schools with catchment areas that incorporate the city;
- (4) officers progress discussions with youth groups, schools and hard to reach groups to establish the level of interest in the proposal and, if there is sufficient interest; and
- (5) to approve funding of up to £10,000 for the focus group work.

113. Update on the Parishing of Salisbury:

The Committee received a verbal update from Councillor Clegg. He informed members that a report on establishing 22 Bedwin Street as the temporary accommodation for the City Council was to go to Cabinet on 3 September.

The Councils' consultants had reported the results of Focus Group work which revealed widespread support for the City Area Committee's position on the functions that should fall within the remit of the City Council.

The third stage of consultation on the project was to close on 19 September and the parishing team were well prepared for the next milestone in the form of the Implementation Executive in October.

Members thanked Councillor Clegg and the relevant officers for all the work they were doing on the parishing project.

*The meeting closed at: 20:04 pm
Members of the public present 24*