

# Minutes

**Meeting of** : City Area (Community) Committee  
**Meeting held in** : The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury  
**Date** : Tuesday 16 December 2008  
**Commencing at** : 5.00 pm

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**Present:**

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

Councillors K A Cardy, E A Chettleburgh, I C Curr, B Dalton, J M English, I Evans, S R Fear, A C Roberts, A A Thorpe, C R Vincent, and J M Walsh

**Apologies:** Councillors P M Clegg, Mrs H McKeown, P W L Sample, I R Tomes, M A Tomlinson

**Officers:** Reg Williams (Community Initiatives) Geoff Hatcher (Financial Services) Tom Bray (Democratic Services)

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

**125. Minutes:**

**Resolved:** that, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Dalton's name on the attendance list at that meeting, the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21 October 2008, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**126. Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Curr declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 (Parishing Framework report) because he was an allotment holder. He did not speak or vote on the matter.

**127. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, expressed his condolences to Councillor Evans following the death of her husband.

Councillor Cardy informed the committee that the Mayor's Appeal 2007/08 had raised £57,000 which was donated to the Sarum Children's Ward at the Salisbury Hospital.



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**128. Allotment Management Plan Outcomes:**

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager. Mrs Waters spoke on behalf of the Allotment Association outlining the position of the association with regard to the officer's recommendations.

Members discussed the issue of bonfires and agreed that no change to current practice was necessary but cooperation between allotment holders, wardens and the Council would ensure that any problems would be promptly addressed.

The committee also urged the Parks Manager to look at how the Council engages with all stakeholders with regard to allotments. Members commended the cooperation between the Allotments Association, allotment holders in general and the Council but felt that further dialogue could be held with local residents who live close to allotments.

**Resolved** – that:

1. The fee for 2010/11 and on is set at such a level to cover the whole service cost.
2. The subsidy level for 2010/11 be reduced to 45%, giving a fee of £4.70 per rod for that year and that for 2011/12 the subsidy level be reduced further to 40%.
3. That from January 2009, a £20 deposit be taken for all keys given out to new tenants, refundable when returned.
4. That from January 2009, all additional keys provided be charged at £10 per key plus a £20 refundable deposit.
5. That the rotovating service for new tenants be continued with.
6. That the allotment tenancy rules and regulations be re-written to be more succinct but remaining compliant to the requirements of the various allotment legislation

**129. Salisbury Arts Centre Lighting and Signage Scheme:**

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

**Resolved** – that the committee:

1. Supports the principle of using the Arts Centre grounds for a signage project as outlined in Appendix C.
2. Supports the principle of the lighting scheme project as outlined in the report and in Appendices A and B attached.

**Recommended to Cabinet** – that the committee:

1. Supports the lighting scheme financially in principle at a cost of £27,600.
2. Requests to Cabinet that the sum of £27,600 be funded out of the general fund.

**130. Parishing Framework – Budget and Structure Proposals:**

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Performance Director. The Committee discussed the recommendations set out in the report.

**Resolved** – that:

1. The City Council's budget for 2009/2010, as set out in appendix 2A be endorsed.
2. The City Council's capital programme for 2008/2009 to 2024/2025, set out in Appendix 2B, be endorsed.

3. A City precept for 2009/2010 of £80 be recommended to the Implementation Executive. This motion received the unanimous support of the committee.
4. An increase in fees and charges by an average of 5% for 2009/2010 be recommended to the Implementation Executive.
5. The structure, as set out in Appendix 3 was agreed.
6. Members considered the issues raised by the trade union in relation to the parishing of Salisbury, summarised in paragraph 4.9 and added the following comments:
  - a) There is a need to recognise the views and consult with UNITE in this process.
  - b) That all staff transferring from the district council should be offered terms and conditions no worse than they have at present.
  - c) There is a need to establish a joint consultative body similar to the SDC Joint Consultative Forum.

**131. Guildhall Project:**

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Performance Director.

**Resolved** – that:

1. The proposed scheme, as presented in the report, be endorsed.
2. The appointment of RMP and the design team led by the conservation architects Rodney Melville and Partners (RMP) be extended.
3. RMP be authorised to make the necessary Planning and Listed Building applications.
4. Sufficient funds (£11,500) be released from the City Area Reserves to cover the costs of the design team.

**132. Play Area Management Plan Adoption:**

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

**Resolved** – that the draft Play Areas management plan be formally adopted.

**133. Victoria Park Tennis Dome:**

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

**Resolved** – that Victoria Park is not a suitable location for an indoor tennis centre and therefore not pursue this project further.

*The meeting closed at: 6:55 pm  
Members of the public present: 7*