

Minutes

Meeting of : City Area (Planning) Committee
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Thursday 12 June 2008
Commencing at : 6.00 pm

Present:

District Councillors:

M A Tomlinson (Chairman), J M Walsh (Vice-Chairman), P M Clegg, E A Chettleburgh, I C Curr, B E Dalton, S R Fear, C R Hill, M J Osment, A C R Roberts, J C Robertson, and I R Tones.

Apologies: K A Cardy, J M English, Mrs I M Evans, S J Howarth, H McKeown, P W L Sample, A A Thorpe, and C R Vincent.

Officers:

T Bray (Democratic Services Officer), J Ferguson (Principal Solicitor), A Bidwell (Principal Planning Officer), S Hawkins (Principal Planning Officer), S Verrion (Arboricultural Officer)

121. Public Questions/Statement Time:
There were none.

122. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:
There were none.

123. Minutes:

Agreed: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting on 15th May 2008 and special meeting held on 19 May 2008 (both previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

124. Declarations of Interest:
Councillor Curr declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in the matters set out under Minute 133 below (CAC/08-09/T1/10 - Salisbury Community Choir – The Chilcot Project's application for SWAG monies) in that his wife was member of the choir. He remained in the meeting, and voted thereon.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



Councillor Tomlinson declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in the matters set out under Minute 133 below (CAC/08-09/T1/06 - Friends of Harnham Slope's application for SWAG monies) due to her involvement with the group as ward councillor. She remained in the meeting, and voted thereon.

125. Chairman's Announcements:

There were none.

126. S/2007/2182 - Erection Of Part 2 And 1/2 And Part 3 Storey Building Comprising 35 Category li Sheltered Apartments For Older People Together With Owners Lounge Guest Suite And Estate Managers Office Access And Parking Provisions (Existing Hotel And Dwellings To Be Demolished) at Clovelly Hotel, 17-19 Mill Road, Salisbury, SP2 7RT for Mr John Montgomery:

Mr Duller and Mr Maxwell, local residents, spoke in objection to the application.

Mr Montgomery, the agent, spoke in support of the application.

The committee considered these statements along with a verbal presentation from the Principal Planning Officer in conjunction with the previously circulated report, a site visit held earlier in the day and the schedule of additional correspondence.

Resolved: That the above application be deferred to a future meeting in order that further clarification/ details can be submitted in relation to the following issues:

1. Members sought further clarification on the issue of affordable housing (H25)
2. Members felt that absence of a crossing on Mill Road presented a highway safety issue for future residents of the site.
3. Members sought clarification on how the existing views of Cathedral would be protected from the Station.
4. Members sought clarification on the sustainability credentials of the development.
5. Members requested that provision was made for cycle storage.
6. Members requested that an Officer from Wiltshire County Council Highways Department attends the meeting when this item is reconsidered.

127. Planning Enforcement Draft Statement of Service Provision 2008:

The committee considered a verbal presentation from the Principal Planning Officer (Enforcement) in conjunction with the previously circulated Draft Statement. Members congratulated the Principal Planning Officer (Enforcement) on the production of the comprehensive draft statement. Members were asked for specific comments regarding the statement and therefore the following points were raised:

- Members identified that there are numerous occasions when members of the public would need to remain anonymous when reporting possible breaches. Therefore Members urged Officers to ensure some flexibility regarding this matter.
- Members also acknowledged that having clear guidance, as set out in the statement, would indicate to the Local Government Ombudsman that the correct procedures had been followed therefore possibly strengthening cases that come before the Magistrate.
- Regarding the section on Monitoring Future Performance, Members questioned why priority 1 cases are given a target of 80% of site visits within 24 hours whereas priority 2 and 3 cases which are less urgent in terms of site visit or response have a target of 95%. Members requested that the Officer investigate the proposed target levels and consider changing 24 hours to 1 working day as 24 hours could be misleading.
- It was acknowledged that the draft statement would prove to be useful in the transition to the unitary council as protocols and procedures are drawn together across the 5 councils.

Resolved – that

1. The Committee note the report

2. The Committee's recommendations, including specific comments in relation to the above statement, are referred to Cabinet for consideration.

128. Enforcement Item: Land at 1 George Street, Salisbury:

Mrs Kar, a local resident, spoke in support of the proposed enforcement action.

Following the receipt of this statement, the committee considered a verbal presentation from the Principal Planning Officer (Enforcement) in conjunction with the previously circulated report.

Resolved – That

1. The Committee instructs the Head of Development Services to take direct action to ensure full compliance with the Section 215 'Untidy Site' Notice served in relation to this site, in line with Option 1 above and authorizes Officers appointed by the Head of Development Services and the Council's contractors to enter onto the site pursuant to the taking of the steps required to comply with the Notice.

2. Members be updated following the undertaking of action pursuant to recommendation 1 and be kept informed of development control matters on the existing site.

129. Tree Preservation Order 401, tree adjacent to 63 Bouverie Avenue:

The committee considered a verbal presentation from the Arboricultural Officer in conjunction with the previously circulated report.

Resolved – That Tree Preservation Order 401 be confirmed so the Beech tree can be protected throughout the planning and development process.

130. South Wiltshire Area Grants Scheme 2008-09 Tranche 1:

The committee considered the previously circulated schedule of SWAG recommendations.

Resolved - That the recommendations of the South Wiltshire Area Grants Review Panel as set out below be approved:

Ref. no.	Application	Panel Recommendations
CAC/08-09/T1/01	3rd Salisbury Sea Scout Group Remedial electrical work to the scout building	That 3 rd Salisbury Sea Scout Group be awarded £820 The Panel were in favour of supporting the project as it would benefit many groups of local people.
CAC/08-09/T1/02	Salisbury Poetry Café Poetry workshops for young people.	That Salisbury Poetry Café be awarded £500 towards their project. The Panel were in favour of giving some support to the project which would provide an opportunity for young people in the community to take part in a poetry workshop.
CAC/08-09/T1/03	Link Up Arts To allow disabled artists access to a creative writing project	That Link Up Arts be awarded £530 The Panel were in favour of supporting a project which would provide rewarding opportunities for disabled artists in the local area.

CAC/08-09/T1/04	Counterparts Music Theatre Arts Funding towards a music project to create an opera.	That Counterparts Music Theatre Arts be awarded £500 The Panel were in support of the project as they felt it would benefit many local people in the Salisbury area, providing an opportunity for many to attend the premier and enjoy the music at the Arts Centre in January 2009.
CAC/08-09/T1/05	Bemerton Scout Group To extend the scout hall, providing disabled facilities, and refurb of toilets.	That Bemerton Scout Group be awarded £4,000 The Panel were in favour of supporting the project which would enhance the facilities at the Scout hut for use in the wider community for many of the local community.
CAC/08-09/T1/06	Friends of Harnham Slope Training volunteers in first aid.	That Friends of Harnham Slope be awarded £150 The Panel were in favour of supporting the application which would enable further activities for people to take part in, promoting community involvement and interest in the outdoors.
CAC/08-09/T1/07	Sarum College To refurb and kit out the new library	That the application be refused. The Panel agreed that as the application was for more than three times more than the usual maximum considered under SWAG criteria, the applicant should apply to the Community Grant Fund as previously recommended by the Technical Officer.
CAC/08-09/T1/08	Bishopdown Farm Youth Club To fund projects and activities for young people	That Bishopdown Farm Youth Club be awarded £4,000 towards the project. The Panel were in favour of supporting the project as they felt it would provide an opportunity for the young people in the area to take part and enjoy some group activities which would not normally be available to them.
CAC/08-09/T1/09	Open to Arts Art sessions for parents	That Open to Arts be awarded £1,000 towards the project. The Panel were in favour of the project as it would provide the opportunity for parents to take part in arts activities whilst their children were cared for in the on site crèche.
CAC/08-09/T1/10	Salisbury Community Choir – The Chilcot Project To commission a new piece of music	That the application be refused. The Panel recommended that the applicant apply to the Community Grant Fund.