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AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **CITY AREA (COMMUNITY) COMMITTEE** held in the
Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury on Tuesday 25 March 2003 commencing at 6.00 pm

P R E S E N T

Councillor S J Howarth - Chairman

K A Cardy - Vice Chairman

Councillors Mrs E A Chettleburgh, J M Collier, D A Culver, S R Fear, D J McCarthy,
M J Osment, P V H Paisey, Mrs S M Thorpe and Mrs S A Warrander

Apologies

Councillors J P Abbott, P M Clegg, J M English, Mrs I M Evans, Miss F M P Howard, Ms S C Mallory,
J R L Nettle, P W L Sample, Mrs O V Tanner, I R Tomes, J M Walsh

County Councillor C Vincent

MINUTES NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

215. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed the Committee that Councillor Mrs Tanner would not be standing for re-election in the May 2003 elections. The Chairman requested, on the behalf of the Committee, that thanks be conveyed to Councillor Mrs Tanner (who was unable to be present at the meeting, the last City Area meeting due to be held before the election) for her work for the District and as a Member of the City Area Committee and wished her well in her 'retirement'.

216. PUBLIC STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME

There were no statements by or questions from members of the public.

217. COUNCILLOR STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME

There were no statements by or questions from Councillors.

218. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Helen Collar, Assistant Democratic Services Officer and City Area Co-ordinator, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 for the fact that she was a Director and Member of the Management Committee of the Salisbury Well Woman Centre.

219. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2003 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

220. REDEVELOPMENT (TO INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING) OF STRATFORD SOCIAL CLUB AND SURROUNDING AREA

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Housing Development Officer.

RESOLVED – that the principle of the disposal of the precept land be approved subject to :-

- (1) suitable terms and conditions being agreed;
- (2) satisfactory agreement being reached with all other stakeholders;
- (3) planning permission being obtained;
- (4) acceptable financial arrangements being agreed; and
- (5) the submission of a further report (including details of the financial implications of any disposal) to this Committee.

221. REFURBISHMENT PLANS FOR LUSH HOUSE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that the Lush House refurbishment work be carried out to a standard estimated as costing £73,500 (see Agenda report plans for details) with the entire additional cost above the £45,000 allocation for the project from Council's general fund (amounting to an estimated £28,500) being funded from the City Area Committee reserve account.

222. R2 PROJECTS – PRIORITY TIMETABLE

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that the draft timetable and priority list (see Agenda report, Appendix A, for details) be approved as the basis for progressing of the R2 projects.

223. MOBILE BANDSTAND UNIT – USE BY THIRD PARTIES

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that the current procedure, whereby the Unit is used only by SDC staff and for promoting SDC business, be formally adopted.

224. ALLOTMENT CHARGING POLICY – PROPOSED CHANGES

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that the current charging policy (whereby income from allotments should equal (or exceed) 50 per cent of expenditure on allotments) be re-affirmed.

225. SALISBURY WELL WOMAN CENTRE – APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

The Committee considered the previously circulated application from the Well Woman Centre requesting £1,203.46 Discretionary Funding for materials to facilitate the Centre in its fund-raising activities.

RESOLVED – that the application be funded in full from City Area 2002/03 Discretionary Fund budget.

226. URGENT BUSINESS

Although the following matter did not appear on the previously circulated agenda, the Chairman decided that it should be considered as a matter of urgency since a decision was required before the next meeting of the City Area (Community) Committee on 8 July 2003.

The Parks Manager informed the Committee that he had, late on Monday 24 March 2003, received a fax from Geoffrey Osborne Ltd. (who were intending to commence improvement works to the A36 at Skew Bridge on 1 May 2003) requesting urgent permission to use the District Council-owned Skew Bridge Open Space as the works compound for the duration of the works; approximately one year. The contractors would need to level the site before it could be used and would undertake to restore the site to its original condition at the conclusion of the contract. The contractors would also pay a fee (to be agreed by the District Council's valuers) for the use of the site. An urgent decision on this issue was required from the Committee.

RESOLVED – that, subject to :-

1. the drafting of the necessary legal agreement (to include the payment of an appropriate fee for the use of the site and the requirement that the site be restored to its original condition, or better, at the conclusion of the contract); and
2. receipt of the approval of ward members

then agreement be given for the use of the site (Skew Bridge Open Space) by the contractors Geoffrey Osborne Ltd. as a works compound for one year less a day.

(The meeting closed at 1945hrs)