

MINUTES

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD
Place: City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU
Date: Thursday 23 July 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 8:50pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Mary Douglas (Chairman), John Brady, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Brian Dalton, Bill Moss, Ricky Rogers and Paul Sample

John Noeken, Cabinet Member

City and Parish Councillors

Salisbury City Council - Bobbie Chettleburgh, Patrick Paisey and Su Thorpe
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – David Law and Gail Route

Partners

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue – Mike Franklin
Wiltshire Police – Inspector Dave McMullen
Wiltshire Primary Care Trust – Bryony Brown
Salisbury City Community Area Partnership – Debrah Biggs

Service Director

Stephanie Denovan

Members of Public in Attendance: 51

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introduction</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the Board Members, and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Salisbury Area Board. The Area Boards would operate a new way of working and would aim to solve issues locally.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Bev Flanagan from Wiltshire College, Salisbury.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Introducing Your Area Board</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a DVD presentation, and was introduced to Marianna Dodd the Salisbury Community Area Manager (CAM). Marianna explained that the Community Area Manager had a prime role in the coordination and support of the work carried out by the board members, City and Parish Councils, partners, officers, service providers and local residents.</p> <p>Marianna gave an update on the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Grant Scheme • Area Assessments • Future Funding • Community Area Network <p>There was a total of £58,685 of funds available this financial year for projects in the Salisbury area.</p> <p>Copies of the DVD and the grant application packs are available by contacting the Salisbury CAM Marianna Dodd on 0791 988 1174 or e-mail marianna.dodd@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>	

	<p>or by looking on the web page www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards</p>	
6.	<p><u>Making it Work for You</u></p> <p>The CAM asked each table in the room to work in groups to come up with some local issues for discussion. Some of the issues highlighted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour on large housing estates. • The provision of after school facilities for young people in the city. • The high cost of public transport which was particularly prohibitive for young people. The bus service was not frequent enough for young people in the villages. • The reduction in the number of licensing officers which was causing problems for the nighttime economy. Cuts in policing was also having an impact leading to more under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour • The need for parking and transport links into the city to be more “business-friendly”. • The poor condition of roads and pavements in the area. • Traffic flow and access to Churchfields. • The poorly observed 20mph limit in the city centre. • The need for a network of cycle routes, especially on routes to schools. • The parish boundary issues in Bishopdown. • The need for an improved plastic recycling facility similar to the one in the Swindon area. Collection and disposal of household waste could also be improved. • Further development of the park and ride facility. The road system around the city needed an all encompassing policy. The control of the trunk road should come back to Wiltshire Council. • Speeding on the housing estates, particularly Bishopdown Farm. <p>The Chairman thanked the public for their input and informed them that the issues raised at the meeting would be recorded and worked on in the future.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Role of Community Area Partnership, the Community Plan and Future Challenges</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update from Debrah Biggs of the Salisbury City Community Area Partnership (SCCAP). The following issues were covered:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Partnership was a non-political organisation which aimed to be the voice of the local community. The Partnership was open to all and welcomed membership from local people, businesses and tourist attractions. • The Partnership would be producing a Community Plan for Salisbury which would set out aspirations for the next five years. • The next meeting of the Partnership would take place on 24 September 2009. 	
8.	<p><u>Updates from Salisbury City Council and other Partners</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the following updates from Partners and City Council representatives.</p> <p><u>Salisbury City Council</u></p> <p>City Council representatives reported that with a population of over 40,000 it was the largest Parish Council in the country. There had been some early successes such as the “Park Life Whatever the Weather” event planned for 6 September 2009. Work had also been undertaken in the Bemerton area to provide further facilities.</p> <p>The Council was still awaiting the final transfer of property to its ownership.</p> <p>City Councillors looked forward to working together with the Area Board and to the production of the “Salisbury Vision”.</p> <p><u>Laverstock and Ford Parish Council</u></p> <p>The Parish Council representatives reported that they still had concerns about local boundary issues.</p> <p><u>Police and Youth Development Service</u></p> <p>Inspector Dave McMullin of Wiltshire Police and Winnie Manning of the Youth Development Services reported that as part of the work of the Pilot Area Board £50k of funding had been obtained from the Home Office and the then Salisbury District Council to undertake a participatory budgeting project.</p> <p>The funding enabled a group of young people engaging with disabilities to identify how they would like to spend the funding available to them. The young people identified various projects such as one night a month in the city centre (Chapel Night Club) and one day a week in a café in Salisbury to provide work experience which was expected to commence in September.</p> <p>This very successful project had provided an opportunity to engage with a group which were often excluded. Salisbury had been at the</p>	

	<p>forefront of this innovative work involving participatory budgeting techniques. All in all the work undertaken had been an enormous success and it was hoped that this could be built on in the future.</p> <p><u>NHS Wiltshire County Council</u></p> <p>Bryony Brown gave an update regarding the swine flu pandemic. Good standards of hygiene were essential and the importance of hand washing was stressed. If anyone contracted swine flu they should remain at home and contact the virus pandemic service which had just been launched. The relevant website was:</p> <p>www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu Hotline Tel No: 0800 1513 100</p> <p>The virus had generally been fairly mild so far. It was confirmed that Wiltshire had obtained enough tamiflu for Wiltshire residents.</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</u></p> <p>Mike Franklin reported that the fire and rescue services had been involved in the Pilot Area Board phase. As well as dealing with fires and road traffic accidents the service was also involved in helping to deal with anti-social behaviour through schemes such as the "Salamander Project". The service worked in partnership with other agencies to address such problems in the community.</p> <p>It was suggested that more emphasis should be placed on the safety of children around water as incidents of drowning often occurred during the school holidays. Mr Franklin confirmed that there was a package available to help to educate children regarding water safety. He agreed to feed back the comments made.</p>	Mike Franklin
9.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Steve Milton, Head of Community Governance explained the issue logging process, some of the points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue forms are available online or by contacting the Community Area Manager • Progress of submitted issue forms can be tracked online • Common issues are dealt with across the Board • Action starts as soon as the issue is submitted • Discussion and research may find a solution without referral to the Area Board • An Issue may be taken to the Board for action • Issues could also be fed through to the City Council for action. <p>Queries on the process can be emailed to stevemilton@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>	

	<p>Steve Milton also outlined the grants process, some of the points covered were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple criteria and process, explained in application packs • Up to £1,000 available without match funding • Up to £5,000 available with match funding • Applications to be submitted six weeks prior to the next meeting 	
10.	<p><u>Election of Representatives</u></p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>(1) To appoint representatives to outside bodies as set out in Appendix A to these minutes.</p> <p>(2) To appoint Chris Cochrane to the Salisbury Transportation Model Steering Group.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed members that a special meeting of the Area Board would be held on 3 September 2009 specifically to consider the South Wiltshire Core Strategy. The following Area Board meeting would be held on 1 October 2009 at 7pm.</p>	