

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** SALISBURY AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU  
**Date:** 9 March 2017  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.20 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Richard Clewer (Chairman), Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Bill Moss, Cllr Ian Tomes and Cllr John Walsh (Vice Chairman)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Karen Linaker, Salisbury Community Engagement Manager  
Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer

### **Town and Parish Councils**

Salisbury City Council – C Corbin, T Corbin, M Osment, M Willmot

### **Partners**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Jason Moncrieff  
Older People's Champion – Irene Kholer  
Salisbury BID – Steve Godwin  
Purple Flag – Amanda Newbery

**Total in attendance: 21**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Richard Clewer welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Salisbury Area Board and invited the members of the Board to introduce themselves.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspector Pete Sparrow</li> </ul>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 January 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 8 February, Highways England had met with Salisbury City Council, Wiltshire Council and other user groups to look at issues along the A36. The meeting had been productive. Information would be used in the study at the next stage. Some interesting suggestions had been put forward for temporary fixes.</li> <li>• The Salisbury bike show was back on and was going from strength to strength.</li> </ul> <p>As this was the last meeting of the current Area Board in the elected 4-year term. The Chairman noted that for Cllr Bill Moss it was his last meeting, as he was retiring and would not stand for election in May. Cllr Moss had served as Chairman of Wiltshire County Council and Salisbury District Council over the years. The Board gave thanks to Bill for all the work and effort he had put in over the many years.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman noted that the current Chairman, Cllr Richard Clewer would</p>

	<p>be standing for election in May within a different community area. The Board thanked Cllr Clewer for his chairmanship and wished him well in his new ward.</p>
6	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written update attached to the agenda from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> </ul>
7	<p><u>Young People Update and Youth Funding</u></p> <p>The Board received an update from Karen Linaker on behalf of the LYN, the main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LYN had considered the anti-bullying charter – which aim was to raise awareness of the affects that bullying had on young people.</li> <li>• An Easter Youth Festival would be taking place during the second week of the Easter holidays.</li> <li>• The LYN had considered 2 x grant applications for funding.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants present were invited to speak in support of their projects. Following discussion, the Board considered the recommendations for funding as detailed in the report.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Salisbury Area Board awarded £1,000 to the Creative workshops for adopted teenagers project.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Salisbury Area Board awarded £4,060 to the Anyone can cook, cookery sessions.</b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Salisbury Area Board awarded up to £500 to commission Go Active to provide activity sessions.</b></p>
8	<p><u>Wellbeing Project for 15 year olds +</u></p> <p>The Board received an update from the Community Engagement Manager.</p> <p>At the beginning of the financial year the Board had contributed £2,500 to a project for 11 – 19year olds to use Five Rivers new fitness suite for £1 a session. The project had 2 levels – (i) to facilitate access to all 11-19 year olds, and (ii) to encourage teenagers who had become disengaged or were otherwise disadvantaged.</p> <p>The general offer to young people had been received well and will continue with</p>

	<p>a new membership offer supplied by the centre.</p> <p>The specific offer to disengaged/disadvantaged young people would require further investment, and a proposal for funding would be put to the 24<sup>th</sup> May Area Board.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Salisbury Area Board noted the success of the project and supported a bid for funding being put to the new Board in 2017/18.</b></p>
9	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p><u>Salisbury City Council (SCC)</u>  The City Clerk; Reg Williams gave an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Big Business event would take place on 25 – 27 April. Some fantastic speakers would be taking part. Some sessions were already full. For further information visit the SCC website.</li> <li>• The final Full Council meeting would take place on Monday before the elections.</li> <li>• The asset transfer was near completion, further information was expected from WC the next day, following that a date would be reached for the transfer to take place.</li> <li>• The Harnham bunker project had come to fruition the previous Friday, there had been an utter transformation at the facility. There were a series of before and after photos which showed how amazing the transformation had been. The Life Rocks company who operated at the bunker had an open-door policy. People could make an appointment to tour the building.</li> <li>• Money was approved to go to a parkour facility in Churchill gardens - now have the 10% so an application will go in to fund the work. To unlock 45K of funding to enable the facility to go ahead – if goes to plan should happen this summer.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Rogers noted that the Harnham bunker project started here at the Board. He commended the generosity and hard work of all the local tradesmen, professionals and volunteers who had given their time and expertise to make the project a success.</p> <p><u>Laverstock and Ford Parish Council</u>  The play area at Old Sarum country park was due to open the following week. A new Coop food shop was also due to open soon.  The Longhedge housing development was rapidly progressing  A meeting on 24 March at Hampton Park country park was to take place. An agreement was awaited between WC and Barratts.  A new café had opened at the River Bourne Community Farm, this had been supported by a £5,000 grant from the Board. A further £20,000 was still to be raised.</p> <p><u>Question:</u></p>

Was there any update on the pedestrian and cycle path for Longhedge?

Answer: There was no progress to report.

The Chairman added that it was a hope for the future that something could be made.

Police – written update

#### Fire

District Comander for Salisbury and Wilton; Jason Moncrief introduced himself and explained that he had taken over from Louis for the area. He had a written update which would be attached to the minutes for information.

The main points from his update were:

- The Safe and Well visits continued to be carried out.
- A Safe and Well advisor would attend the next Area Board to talk on the initiative.
- Over the last 2 months there had been 134 incidents between the two appliances.
- The availability for the whole time crew was 100%, with the on call crew recorded at 90.9% availability, giving an overall average of 95%.
- One newly recruited retained Fire Fighter was going through training.
- The Fire Service was currently recruiting – anyone interested should get in touch for more information.

#### Salisbury BID

Steve Godwin gave an update, the main points were:

- The BID had delivered the Christmas market which had a record footfall. It was felt to have been the best so far. The Christmas market was crucial to businesses as it helped to move people around the city. There were plans for a better Christmas market next year.
- Footfall in the city was static, up by about 1.8%, however this indicated that Salisbury was not losing it either.
- BID wanted to see some real action from the Government money that has come in to the City., and hoped to be a part of discussions around how the money was used. It was important for Wiltshire Council to know that Salisbury wanted good retail opportunities, which would help to compete with neighbouring cities.
- A programme of summer events around the city was planned.
- The City had been awarded the purple flag submission again for the next 2 years. It had been harder to achieve this time. There were some recommendations which needed to be taken on board over next few months.
- A large marketing campaign was underway, to deliver a campaign depicting a 'city of stories', giving an insight to some of the many historic treasures around the city, such as the Hunch of Venison and the story of

the hand, or the Poultry Cross and the stories behind that. This was a social media campaign and was growing in popularity.

Questions:

- Last year you donated a chalet each day to charities, could you advertise that facility well in advance next time, perhaps through the Wessex newsletter. Answer: Yes we will feed that back, we would be extending that facility next time.
- Do you have an update on the litter situation? Answer: BID had been liaising with Wiltshire Council on ways in which they could help, because the city had such a varied litter collection. They currently tried to take the litter away and deposit it in an area away for the city. Work on this was ongoing with SCC, WC and BID.
- The issue of litter had become so high on the list of priorities of the public. It was partly due to Salisbury being a medieval city, where the houses and businesses did not have rear access to many of our properties, leading to the waste having to be put on the street. There were 3 or 4 bad hotspots around the city.
- 60k had been put in to the pot for improvements in the city centre. The next phase was to address all of the rounds that the contractor do to see if some changes could be made. Changes in the city centre had worked the key now was to spread this work out into the surrounding areas.

Child Wellbeing Group Update

The Child Wellbeing Champion, Cllr Douglas noted that the Group had formed in 2016, to pursue 3 work streams identified by the Area Board early 2016. These were:

1. Communicate what was already being done.
2. To focus on parenting
3. Children's mental and social health

The Group had also made two key decisions, that they would focus on 0 – 5 year olds and to focus on the Friary.

It was important that any work would come along side what was already going on and to work with existing providers and groups to engage with parents and families.

The next stage was to put together a core group of people who would shape something.

Questions:

- Have you included looked after children? Answer: We did not single them out, we are looking at children as a whole.
- I have looked at your list of partners and I don't see a children's advocacy service. Answer: We will also ensure that children's advocacy is part of the work.

### Health & Wellbeing (HWB) Group Update

The HWB Champion; Cllr Walsh gave an update, he noted that the Group had been finding its way, and had taken its lead from the December meeting when the community had come together to discuss priorities. Several headings were agreed upon, these were:

- Mens health for the over 65s
- Mental health of unpaid carers over 65
- Unrepresented groups in Salisbury

The Board had a HWB budget each year, so the Group was able to help support the community with funding for small projects.

Some key players were involved who were keen to take forward some projects.

### Community Engagement Manager

Karen Linaker gave an update, the main points included:

- Over 300 volunteers had been engaged in Salisbury around last few months, working with refugees or litter picking. There had been an amazing effort. That weekend alone there had been approximately 200 people who had taken part in the Great Spring Clean, collecting 150 bags of litter.
- Work was ongoing with other organisations around the Boards priorities to provide learning training, and support.
- Salisbury was a Dementia friendly city, working with Andrew from Alzheimer's Society.
- A Youth festival was planned for the second week of Easter.
- Future events included the Children's Chance "Question Time" on 11 May, which had a brilliant line up of MPs and local community leaders. In the second week of May it was Dementia awareness week.

### Air Quality Group

The Chairman gave an end of year update, he noted that Salisbury was required to have an Air Quality Group as it had an air quality issue in the city. Most of the problems were along Wilton Road at the moment. The Group had seen an increase in a number of the other monitored roads. The Group had been engaging with Highways England regarding the A36.

The Group was trying to develop an app, with data specifically around Salisbury. They were working with the UTC.

The Group had planted a lot of trees, with Skew Bridge the next area to receive

	trees.
10	<p><u>Salisbury a 24 Hour City?</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that it was not in the Boards remit to discuss planning apps in any way shape or form but to instead discuss the principle of whether Salisbury was ready for a 24hr economy.</p> <p>Currently, everything inside the city centre had a closing time and opening time. Other areas such as Southampton had an economy and activity around the clock.</p> <p>The Chairman invited discussion, the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BID wanted to have any activity that extends the life and vibrancy of the City. If 24 hour businesses were well managed and attracted people in to the city this was good.</li> <li>• If the nature of the business meant that people would be coming and going to use it, this would not create large crowds. A 24hr city would give additional options to those who work 24/7 such as hospital staff. We should be providing for them and be open to such things.</li> <li>• As a shift worker, my start and finish times vary throughout the year, and on my commute to and from work at various hours through the night, I can say that we see more people through these hours than we ever used to. Salisbury was already more vibrant at night than most people realise. We should embrace 24 hr businesses; the licensing regulations were changes years ago.</li> <li>• I think we should support this absolutely, to be more like neighbouring cities. In the town centre, there were lots of people working through the night, we should see it as a positive move and welcome it.</li> <li>• To have this discussion in theory had little value, as it would depend on what types of businesses we were considering and why. For example, a gym would be ok but a nightclub may be different. The 24 hr wouldn't help the night time footfall.</li> <li>• It's was personal choice for people to stay up late at night. There would be impact on residents, hospital, Police and other organisations which support and serve the city. Some services needed some down time to catch up. The human body was not geared up for all night activity, there were side effects due to people staying up later. Cleaning the city would also become more complex.</li> <li>• This debate is odd as you have not defined anything, such as are we</li> </ul>



	<p>talking about retail or entertainment? It was not a matter of are we ready for it but can we afford it. Tesco had to employ people to fill the shelves through the night, so the fact they open 24 hours was not for our benefit. Define what you mean and then have a debate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Churchfields was open 24hrs, but there were knock on effects for the roads coming in to the city. We would need to get a balance, do the benefits outweigh the detriments?</li> <li>• Things will find their natural level.</li> <li>• The solution to the decline in the night-time economy was not to increase the hours for nightclubs, but to increase the number of nightclubs.</li> <li>• For shift workers, it could be nice to go to Tesco at early hours when no one was in there. The tourists need to be taken on board. If you have a 24 hour city then you would need a 24 hour public transport system.</li> </ul>
11	<p><u>Highways schemes proposals 2017/18</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that the Board had been asked to endorse the list of proposed schemes for 2017/18, as detailed in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Comments and questions included:</p> <p>Salisbury Pothole Watch Noted that the proposals were for a mile of resurfacing works in total, however he pointed out that there were over 100 miles of roads in the city centre. Salisbury had a quarter amount of resurfacing works planned than in Devizes which was smaller.</p> <p>In terms of pothole patching the response was very good, but that was temporary patching and did not last long. The areas that keep coming up should be raised by the Area Board. The A36 central car park, this had been identified as WC responsibility, it was not on the list so needed to be added, along with:</p> <p>The roundabout by Parkwood Gym on London Road Pembrook Road – Bemerton Ravens Croft had lost the top surface of the road, so there must have been an issue with that when it was laid. Coombe Road – gyratory big areas St Pauls Road Churchfields Industrial Estate – some work done in May but not all of the roads.</p> <p>The Chairman gave the following response:</p> <p>In terms of the distance I am told that roughly the same amount of money was spent in each community area. The A338 sliding away from hill, was going to</p>

be extremely expensive. We were waiting for confirmation of contractors.

The slip road on the A36, thanks for all your work in nailing down who was responsible for that. I am assured that extensive pot hole work on that road would be done.

St Pauls Road – extensive pot hole filling would be carried out rather than resurfacing.

The Area Board was able to feedback requests for the order of priority to be changed but not to change the schemes on the list.

Question:

Delamination – at Hedly Davis Court, the sheltered housing scheme had many residents with mobility issues. It was not acceptable for the Council not to consider the factors such as this, causing real problems.

Question:

The SCC Transport Committee Members repeatedly voiced concerns over the roads. Most concerned for the A30, but the repairs were substandard temporary repairs, it was a pointless exercise. Wasting time energy and money by not doing the better repairs. They were frustrated for Pembroke Road and felt it was quite dangerous for cyclists.

There were 700+ roads in Salisbury, and there was approximately 100 years of work here. Could we have money from other budgets to give to repair roads for older people?

Older people who fall over end up in hospital costing public health money. This needed joined up thinking across departments. This list was a product already of discussion. There was a longer list the Board hoped to see the light of day in the future.

The roads on Bemerton would never be done as they were concrete overlaid with dressing. Need to make sure somehow that each electoral area had a fair share of the pot.

The map in the report showed that the whole of London Road and Harnham Road had been resurfaced. That was just not true, as it was noted that the work had not been done from St Marks roundabout.

The figures in the report were inaccurate, and needed to be picked up on.

Roads on new housing developments were not being adopted – this was a serious concern. The residents were required to pay a management charge, the funds would be used for the shared space. This was a scandalous situation – having to pay council tax and a separate road tax. Answer: This was a national policy; roads now did not get adopted. The Council could not change

	<p>Government policy. The long-term effect of this policy was quite serious. There would be more neighbour disputes on non-adopted roads and when they sell their house in 20 years' time who would want to buy a house where the road needed to be re-laid at their expense.</p> <p>Many people were disappointed with the My Wiltshire reporting system. <u>Answer:</u> There had been a series of small steps to improve it.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b> <b>The Salisbury Area Board approved the list of schemes for 2017/18 as detailed in the report and agreed to make the following points to the Associate Director for Highways and Transport:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• request that the delamination strategy be reviewed, with a view to ensuring that neighbourhoods such as Bemerton Heath were given a fairer chance of being resurfaced</li> <li>• Establish if additional funding was available from adult social care?</li> <li>• Clarification on the statistic which reads only 199m of unclassified roads to be treated – if that was the case, the Board would register a strong dissatisfaction with this part of the investment strategy</li> </ul>
12	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Chairman of the CATG; Cllr Walsh noted that the Group had worked well to get the best out of the funding for 2-16/17. He noted that as there was £5,000 available, the Group had been able to select a set of yellow lines to be laid down.</p> <p>The Board noted the minutes from the last meeting held on 14 February 2017, and considered the recommendation for funding.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b> <b>The Salisbury Area Board approved the recommendation of the CATG to allocate £5,000 to Yellow line painting.</b></p>
13	<p><u>Community Funding: To Ratify a Delegated Decision</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager asked the Board to ratify a grant which had been allocated under the Community Engagement Manager's delegated authority in January 2017.</p> <p>The project was for two Salisbury Schools, Harnham Primary and Manor Fields Primary which had agreed to take part in a pilot project called 'Home Run', as detailed in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Salisbury, Southern Wiltshire, Westbury, Devizes and Marlborough had been</p>

	<p>nominated to take part, as each had air quality management areas. At the last forum of Air Quality Management Groups, tackling issues associated with the school run were prioritised, including poor air quality, congestion and childhood obesity.</p> <p>Questions were taken, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who and when would check the success of the pilot? <u>Answer:</u> Ruth Durrant and Rachel Kent. The results would also be fed back to the Area Board.</li> <li>• Who was the money paid to? <u>Answer:</u> The organisers of the home run project.</li> <li>• When the Board previously gave an award to a Harnham school to provide literature, was there any assessment to see how effective that had been? <u>Answer:</u> The Community Engagement Manager agreed to look in to that and feedback.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Salisbury Area Board ratified the delegated decision of the Community Engagement Manager taken in January 2017, to allocate:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. £500 from the Youth Budget for 2016/17</b></li> <li><b>2. £2,000 from the Air Quality Budget for 2016/17</b></li> </ol>
14	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held on <b>Wednesday</b> 24 May 2017, 7.00pm at Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury.</p>