

Just a Minute

Salisbury Area Board

January 2010

Just a Minute is a summary of the official minutes for the Salisbury Area Board. Copies of formal minutes are available from James Hazlewood, Democratic Services Officer – 01722 434560 or via the website

Foreword from the Chair:



Salisbury Area Board has now met at least 4 times and has considered many issues of local importance such as the Core Strategy and accompanying Transport Model, plans for a new Academy at Salisbury High School, how the

council should spend our money, issues facing older people in our city and the repair and maintenance of our pavements.

The Board has around £78,000 a year in grants to give to local community projects and so far we have helped to fund a wide range of activities. I count it a privilege to chair this Board and to be part of a city where so many people contribute to our community in so many ways. Do please come along to our next meeting and have your say!

Formal minutes of the meetings are posted on the website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisburyareaboard

Introducing...

The Area Board is made up of your Wiltshire Councillors and Partners. In this edition of Just a Minute, we will be profiling Vice Chairman Councillor Ricky Rogers (Salisbury Bemerton).

Ricky was born and raised in Bemerton. Married to Tina, they have two sons and play an active part in the Bemerton community. He is a Construction Manager by profession and runs a small building company.

The Vice Chairman has been serving his community as a councillor since 1988, has been a school governor for over 25 years and is a former Mayor of Salisbury (1995/96). Ricky is actively involved as a Trustee of two local charities and has a passion for helping children make informed choices.



He fully supports involving local people in making decisions about their communities and hopes the Area Board will play its part in moving this forward.

Area Board supports local community projects

At its meeting on 21st January 2010, the Salisbury Area Board gave out £17,890 in grants to the following projects:

- £5,000 to Bike Events Ltd towards fund-raising 1-day cycle events in Salisbury.
- £4,800 to SuKosta for 'Our Time' theatre workshops for the elderly
- £5,000 to 'It's on in the Field' for a sports, music and business extravaganza on 30 May 2010.
- £3,090 to U-Too Community Business Ltd to provide IT facilities for teenage parents and previously homeless young persons in Salisbury.

Age Concern at Area Board



The Area Board meeting heard from representatives of Age Concern Salisbury about their concerns and plans for the region's older population. Nick Beard gave a

presentation on the work of the organisation and the needs of older people in Salisbury, which has an above average older population, and later a discussion was held for the public to give their views.

Those attending the meeting were given the opportunity to discuss new projects etc and these will be brought back to the Area Board and Community Area Partnership, which will identify where action can be taken.

On-going projects in the Salisbury area include Day centre support, projects to encourage social contact (such as Theatre Club and Tai-Chi), gardening and 'handy person' service and home and hospital discharge support. Some future plans include Age Concern becoming a 'broker' of services for the elderly, and creating a central 'resource centre' for several local charities.

Pavements

Graeme Hay, Service Manager for Wiltshire Highways, gave a presentation on how the Council maintains the Salisbury pavements.



Each month 11 miles of footways are surveyed in Salisbury and the surrounding areas by personnel both on foot and by vehicle. Faults are given priority ratings based on severity of damage against safety, serviceability and sustainability criteria; repair deadlines dates are set and undertaken depending on those factors.

Significant damage to pavements is caused by vehicles parking or driving on them. Help from the public in reporting illegally parked vehicles and other problems is welcomed.

It was noted that recent initiatives include the practice of replacing damaged slabs with ones matching the surroundings in order to maintain the visual appearance of the footway.

It was further noted that, in light of the recent icy weather, a review is underway to consider the cost/benefit of gritting pavements.



Faults can be reported to
CLARENCE
(the Council's public hotline):
0800 23 23 23

Getting things done

The Area Board exists to get things done locally. Your first point of contact is still your local councillor, but for city-wide issues you can use the formal 'Issues Process' via the website. Once logged, you can track progress on-line:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisburyareaboard

Staying in the loop

Do you wish to be kept updated with the work of the Area Board?

Sign up to the Community Area Network (CAN) and we will send you our newsletter, agendas and links to new information on the Salisbury Area Board web pages. Your information will be kept safely and you can opt-out at any time but we're sure you won't want to! Email your details to: Marianna.dodd@wiltshire.gov.uk

Next Meeting

The next Salisbury Area Board meeting will be held on **Thursday 18th March at 6.30pm for 7pm** at Salisbury High School, Westwood Road, Salisbury.

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