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Minutes

Meeting of : Communities Committee
Date : 01 June 2026
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 1830 Hours

Present:

Chair: V Charleston

Vice Chair: C Taylor

Cllrs: S Foster, R Johnson, S Rideout, J Wells

Officers: Louise Webber, Andy Hunt and Penny Muxworthy

There were 15 members of the public and Cllr Nettle present, and 0 members of the press.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee:

The Chair called for nominations for the election of the Chair for the municipal year 2026/27.

Proposed: Cllr R Johnson

Seconded: Cllr S Foster

A vote was taken and it was,

Resolved that:

1.1 Cllr V Charleston be elected as Chair.

The Chair called for nominations for the election of the Vice Chair for the municipal year of 2026 / 2027.

Proposed: Cllr S Foster

Seconded: Cllr S Rideout

A vote was taken and it was

Resolved that:

1.2 Cllr C Taylor be elected as Vice Chair.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr V Milos.

3. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

4. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Communities Committee held on 09 February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

7. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested or granted.

8. Chair's Announcements:

The Chair announced that she was looking forward to the detailed and exciting agenda.

9. Wiltshire Creative Update:

Sarah Gregson from Wiltshire Creative gave a presentation and update on Wiltshire Creative's 2025/26 programme delivery.

Resolved that:

9.1 The Presentation was Noted and the release of the £47k 2026/27 grant, as provided in Full Council's adoption of 2026/27 Budget in January 2026, was Noted.

10. Free the Night 2027:

Justin Horton, Fear Free, gave a presentation on the Free the Night initiative.

Proposed: Cllr V Charleston

Seconded: Cllr S Foster

A vote was taken and it was

Resolved that:

10.1 Agreed to support the event.

11. Community Grant Applications:

Louise Webber, Head of Community Services, presented the current Community Grant applications and invited representatives from each grant to speak to their application.

Proposed: Cllr S Foster

Seconded: Cllr S Rideout

A vote was taken and it was

Resolved that:

11.1 Wessex Community Action (Neil) receive a grant of £16k for the 'Salisbury Community Capacity and Connections Project'.

Proposed: Cllr C Taylor

Seconded: Cllr J Wells

A Vote was taken and it was

Resolved that:

11.2 The Parochial Church Council of Harnham St George and All Saints (Charles) receive a grant of £1k for the 'Harnham Fun Day and Parish Fete'.

Proposed: Cllr R Johnson

Seconded: Cllr S Rideout

A Vote was taken and it was

Resolved that:

11.3 The Wessex Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (Sheridan and Matt) receive a grant of £3k for the 'Salisbury Outreach Project for people with MS and other neurological conditions'.

Proposed: Cllr S Foster

Seconded: Cllr J Wells

A Vote was taken and it was

Resolved that:

11.4 The Allotments and Garden Association of Salisbury (Lindsey) receive a grant of £400 towards their 'Summer Show'.

Proposed: Cllr V Charleston

Seconded: Cllr C Taylor

A Vote was taken and it was

Resolved that:

11.5 Imagine This Early Years and Family CIC (Rebecca and Kirsty) receive a grant of £3k for their 'Generations Together – Salisbury City Intergenerational Programme'.

12. Salisbury City Community Lottery:

Louise Webber, Head of Community Services, presented the Salisbury City Community Lottery Paper.

Proposed: Cllr S Foster

Seconded: Cllr S Rideout

A Vote was taken and it was

Resolved:

12.1 That B.U. (LGBT Youth Group) is a new cause.

12.2 That Home Start South be removed as a good cause.

12.3 To acknowledge the possible risk in response to the newly established Wiltshire Community Lottery.

12.4 To Note the update on measures taken to promote Salisbury City Community Lottery.

13. Budget Monitoring Report:

Louise Webber, Head of Community Services, presented the Community Services 2025/26 Budget Outturn.

It was Resolved:

13.1 To Note the outturn financial position at the year end.

14. Community Strategy and Priorities 2026-29:

Louise Webber, Head of Community Services, presented the Community Strategy and Priorities for years 2026 to 2029.

Proposed: Cllr S Rideout

Seconded: Cllr J Wells

A Vote was taken and it was

Resolved to:

14.1 Approve the Salisbury City Council Community Strategy and Priorities 2026-2029.

14.2 Delegate authority to the Head of Communities to lead implementation of the strategy and delivery plan.

14.3 Provide strategic oversight on delivery progress against strategy priorities and objectives.

15. New Grants Policy:

Louise Webber, Head of Community Services, presented the new Grants Policy for approval.

Proposed: Cllr R Johnson

Seconded: Cllr S Foster

A Vote was taken and it was

Resolved to:

15.1 Approve the new grant policy, noting that an addition is required in the Grant Policy confirming those involved in Special Delegated Decision making.

16. Community Services Team Update:

Louise Webber, Head of Community Services, gave a verbal update on the Team's work, highlighting recent challenges within the team.

Resolved that:

16.1. The Committee Noted the update.

17. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report:

Louise Webber, Head of Community Services, presented the report updating on the CIL process, following Full Council's allocation of the work to the Communities Committee since when more work has been undertaken by officers to further develop the approach to ensure good practice and compliance with CIL policy and legal requirements. In addition, this report brought forward additional recommendations to amend the process and criteria used for decision making and a schedule for implementation with key milestones noted.

Proposed: Cllr V Charleston

Seconded: Cllr C Taylor

A Vote was taken and it was

Resolved to:

17.1 Approve the introduction of the CIL Gateway as the first stage of processing applications.

17.2 Approve the Implementation schedule for opening CIL applications and for assessment and decision making for applications received

18. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

There was none.

The meeting closed at 21.25 hours.