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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 14 November 2022
Meeting held : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr T Corbin

Vice Chair: Cllr A Hoque

Cllrs: A Bayliss, J Broom, L Blackwood, S Charleston, C Corbin, B Dalton, S Hocking, J King, M Mewse, J Nettle, A Riddle, R Rogers, P Sample, C Stanway, E Rimmer, E Wills, I Tomes and J Wells.

Officers: Annie Child, Estelle Sherry, and Yaroslav Pustarnakov.

The Chair asked for a minute of silence for the late Mayor Iris Flynn (formerly known as Evans) who passed away on 27 October.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Blackwood to the Council.

The Chair congratulated Cllr S Charleston on becoming a Wiltshire Council Councillor.

1180. Apologies:

- 1180.1. Cllr J Bolwell, C Hibbert, V Charleston and McGrath gave their apologies.
- 1180.2. Councillors considered the approval of the absence of Cllr McGrath in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s 85(1) and (2), and it was:

Resolved to:

- 1180.3. To approve absence of Cllr McGrath in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s 85(1) and (2).

1181. Public Questions/Statement Time:

1181.1. No public questions or statements were received.

1182. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

1182.1. No Councillor questions or statements were received.

1183. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1183.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 5 September 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1184. Declaration of Interest:

1184.1. Cllr C Corbin declared non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 13 because she works for the NHS.

1185. Dispensations:

1185.1. No dispensations were requested.

1186. Chairman's Announcements:

1186.1. The Chairman made announcements, which have been enclosed at the end of the minutes.

1187. Administration Group Leaders Report:

1187.1. Cllr Bayliss gave a report on the behalf of the Administration Group Leaders. The report is attached at the end of the minutes.

1188. Referral of Minutes:

1188.1. Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

Planning and Development	26 September 2022
Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee	3 October 2022
Community Services	5 October 2022
Environment and Climate	10 October 2022
Personnel	12 October 2022
Finance and Governance	17 October 2022
Extraordinary Environment and Climate	24 October 2022
Planning and Development	24 September 2022

1189. Committee Reports:

- 1189.1. Planning and Development Committee meets on monthly basis. All Councillors are invited to attend these meetings.
- 1189.2. Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group will be meeting on Tuesday 15 November to discuss results from the Regulation 14 Public Consultation. All Councillors are invited to attend this meeting.
- 1189.3. Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee approved new grants for public projects. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- 1189.4. The Chair of the Environment and Climate Committee provided a report, which is attached at the end of the minutes.

1190. Update from Outside Representatives:

- 1190.1. Cllr S Charleston informed Councillors that Wiltshire Creative are scaling back on some of its projects because they are under financial pressure due to slow return of audience.

1191. Disability Audit:

- 1191.1. Councillors received a [presentation](#) from Kez Adey regarding a disability audit in Salisbury.
- 1191.2. Councillors thanked Ms. Adey for her work.
- 1191.3. After questions and statements, it was:

Resolved that:

- 1191.4. Councillors will form a cross-party working group with Ms Adey to work on issues outlined in the disability audit.

1192. Salisbury District Hospital – Health, Education and Technology (HEAT):

- 1192.1. Councillors received a presentation regarding the HEAT project.
- 1192.2. Councillors thanked Mr Arnold and Mr Coulson for their presentation, which was followed by a Q&A, and it was:

Resolved to:

- 1192.3. To note the presentation.

1193. Salisbury Hospice:

- 1193.1. Councillors received a presentation regarding Salisbury Hospice.
- 1193.2. Councillors thanked Ms Oram for her presentation, which was followed by a Q&A, and it was:

Resolved to:

1193.3. To note the presentation.

1194. Motion – Invitation from the City of Salisbury to HM King Charles III:

1194.1. Cllr Sample presented his motion. The Council considered the motion, and it was

Resolved to:

1194.2. Salisbury City Council will consult with residents over ways in which the reign of His Majesty King Charles III be commemorated in Salisbury Guildhall, and to consider whether this be by the commissioning of a portrait of His Majesty or some other means.

At 9:30pm, Councillors voted in favour of carrying on with the meeting.

1195. Motion – Cllr C Corbin:

Cllr C Corbin presented her motion. The Council considered the motion. The Chair requested a recorded vote, and it was:

Resolved to:

1195.1. For: T Corbin, C Corbin, Hoque, Sample, Stanway, Riddle, Rogers, Tomes and Wells.

1195.2. Against: King, Wills, Broom, Nettle, Blackwood, Mewse, Hocking and Rimmer.

1195.3. Abstentions: Bayliss, Dalton and S Charleston.

1195.4. The motion to support Mayors for Peace activities was carried.

1196. Motion – Cllr Nettle:

Cllr Nettle decided to discuss this motion at the next Full Council meeting.

1197. Annual Return for the year Ended 2021/2022:

Councillors considered the external audit report for 2021/2022, and it was:

Resolved to:

1197.1. Note external audit report for 2021/2022.

1198. Interim Internal Audit Report:

Councillors considered the Interim Internal Audit Report, and it was:

Resolved to:

1198.1. Note the Interim Internal Audit Report.

1199. **Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency.**

There were 18 members of the public and 2 members of the press present.
The meeting closed at 10:00pm.

Agenda Item Seven

Chairman's Announcements

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Since Full Council 5th September 2022

From a personal perspective the last Full Council seems a long time ago. I attended what would turn out to be the last British Citizenship Ceremony in Bourne Hill Under Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I also on the same day had the pleasure of joining young recruits to the British Army from across the south who in the presence of their parents and senior Army Officers undertook their Oath of Allegiance here in Salisbury Guildhall.

The very next day my already busy diary was reordered by events as the passing of Queen Elizabeth was announced. As Mayor my role took on a very new dynamic as I worked with Officers to ensure that as a Council we reflected the needs and expectations of the City whilst also trying to understand very tight time constraints and all the challenges that short notice changes of plans bring. I am ever so grateful to the support given by the staff who went above and beyond to ensure that everything went well. As a City Council we provided a space for the laying of flowers and managed those, kept a book of remembrance open for local residents to sign. We held a proclamation event for King Charles III and marked the National minute's silence. The Mayoress and I attended the remembrance service at Salisbury Cathedral and we also watched the Queen's funeral at the Cathedral and I have also sent a letter of condolence to the King on behalf of the City Council.

When I cancelled the then upcoming meetings I was a little concerned that I was overdoing things, however given how much extra work that was required by the same members of staff I am with the benefit of hindsight very happy that it was the right decision to have made and I hope members are equally appreciative. I would also like to thank members for their support where able, I appreciate the two key events occurring on Sundays did not work well for some, but for those who did attend you were all part of momentous part of Salisbury's history.

On the evening of the minute's silence for the Queen I was also able to witness Salisbury and South District Scouts renew their promises for which they then stayed on to join in paying respect to the Queen.

Some members will already know of Salisbury Malayalee Association but for those who don't Salisbury District Hospital has recruited from this region of India with many families now living in Salisbury and the local area. Many husbands and wives work at the hospital, with many other occupations outside of the hospital being served too. With around 150 families living in the local area and affected by shift working Salisbury Malayalee Association held two Onam events over two Saturdays for which the Mayoress and I managed to attend both around our work commitments. Onam is

an Indian harvest celebration over a 10 day period full of loud music, bright colour, dancing and vegetarian food because of celebrating the harvest and also marked with 10 different foods.

The Mayoress and I along with the Deputy Mayor visited Salisbury Hospice, this followed an offer to visit when I attended the Wessex Country Fair fundraising event for Salisbury Hospice Charity. We were shown around the facilities and introduced to staff and volunteers who all work together to help make life with life limiting conditions as comfortable as possible. It might be at times a sad place to work, but it is not a depressing place. We all face the certainty of death and having such wonderful volunteers and workers to help support families and their loved ones cope well with life limiting illness is a real blessing and something we can be ever so grateful to all those who support the charity. It was a pleasure to be able to chat with so many staff supporting each other and learn how they assist Salisbury District Hospital and it is also my pleasure to have them address the council meeting later.

I had the pleasure of attending one of the best schools in Salisbury, Woodlands, which as you might already know is almost on my doorstep. I attended their full assembly and offered children questions. I did say that I thought it was unfair that I should have to give the chain up at the end of my Mayoral year and you will be glad to hear that many children supported my wish to keep the chain forever! Hopefully I have expressed the right approach to my term as Mayor and Atiqul will find himself in receipt of an upgrade in due course!

Sticking with school – last year as Deputy Mayor I attended the South Wilts school annual speech day at South Wilts. This time they made it back to their traditional place for the event, Salisbury Cathedral. It is always a pleasure to see such talented young people perform and also to be able to celebrate their achievements with them. Our future is as always being managed wonderfully by South Wilts Teachers and school governors working hard to ensure continued high attainment figures.

I joined Cllr Chris Stanway and other members of Read Easy, a group of volunteers who have come together to help give support to people of all ages who can speak English but cannot read. They held a stall on a busy Saturday market to help advertise and hopefully reach out to members of the community. I also understand since that they have been given a grant to enable the purchase of books.

There are certain people who are force to be absolutely admired and one of those is Irene Kholer who has put on so many Silver Salisbury events celebrating older people over the late summer period. I attended the Guildhall where I had the privilege to watch pupils from St. Martin's Primary school and from Woodlands Primary school sing music with local people who recalled the Queen's Coronation event 70 years earlier, this was wonderful piece of work that reflected how differently we live our lives.

Rounding out a very busy I had the unexpected opportunity to introduce my Managing Director here in the Banqueting Hall for a one day SWR Community Rail Conference which encompassed the whole SWR and shared south west region.

I joined an Eco day held at St. Mark's Church, the event was a way of bringing people together to see how we can each find new ways of reducing our impact on the environment with lots of local initiatives including better recycling.

I returned to the Guildhall for the Safer and Supportive Salisbury event with Salisbury Soroptimists where a panel was drawn to discuss making Salisbury a safer place for women which included Philip Wilkinson PCC, Dame Vera Baird KC and representatives of the police.

I joined Salisbury COGS members for a pleasant ride with about thirty cyclists following the Golden Way, a circular route about 7 miles long around Salisbury. COGS very kindly also gave my charity Children's Chance a donation.

Back with celebrating older people this time with a Silver Salisbury art exhibition in the entrance area to the Five Rivers Leisure Centre with some wonderful art work on display catering for all types of interest.

I picked up a parking fine after joining Platinum Skies to celebrate their 200th home owner on the Wilton Road development. Party atmosphere was in full swing and the Mayor may have been witnessed to boogie!

Celebrating 100 years since being first established it was my privilege to be invited to the reopening of Salisbury's British Legion Club now that the building work has been completed and I have taken the opportunity to become one of their newest members and wish them every success.

In connection with Silver Salisbury our Communities Team provided a Vintage Tea Party here in the Guildhall along with other events to challenge the attendees.

I joined local residents at Raglan Court for their weekly gathering to play Bingo and raffle, probably the most active group of residents I have met in 50+ housing!

I attended the Lord Lieutenant's Awards ceremony here at the Guildhall where the Lord Lieutenant 5 new cadets to support her over the coming year.

It is nice to be able to share in a company's success and Wessex Fleet celebrated their expansion and opening of new offices in Milford Street with a full compliment of Deputy Lieutenant Luke Marsh, John Glen MP and myself in attendance along with many guests who are connected in various ways with Wessex Fleet.

I attended the Salisbury Cathedral Close Preservation Society AGM which was followed by a very interesting illustrated talk "Reflections on recent work at Gloucester Cathedral" by Antony Feltham-King who works at St. Ann's Gate Architects.

I had the pleasure of joining the Lord Lieutenant at St. Thomas' Church to attend the Order of St Joachim Investiture Ceremony. With members across the Globe they meet in a different place each year. They look to give to small local based charities and so I was very pleasantly surprised to learn that they had decided to support my Mayoral charity, Children's Chance with a donation.

I Joined supporters of Sarum Chronicle at Salisbury Museum to hear an illustrated lecture on the life of Ralph Vaughan Williams and received a copy of this year's Sarum Chronicle. Those wishing to can hear some of Ralph Williams work, A Sea Symphony, performed at Salisbury Cathedral on this Saturday evening 19th November.

I had the joy of joining Bemerton 1st Brownies for their Parliament week, I always appreciate the opportunity to share the chain with children and hopefully help inspire future generations of Salisbury Mayors.

I would like to thank all the Councillors who supported Armistice and Remembrance Sunday, there is probably not a more important public facing event in our annual calendar and I thank the Salisbury Branch of the Royal British Legion for their continued support in organising what is probably one of the largest remembrance events held in the South West.

Agenda Item Eight

Administration Group Leaders Report

Agenda Item Ten

Committee Reports

Proposed responses for Government Consultation Net Zero Environment and Climate Committee 24.10.22

24. What are the biggest barriers you face in decarbonising / enabling your communities and areas to decarbonise?

- Costs and supply chain limitations in procurement of replacement of resources required to support progress towards achieving net zero targets (e.g. vehicles, grounds maintenance tools)

- Need for national guidance, suggested strategies, and funding for small local councils to effectively support achievement of net zero national targets
- Competing pressures on a relatively small budget
- Limited capacity of Wiltshire Council to support the action required to achieve net zero targets
- Environmental impact of crematorium is the most significant in the city (also provides significant revenue for SCC)
- Pace of transition away from dependency on domestic fossil fuels (cars, heating, lighting etc.)
- Cost of 'going green' for smaller businesses
- Lack of investment in public transport
- Limited capacity for measuring and monitoring impact of action in reduction of carbon footprint

25. What has worked well? Please share examples of any successful place-based net zero projects.

- Impact of local organisations and pressure groups in providing, practical support, expertise, knowledge to local residents e.g. Salisbury Community Energy, Woodland Trust
- SSC Tree Strategy maintaining and exploring potential to increase capacity
- SCC Environmental Policy Action Plan providing leadership, making small improvements and raising awareness in the City
- River Park Project (Funded by Environment Agency) attracting a lot of attention, promoting discussion and raising awareness of significance of impact of tree planting on carbon capture

26. How does the planning system affect your efforts to decarbonise?

- Lack of local perspective and inadequate consultation at planning level a significant contributory factor.
- Local planning does not emphasise need to address retro fitting of existing building improvements
- Local planning does not require all new build properties to incorporate carbon reducing energy efficiencies such as solar panels, EV charging and heat source pumps.
- Robust standards in planning for transport and access to, and from, new developments specifically around walking and cycling access to town centres.

27. How can the design of net zero policies, programmes, and funding schemes be improved to make it easier to deliver in your area?

- Develop bidding expertise and capacity to secure additional funding to initiate and deliver local projects.
- Guidance required to support local authorities through bidding processes.
- 'Windows of opportunity' too short and funding does not sustain continuity of new projects.

- 'Top down' imposed conditions on use of funding for local projects
- Funding schemes to support local businesses 'going green' alongside targeted council support to work in partnership with BIDs and other stakeholder groups.
- More public awareness campaigns would help to get key messages out from a top down approach which the City Council could then develop locally.

28. Are there any other implications of net zero or specific decarbonisation projects for your area that the Review should consider?

- Planning requirements for all new developments to be carbon neutral.
- Infrastructure improvement to address local travel and access to leisure and shopping venues require investment to comply with policy decisions.
- Means to secure public support from local population in decarbonising projects
- 'Land banking' inhibiting the growth of new net zero building projects
- The use of brownfield sites to be prioritised for development

**Responses to be recorded on Government website by Thursday 27th October.
Cllr John Wells (Chair of Environment and Climate Committee)**