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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 6 September 2021
Meeting held : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr C Corbin

Vice Chair: Cllr T Corbin

Cllrs: A Bayliss, J Bolwell, J Broom, S Charleston, V Charleston, P Cunningham, B Dalton, C Hibbert, S Hocking, A Hoque, J King, C McGrath, M Mewse, J Nettle, A Riddle, E Rimmer, P Sample and C Stanway.

Officers: Annie Child and Janine Whitty

1081. Apologies:

- 1081.1. Cllr Rogers gave his apologies.
- 1081.2. Cllr Tomes gave his apologies
- 1081.3. Cllr Wells gave his apologies.
- 1081.4..Cllr Webb gave her apologies

1082. Public Questions/Statement Time:

- 1082.1. Sarah Prinsloo read her questions to the Council. These can be found at the end of these minutes. The Council discussed the issues raised, noting the work the council is currently doing as part of its Environmental Policy Action Plan. It was noted that the Council is considering a Citizens Jury as one possible way to encourage public engagement.
- 1082.2. Mark Potts read his statement to the Council. This statement can be found at the end of these minutes. It was noted that the Council is considering a Citizens Jury as one possible way to encourage public engagement.

1082.3. Rick Page read his question to the Council. This question can be found at the end of these minutes. The Chairman directed that Mr Page be provided with a written reply, and that councillors be informed of this response.

1083. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

Cllr Sample had submitted a question, which can be found at the end of the minutes. The Chairman invited Cllr Sample to discuss this issues raised by his question. Following some discussion by the Council of the issues raised, it was noted that the Group Leaders will discuss this issue further at their next meeting.

1084. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 28 June 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1085. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were submitted.

1086. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

1087. Chairman's Announcements:

1087.1. The Chairman invited Nathan Lamb to talk to the council about his work assisting local Afghan refugees. It was noted that the Group Leaders will discuss this issue further at their next meeting.

1087.2. The Chairman gave a verbal report with images, videos and comments about the recent Salisbury Pride event.

1087.3. The Chairman invited Wilton Town Cllr Alexandra Nicole Boyd with her children to talk about their experience of the event and how much they enjoyed it. They said the event was very inclusive and friendly. Cllr Nettle also commented on how well the event was run.

1087.4. The Mayor reported that she had attended a number of events including, Secret Spitfire unveiling, Salisbury Women's refuge event, Salisbury Trust for homeless, Studio 15 opening, Royal Navy event and 75th Junior Park run.

1087.5. Following her recent visit, the Mayor also encouraged more volunteers to come forward for to help out at tee Salisbury Pantry which is run by the City Council.

1088. Referral of Minutes:

1088.1. Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

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| Planning | 5 July 2021 |
| Finance and Governance | 19 July 2021 |
| Personnel | 26 July 2021 |
| Planning | 2 August |

1088.2. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Mon 31 Aug 2021 are still to be published and therefore will be reviewed at the next Full Council.

1089. Committee and Working Group Reports:

The following reports were received:

- 1089.1. Services Committee update from Cllr Cunningham Services – At the last meeting David Hancock provided a presentation about the work Pub Watch do. The Ground Maintenance contract is being reviewed.
- 1089.2. Finance and Governance update from Cllr V Charleston. The last meeting included Quarter one budget monitoring and the Annual Statement of Accounts for 2021/21.
- 1089.3. Assets of Community Value Working Group update from Cllr Hibbert. The Council are currently supporting an application for the Old Regal Cinema and CAMRA in the renewal of 4 other listings.
- 1089.4. Communities Working Group update from Cllr King. The team have hosted a number of summer activities. The officers have done a fantastic job with these events. The group are currently reviewing community grant applications.
- 1089.5. Business Working Group update from Cllr Nettle. The recent Fayre in the Square was very popular with almost 7,000 people played golf, resulting in the event breaking even. The Fayre received lots of very positive feedback received. Foodie Sunday event took place yesterday with approx. 2,500 people attending. There will be no Christmas Market this year, however there will be a Christmas Tree Trail. The Charter Fair will be back this year, with a ride fee cap introduced to help ensure it remains affordable to attend. Celebrate Voice will be using the Market Place and Guildhall for community projects.
- 1089.6. Environmental Services Working Group update from Cllr McGrath. The Environmental Action Plan is currently being reviewed. The group received a presentation on the Jubilee Cherry Blossom Project festival. The group are also developing a new Tree Strategy.
- 1089.7. Section 106 Working Group update from Cllr Hocking. Discussions include the green space in St Peters Place. The group is reviewing whether it needs to continue.

1090. Reports from Outside Representatives:

The following reports were received:

1090.1. Wiltshire Creative representative Cllr S Charleston recently met with Sebastian Warrack and discussed the impact of Covid has had on the organisation, and gave details of upcoming events at the Playhouse and Arts Centre.

1091. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency.

Nil

There were 10 members of the public and 2 members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm.

Public Questions and Statements

Question submitted by Sarah Prinsloo

During the election in May, I was very pleased to hear candidates agree on the importance of addressing the climate and ecological emergency (as stated during the Salisbury Transition City Debate in April). Yet two years after the City Council declaration on the climate emergency, little has been done to put any plan into action and there appears to be no sense of urgency in the current council agenda. I would therefore like to ask the councillors the following:

> 1. Will Salisbury Council sign up in support of the cross-party Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill? To date 103 councils have signed in support of this important bill:

> <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eeo34sbxlsHtTnLxQm9ilm6kMqgez3ni/view>

> 2. Will Councillors commit to treating the climate emergency with the gravity it deserves; only approving new developments, bills, policies, plans or other activities if they can be demonstrated to make a positive contribution to ecological and climate targets (i.e. all development or activity must be able to demonstrate carbon neutrality by 2030 or even better reduce existing carbon emissions, as well as ensuring a net gain for biodiversity and ecological aspects)?

3. Will Councillors commit to a Peoples Assembly on transport and access options for Salisbury? I believe it was shocking to Salisbury residents to see the last council falling to find a reasonable way forward on this issue, and even worse; some councillors actively publicly campaigned against City and County Council approved schemes. Not only was there disagreement between councillors, but even within the majority Conservative party. This despite the CAF consultation showing that pedestrianisation and cycle-friendly schemes had the highest levels of public support. Salisbury Transition City have launched a petition in support of a Peoples Assembly, which I would request to read to the council. We expect to submit the completed petition to Salisbury Council by the end of September .

Statement submitted by Mark Potts

A number of important decisions affecting the lives of Salisbury citizens have been made in recent years that many feel have been made without listening adequately to citizens opinions.

The new City Council has an opportunity to engage properly with the people of Salisbury on key issues affecting the city. Salisbury Democracy Alliance believes that this is best done through the establishment of a Citizens Jury.

Question submitted by Rick Page

"The fact that we still have Street Litter Bins for general waste is symbolic of how little attention or care the council places in the need to protect our environment and to offer visible leadership to residents and visitors. Can you please confirm what urgent actions are being taken in conjunction with Hills to replace the SLB's in the City Centre with recycling options as is the case in the Cathedral Close?"

Councillor Question and Statements

Question submitted by Councillor Paul Sample

"If the City Council will co-ordinate the local response, in the City of Salisbury, to the Afghan refugee situation?"