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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 17 January 2022
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, B Dalton, C Hibbert, S Hocking, A Hoque, J King, C McGrath, M Mewse, J Nettle, A Riddle, E Rimmer, R Rogers, P Sample, C Stanway, I Tomes and J Wells.

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty, Estelle Sherry and Marc Read

1111. Apologies:

- 1111.1. Cllr M Webb gave her apologies.
- 1111.2. Cllr P Cunningham gave his apologies.

1112. Public Questions/Statement Time:

Public questions were submitted and addressed as follows;

- 1112.1. Eva McHugh read her question to the council. Cllr Wells provided a verbal reply noting that this is part of the Environmental Action Plan.
- 1112.2. Sarah Prinsloo read her question to the council. Cllr Tomes provided a verbal reply regarding the administrations leaders' intention. Written answers will be provided for further questions asked.
- 1112.3. Mike d'apice read his question and Cllr Wells provided answers regarding the work SCC is doing and is planning to do, as well as further work with partners.

1112.4. Christian Lange read his question to the council and Cllr Wells provided answers to those question. SCC carbon footprint has and is reviewed, and the budget for the Environmental Action Plan is to ensure SCC can be more and help lead climate change initiatives. The Environmental Service Manager has also recently met with members of the public regarding the work SCC is and is planning to carrying out

1112.5. Peter Horwood read his question. Cllr Wells confirmed that SCC do not test water, this is carried out by the environmental agency. However the council will enquire regarding further testing if required.

All questions and more detailed answers can be read in full at the end of these minutes.

1113. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

1113.1. No councillor questions or statements were received.

1114. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1114.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 15 November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1115. Declaration of Interest:

1115.1. No declarations of interest were made.

1116. Dispensations:

1116.1. No dispensations were requested.

1117. Chairman's Announcements:

1117.1. The Chairman attend many carol concerts, Playhouse performances and Salisbury Pride took part in markets during the festive period. The Chairman has enjoyed attending and being invited to events.

1117.2. Cllr Nettle asked if a Leaders' Report could be reinstated on the agenda. Cllr Tomes confirmed that Administration Leaders will provide an update at future Full Council meetings.

1118. Referral of Minutes:

1118.1. Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

Planning
Services
Planning

22 November 2021
6 December 2021
20 December 2021

1119. Committee and Working Group Reports:

1119.1. Cllr T Corbin provided a verbal update regarding the Planning Committee.

1119.2. Cllr Wells provided a report on Environmental Working Group. A cross party meeting is due shortly with Environmental Services Manager, Marc Read. Cllr Wells confirmed that an update on the progress of the action plan will continue to be made at each Services committee.

1119.3. Cllr Bolwell provided an update on the Assets of Community Value Working Group. Unfortunately the application for the Old Regal Cinema was not successful. Cllr Hocking confirmed he would take this matter further to Area Board. He also informed and encouraged councillors to attend the R3 presentation.

1119.4. Cllr Stanway provided a Communities Working Group update. Recent work includes youth provision, Salisbury Pantry, Harnham Bunker presentation received and grant and lottery applications. Grant policies are currently being reviews, Cllr Stanway invited councillors to attend the next meeting on Tuesday 18 January if they would like to take part in the review.

1120. Outside Representatives Report:

1120.1. No reports were given.

1121. Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls:

The Responsible Finance Officer, Estelle Sherry presented the report and update of SCC's Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls, and it was;

Resolved to:

1121.1.3.1 Approve the adoption of these Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls (Version 15 Doc 84270).

1122. Notice of Motion – Parental Leave for Councillors:

Cllr V Charleston present her motion which was then discussed by the Council, and it was;

Resolved that:

1122.1. Salisbury City Council agrees to draft a parental leave policy to give all councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting. This draft will be presented at the next Full Council meeting for consideration.

1123. Land off Rawlence Road:

The City Clerk presented the report and its recommendations, and it was;

Resolved to:

- 1123.1. Declare that SCC's community use of the land in the green rectangle in the map Annex B has ceased. This is to allow WC to acquire the land for £1 to allow its use for affordable housing.
- 1123.2. Note that WC will pay SCC's reasonable legal fees relating to this transaction.

1124. Budget 2022/23:

The Chairman of the Finance and Governance Committee, Cllr V Charleston presented the budget on behalf of the Council Administration and highlighted the aspirations of the Council for the next 4 years. The Council discussed the budget recommendations, and the fellow Administration Leaders Cllr Riddle and I Tomes provided further summary of the budget formulated for 2022/23. Following a lengthy discussion of the proposed precept and budget it was;

Resolved to:

- 1124.1. Approve the proposed revenue and capital budgets and fees and charges for 2022/23 as set out in the report and its appendices, and
- 1124.2. Agree the recommendation for the precept of £3,502,565.

Councillors A Bayliss, J Bolwell, S Charleston, V Charleston, C Corbin, T Corbin, B Dalton, A Riddle, R Rogers, P Sample, C Stanway, I Tomes, and J Wells voted in favour – 13 votes.

Councillors J Broom, C Hibbert, S Hocking, A Hoque, J King, C McGrath, M Mewse, J Nettle, E Rimmer voted against – 9 votes

1125. Nomination for Mayor Elect 2022/23 and Deputy Mayor Elect 2022/23:

The Chairman called for nominations for the Mayor Elect & Deputy Mayor Elect for 2022/23.

Cllr I Tomes nominated Cllr Tom Corbin as Mayor for 2022/23, this was seconded by Cllr P Sample. There were no further nominations. It was;

Resolved that:

- 1125.1.. Councillor T Corbin be nominated as Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2022/23. This was unanimously approved.

Cllr C Corbin nominated Cllr Atiqul Hoque as Deputy Mayor elect for 2022/23, this was seconded by Cllr P Sample. There were no further nominations. It was;

Resolved that:

1125.2. Councillors Atiqul Hoque be nominated as Deputy Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2022/23. This was unanimously approved.

1126. Calendar of meetings 2022/23:

The Council considered calendar of meetings for 2022/23, and it was;

Resolved to:

1126.1. Note the calendar of meetings for 2022/23.

1110. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency.

Nil

**There were 13 members of the public and 1 members of the press present.
The meeting closed at 8:18pm.**

Public Questions and Statements at Full Council on Mon 17 Jan 2022.

Eva McHugh

Question:

"What considerations are being made to reduce the amount of recycling that ends up in the City centre bins? Would the council consider upgrading the existing bins to more modern waste & recycling bins like the ones in the Cathedral grounds?"

Answer from Cllr Wells Chairman of the Environmental Working Group:

Salisbury City Council is actively reviewing how it can extend its recycling across the city (we currently have two recycling bins in the city that we service) and is one of the key actions in our revised Environmental Policy Action Plan, which has been developed by this Council, with support from our Environmental Services Manager, Marc Read. It is expected that this Council's decision on 15th November to bring all streetscene & grounds maintenance services inhouse, will provide an enhanced opportunity to deliver on this target.

Sarah Prinsloo

Question:

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/1eeo34sbxlsHtTnLxQm9ilm6kMqeo3ni/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 People's Assembly on transport and access options for Salisbury?
4. To what extent has the council considered the climate and ecological impact of the budget items before them today? Given that the council declared a climate and ecological emergency in 2019, do councillors believe that (a) their action to date and (b) the level of their understanding of the impact of their decisions is adequate? If not, what do they propose to do to rectify this situation and finally respond to the emergency in a meaningful and appropriate way?

Answer from Cllr Tomes, Leadership Group:

1. SCC will consider this

2. *The ongoing cross party review of the Environmental Policy Action Plan sets out the council's approach to the climate change emergency. The Council looks forward to working with partners on the many issues to be addressed.*
3. *Cllr Riddle and V Charleston have already meet with Ms Prinsloo to discuss this issue*
4. *Please see answer to Q2.*

Mike d'Apice

Question:

Salisbury City has numerous and extensive green spaces, the majority predominantly laid out to utility grassland, most managed by the City Council with some beside trunk roads, by National Highways. The Council's September 2020 Tree Policy details the benefits conferred by trees and hedgerows for biodiversity, air quality enhancement. Tree and hedge planting may also contribute towards mitigating flood risk by improving rain infiltration rates to soils and increase net soil and biomass carbon sequestration. In response to the Climate Emergency and Prince Charles' recommendation that people "plant a tree" to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, has the Council any plans to provide sites for individuals and community groups or for the Council themselves to plant additional trees and hedgerows on its directly or National Highways managed sites within the City this year?

Christian Lange

Question:

It is encouraging to see that the issue of Climate Change is very prominent on Salisbury City's website and that the planting of trees is allowed for twice in the proposed budget. There is clearly a lot that needs to be done to tackle all aspect climate change over the coming year. Please could you explain how this is taken into account in Salisbury City Council's Budget for 2022/23 and does the council agree that more needs to be done?

Answer from Cllr Wells Chairman of the Environmental Working Group:

Salisbury City Council's last carbon footprint report on 1st April-31st March 2020 showed that our net GHG Emissions as 192.3 (tonnes of CO₂e). The full report can be found here:

<https://www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk/c/climate-change/carbon-footprint-organisational>

As an organisation we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and have increased our budgets to assist with this ambition:

- *PRK ENV 28024 Environmental Support £75,000*
- *POS ENV 28001 Tree Planting £6,000*
- *Z07 ENV ENV Infrastructure £53,000*

Over the last few years this Council has delivered on numerous projects <https://www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk/c/climate-change/completed-projects> and its continuing commitment can be evidenced with the purchase of a new electric ride on lawn mower and two new electric vans which will replace existing diesel vehicles (we are in the process of procurement now).

Salisbury City Council are also keen to show its leadership on the area of Climate Change and is looking forward to working with the local community on this. I understand our Environmental Services Manager, Marc Read, met with many of you in regards to this subject earlier this morning.

Peter Horwood

Question:

'In view of the latest publicity concerning the polluted state of rivers in the UK, does the Council undertake any tests of water quality within the rivers passing through Salisbury?

Answer from Cllr Wells Chairman of the Environmental Working Group:

Salisbury City Council does not have responsibility for the testing of water quality in our rivers. However the Council will enquire regarding further testing if required.