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## Minutes

**Meeting of** : Full Council  
**Date** : 7 March 2022  
**Meeting held** : The Guildhall  
**Commencing at** : 6:30pm

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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, P Sample, C Stanway, I Tomes, M Webb and J Wells.

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty and Marc Read.

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The Chairman began the meeting with an announcement expressing the thoughts for two residents who recently passed away, also thoughts for the people of Ukraine. This was followed by a two minutes silence.

### **1128. Apologies:**

- 1128.1.Cllr R Rogers gave his apologies.
- 1128.2.Cllr P Cunningham gave his apologies.

### **1129. Public Questions/Statement Time:**

- 1129.1.No public questions or statements were received.

### **1130. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:**

- 1130.1.No councillor questions or statements were received.

**1131. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

1131.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 17 January 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**1132. Declaration of Interest:**

1132.1. Cllr V Charleston declared an interest in the parental leave policy as she is pregnant.

**1133. Dispensations:**

1133.1. No dispensations were requested.

**1134. Chairman's Announcements:**

1134.1. The Chairman has been very busy with civic appointments, including the Annual Charter Sunday, Thank You event for SCC volunteers, football match, tree planting for the Queens canopy and the pancake race. She spoke also of a visit to the Muslim Association, and her experience with the library bus at St Osmunds School.

**1135. Administration Leaders Announcements:**

1135.1. Following on from what the Chairman had said, Cllr I Tomes Leader of the Labour also began by also providing his thoughts for the Ukrainian citizens. He also thanked all the ordinary people of Salisbury, Britain and Europe for all the help they have given to the people of Ukraine.

1135.2. Cllr Tomes, then provided the first update to all councillors on behalf of Cllr V Charleston, A Riddle and himself on what the leadership and council have been doing in recent months.

1135.3. Now Covid restrictions have lifted, the council over the recent months got back to activities that they were doing before the start of covid, and noted the impact covid has had on council staff and activities. He thanked all SCC staff for their hard work and flexibility over this difficult and challenging period.

1135.4. A big project for the council is the new depot purchase and Idverde contract coming in house, both projects will require a lot of officer time and work but are for the long term benefit of the city.

1135.5. The Administration Group Leaders have spent time building better relationships with a number of organisations and individuals across the city.

1135.6. Two useful meetings have been with both the Leader of Wiltshire Council and Police Crime Commissioner, discussing the City Hall, Malting development, CCTV funding and a new police station in Salisbury.

1135.7. The Administration Group Leaders have had two meetings with Neighbouring Parishes to look to share concerns and opportunities, with

Cllr C McGrath attending the most recent meeting to speak about the shared issue of flooding within the area.

- 1135.8. The council also continues to meet monthly with the BID, has recently met with the Young Gallery to discuss its future and met with Salisbury Transition City.
- 1135.9. SCC recently met with its current volunteers to celebrate and thank them for their contribution to the work that the City Council does across the city. Volunteers help with CCTV, Shopmobility, parks and open spaces, Your Salisbury Pantry and community development activities.
- 1135.10. SCC has sponsored an award at the Business Excellent Awards ceremony for Employer of the Year.
- 1135.11. To celebrate the Jubilee the council recently planted Jubilee trees in both Hudson's Field and Victoria Park, and thanked the Queen's representative in Wiltshire the Lord Lieutenant Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton for helping plant the trees with both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. These jubilee trees are part of a much wider tree planting programme around the city.
- 1135.12. The council, with wildlife organisations, plan to have stalls in Hudson's Field during the Jubilee, giving out wild flower seeds and talking about the environment.
- 1135.13. The Guildhall will be opening to host free mini Royal exhibition tours showcasing the council and Guildhalls connections with Royalty throughout the years, with tea and cake also available.
- 1135.14. The Experience Salisbury website, which is funded by the city council and partners, will act as a guide on what to do across the city during the Jubilee. The city will also be dressed in red, white and blue bunting and flowers.
- 1135.15. The Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing well, with thanks to all those involved including steering group volunteers and planning consultant Andrea Pellegram. Currently public consultations are taking place for the Quarry, Churchfields and Brown Street housing site, with next steps decided once the consultation period has closed. Chairman of SNDP, Cllr Annie Riddle is happy discuss any comments or questions.
- 1135.16. As part of the administrations greater emphasis on green issues, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust has started the process of completing an ecological assessment of all SCC green areas.
- 1135.17. Following Wiltshire Councils recent announcement to increase car parking charges, SCC officers are looking at the feasibility of SCC managing and setting its own pricing structure for the two SCC car parks.
- 1135.18. The Communities Team have recently opened a new drop in café at the Baptist church every Tuesday morning.
- 1135.19. The council is hoping to increase its hard standing pitches at the caravan site at Hudson's Field to help extend the season.
- 1135.20. The council look further into achieving green methods of cremation, including resomation funerals.

1135.21. Finally, the Bunker at Harnham has had a new tenant since last October. Activities at the bunker include the chance to learn about digital media, and the council wish them well.

**1136. Referral of Minutes:**

1136.1. Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

Planning	24 January 2022
Services	7 February 2022
Planning	21 February 2022

**1137. Committee and Working Group Reports:**

1137.1. Cllr Stanway provided a Communities Working Group update; the Communities Team is now fully staffed and the Community Café has recently opened. The Working Group are currently reviewing the Grants Policy.

1137.2. Cllr Wells provided a report on Environmental Working Group; the Environmental Action Plan has been considered by a cross party group and will be presented at the next Services Committee.

1137.3. Cllr Bolwell provided an update on the Assets of Community Value Working Group; unfortunately the application for the Old Regal Cinema was not successful.

1137.4. Cllr S Charleston provided an update from the Business Working Group; the events calendar for the year has been agreed. The new Markets Officer is settling in well. The new Guildhall website has gone live and social media page visits for the council have grown.

1137.5. Cllr A Riddle provided an update from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group; a consultation will take place tomorrow regarding the Brown Street car park proposal. Fuller public consultations are to follow and public's opinion matters to the Steering Group in their drafting of the plan.

**1138. Outside Representatives Report:**

1138.1. No reports were given.

**1139. Salisbury Station Forecourt and Fisherton Gateway:**

Cllr Richard Clewer the Leader of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Dr M McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding Wiltshire and Carli van Niekerk, Major Highways Project Engineer, Wiltshire Council provided a verbal presentation on the Salisbury Station Forecourt and Fisherton Gateway project and launched the consultation. Wiltshire Council are working with SCC and South Western Railway on this project. Councillors provided comments and questions were received. Members of the public also asked questions.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr M McClelland and Carli van Niekerk gave answers and further information in response to both councillor and public questions. The Council

**Resolved to:**

1139.1. Thank those that attended and note the presentation.

**The Chairman adjourned the meeting from 8.13pm until 8.18pm**

**1140. Salisbury River Park Project:**

Andy Wallis from the Environment Agency provided a presentation and update regarding the project. This Environmental Agency have been working closely with SCC on the project. Cllrs asked questions and provided information for further consideration. The Chairman invited members of the public to ask questions which Andy Wallis answered. The Council

**Resolved to:**

1140.1. Thank Andy Wallis and note the presentation.

**At 9.13pm the Chairman asked members if they were content to continue to extend the meeting after 9.30pm, all agreed. The meeting re-adjourned at 9.19pm.**

**1141. Mayoral Working Group Terms of Reference (TOR):**

Working Group member Cllr Dalton provided a verbal update following the Group's first meeting. The Council considered the Terms of Reference and following some discussion it was

**Resolved to:**

1141.1. Approve the Mayor Working Group TORs (Doc 85075) with an additional purpose – to review the Mayoral Budget

**1142. Parental Leave for Councillors:**

Cllr V Charleston presented the policy. Councillors discussed the policy, and it was

**Resolved to:**

1142.1. Approve the policy

Councillors A Bayliss, J Bolwell, S Charleston, V Charleston, C Corbin, T Corbin, B Dalton, S Hocking, A Hoque, M Mewse, J Nettle, A Riddle, P Sample, C Stanway, I Tomes, M Webb and J Wells voted in favour – 17 votes.

Councillors J Broom, C Hibbert, E Rimmer voted against – 3 votes.

Councillors J King, C McGrath abstained – 2 votes

**1143. Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill:**

The Chairman of the Environmental Working Group, Cllr Wells introduced the proposal to support this bill. The Council considered and discussed the support of the bill, and it was

**Resolved that:**

1143.1. Salisbury City Council supports the CEE Bill.

1143.2. The Mayor will write to the MP John Glen to note the Council's support.

Councillors A Bayliss, J Bolwell, S Charleston, V Charleston, C Corbin, T Corbin, B Dalton, A Riddle, P Sample, C Stanway, I Tomes, and J Wells voted in favour – 12 votes.

Councillors S Hocking, M Mewse, J Broom, E Rimmer J King, C McGrath and M Webb voted against – 7 votes.

Councillors A Hoque, J Nettle and C Hibbert abstained – 3 votes

**1144. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency.**

Nil

**There were 32 members of the public and 1 members of the press present.  
The meeting closed at 10:18pm.**