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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 5 September 2022
Meeting held : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr T Corbin

Vice Chair:

Cllrs: A Bayliss, S Charleston, C Corbin, S Hocking, J King, E Rimmer, A Riddle, R Rogers, P Sample, C Stanway, I Tomes, J Wells.

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty and Marc Read

The Chairman began the meeting with a minute silence to remember Lady Jo Benson former Mayor of Salisbury 1969 – 70 and a Freeman of the City, and Cllr Mary Webb who both recently passed away.

Many councillors were pleased to be able to speak in personal appreciation of Lady Benson and Cllr Webb's service to the city and the impact of their passing, and to pass on their sincere condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

1190. Apologies:

- 1190.1. Cllr J Broom gave her apologies.
- 1190.2. Cllr J Bolwell gave her apologies.
- 1190.3. Cllr V Charleston gave her apologies.
- 1190.4. Cllr B Dalton gave his apologies.
- 1190.5. Cllr C Hibbert gave her apologies.
- 1190.6. Cllr A Hoque gave his apologies.
- 1190.7. Cllr M Mewse gave his apologies.
- 1190.8. Cllr J Nettle gave his apologies.
- 1190.9. Cllr E Wills gave her apologies.
- 1190.10. Cllr C McGrath gave his apologies.

1191. Public Questions/Statement Time:

1191.1.No public questions or statements were received.

1192. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

1192.1.A councillor question was submitted by Cllr Wills and was presented by the City Clerk during item 15 of the agenda. The question and response can be found at the end of these minutes.

1193. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1193.1.The minutes of the last meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council held on 19 July 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1194. Declaration of Interest:

1194.1.Cllr C Corbin declared an interest in item 15 of the agenda, Salisbury Pride – Partnership Proposal as she is a member of Salisbury Pride.

1195. Dispensations:

1195.1.No dispensations were requested.

1196. Chairman's Announcements:

1196.1.The Chairman made announcements, which have been attached at the end of the minutes.

1197. Administration Leaders Announcements:

1197.1.Cllr Tomes gave a report on the behalf of the Administration Group Leaders. The report is attached at the end of the minutes.

1198. Referral of Minutes:

1198.1.Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

Finance and Governance	18 July 2022
Events, Markets and Grants	25 July 2022
Planning	1 August 2022
Planning	30 August 2022

1199. Committee Reports:

No committee reports were given.

1200. River Park Project:

The Council received a presentation from Andy Wallis for the Environmental Agency who provided an update on the project's progress. Work continues to protect ecology on the site, water voles have been safely relocated from the site to Ringwood. There were some known challenges before starting the project included the old swimming pool, but the works have uncovered large amounts of waste and objects beneath the surface.

The temporary play area has been set up and now signed off for public use and the Allotment Association Shop has been relocated.

Upcoming works at Central car park include Millstream Approach Bridge, excavation of play area, bridge construction starting, and coach park design work. At Ashley Road there will be flood and retaining wall construction, piling work and excavation of wetland area.

There will be a number of temporary pathway closure throughout the project. However diversions have been planned for both cycle and walking routes. The estimated end of project date is April 2024.

Councillors asked further questions, and thanked Mr Wallis for the presentation and all the project work completed so far.

1201. Presentation from Wiltshire Council Senior Transport Planner:

The Council received a presentation from Heather Blake, Wiltshire Council Senior Transport Planner regarding Salisbury Shared Mobility proposals including, car clubs, e-bikes and cycle hangers. The presentation has been circulated to councillors.

Councillors asked questions and thanked Ms Blake for her presentation of proposals. The Council agreed that the Planning and Development committee would consider these proposal outlined and provide a response to Wiltshire Council.

1202. Outside Representative Policy:

The Council considered the new policy and discussed current outside representative's, and after some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

- 1202.1. Approve the Outside Representative Policy.

1203. Mayoral Charity:

Cllr R Rogers provided a verbal update. An application to set up a new bank account for the charity was submitted by the Mayoral Working Group members. However Cllr Rogers is discussing this further with the bank. Once the bank

account is set up the charitable application can be submitted. A further informal Mayoral Working Group meeting may be required to complete this work. Members thanked the working group for its work to support the mayor and mayor's charity.

1204. Salisbury Pride – Partnership Proposal:

A video recording from the 2022 event was presented to the council. The questions submitted by Cllr Wills in respect of this agenda item were read out by the City Clerk. The Clerk, with the agreement of the Chairman, provided verbal answers. The questions and responses can be found at the end of these minutes.

The Council considered a partnership with the Salisbury Pride event, it was:

Resolved to:

1204.1. Approve the proposed partnership as shown in the report, which provides for;

1204.1.1. Free use of one of the City Council's Park for Salisbury Pride for up to 3 days.

1204.1.2. Free use of 5 gazebos, delivered and set up with weights.

1204.1.3. Promotion on the SCC's social media channels.

1204.1.4. SCC would ask to be listed as an event sponsor/ partner on Salisbury Pride's website and promotional literature.

**There were 6 members of the public and 0 members of the press present.
The meeting closed at 8.49pm.**

Councillor Question – Cllr Wills

Questions re Salisbury Pride CIC agenda item - FC 05/09

Q: Firstly, what assessment has the Finance Officer made with regards to the total monetary value of the provisions SCC would contribute to the partnership? In their view, does the proposal provide any financial risks to SCC?

A: *The Clerk has assessed the notional cost of the partnership. The hire of a gazebo and weights is £45 per gazebo per day, total cost for 5 if requested £225, and for 3 day £675.
The cost of hire of QE Gardens for 1 day £100, so up 3 day £300. These costs represent potential lost income only, as these gazebo and parks may not have had any commercial hire either.*

Staff costs (set up of gazebos, communications) would be met under existing budgets.

This proposal does provide any financial risk to SCC.

Q: Secondly, what governance arrangements would be in place to safeguard SCC's interests in the partnership? For example, provisions to protect SCC if it could not meet all of its obligations for specific reasons (e.g. conflicting requests to use the gazebos/outside space, issue of unaffordability).

A: *A memorandum of understanding will be drawn up if the partnership is agreed. SCC will seek to honour the agreement but clauses can be inserted, if it is the will of the Council, to indicate that this contract is best intent rather than an absolute guarantee of the use of gazebo and the park.*

Q: Overall, what steps will SCC take to ensure that any partnership agreement (whether verbal or written) is not legally binding?

A: *Contract law is a complex matter. If agreed, SCC will enter this informal supportive partnership with Pride on the basis of an MOU. The Council has entered many other types of informal supportive partnership over many years without the need of legal assistance to construct these partnerships, for example its relationship with the BID, Silver Salisbury, Transition City, Salisbury Live and so on, The risk to the council in this partnership is low, the financial risk is low. It will be disproportionate to seek legal advice to ensure this supportive partnership is not legally binding, and this may only be settled by legal action/court case if a disagreement arose.*

Chairman's Announcements – Cllr Tom Corbin

Following on from last Full Council report I should wish to add a couple of events that I missed out on reporting.

Politely not pointed out by the Mayoress but I enjoyed supporting the Salisbury Pride event in Elizabeth Gardens on the 2nd July which seemed to be very successful in attracting lots of people and in the evening I went along to St. Thomas' Church to be entertained by Salisbury Community Choir at their 30th anniversary.

I have enjoyed the opening of Platinum Skies latest development off of Wilton Road, Nightingale Square.

Along with other Councillors I joined in with the Fayre on the Square launch and had a little go at Crazy Croquet with the Salisbury Radio team in their first live outside broadcast, their second being at yesterday's Foodie Sunday.

I joined the Salisbury Motorcycle and light car club centenary +1 show due to Covid hampering efforts last year at Salisbury Rugby Club they were supporting Salisbury Hospice Charity. On the same day I enjoyed live music organised by Salisbury Live at Harlequins Football and social club with donations going to my Mayoral charity Children's Chance with special thanks Cllr Bolwell and Rogers for their support along with many others.

I joined in with Salisbury Museum in their fun filled history festival weekend, another event held to help make access to history both affordable and accessible to families.

As Mayor I supported the Salisbury Trust For the Homeless Summer Garden Party held in the Salisbury Museum grounds, an annual event that highlights the work of STFH and help to raise funds for the year ahead.

As you may have already seen, Shopmobility celebrated its 10,000th customer who was given free membership and able to celebrate the moment with a special photo call with me!

Sticking with Shopmobility, they have always been supported by the Friends of Shopmobility who fundraise and help staff the facility in the Maltings. Often when newly purchased and donated items are named after those who have donated such funds and so on. However this time 3 motorised buggies were named after 3 stalwarts of Friends of Shopmobility, Hugh, Tracey and Andy.

I enjoyed meeting with our new British Citizens at the August ceremony and look forward to doing so again this Wednesday.

I went to the unveiling of Salisbury Rotary Book Benches project, held in the Young Gallery at Salisbury Library which was a fantastic project and that showed off the wonderful collaboration of work between the local Primary schools and local artists whilst also marking Salisbury Rotary's 100th anniversary. For those who have not seen them, the book benches will be on display in Salisbury Cathedral in October before they become permanently resident in their respective schools.

I joined in with the Wessex Country Fair, held in Wilton House gardens in aid of Salisbury Hospice Charity to help raise their profile and of course funds. In helping to reengage with community about the work they do, I hope that Salisbury Hospice Charity will be able to give a short presentation at our next Full Council meeting.

I joined the Royal British Legion for a lovely afternoon tea and raffle, they are as ever on the look out for new members to join and take on leading roles.

I have been made an Honorary Member of Salisbury Rotary and I had the pleasure of joining them for a meal and meeting. Unfortunately their meetings are on Monday evenings, twice a month which does not work well around our council meetings!

Charting a special period of history I met members of South Wilts Mencap at the Quaker Meeting House as they had created a book marking a period of great change, which charted some of their trials and tribulations and perhaps their greatest decision which was to run a charity shop which has helped to fund their great days out for those that they support and their families.

I joined the opening of Harnham Fun Day which was well supported by the local Church, WC, SCC and scouting Association before going the United Reform Church to give out prizes to the winners in the Allotment and Garden Association Show, I am always impressed at the impressive results that are achieved and this year's long dry spell certainly had an impact on certain produce and flowers. The creativity in the arts and photography was superb and I look forward to seeing similar efforts in the future.

I also had the opportunity to join the Wilton Mayor's Soiree held at Wilton House in aid of Wilton Guides Scouting Association.

I attended the Haunch of Venison for the very well attended Haunch of Venison history book launch written by Ruby Vitirino, who kindly donated one of her books for me to raffle to raise funds for Children's Chance.

Very pleased to attend the reopening of the Boathouse which I am sure we are all very pleased to see. I do wonder if they would benefit from having a few parking spaces being made available closer to the old swimming pool site off of Millstream Approach.

At short notice I found myself available to join our Deputy Mayor to attend the start of Arundells event marking 50 years since the Ugandan Asians Refugees crisis which marked a poignant moment in Ted Heath's government.

I was then very pleased to join Salisbury Methodist Church to join them for their welcome service for the new Superintendent Minister for the Salisbury Circuit Rev'd Dr Mark Cheetham who on behalf of Salisbury City Council I offered a few words of welcome and support.

I once again attended Salisbury Library, Young Gallery to attend the launch of the ongoing art Trailblazer showcasing local artists work spread around Salisbury and local area organised by the Plain Arts Salisbury. The Arts trail ends 18th September.

Not as Mayor but to remind members that from 9am to 3pm tomorrow the SNDP consultation will be running outside the Guildhall. Also leaflets are available for collection if not already collected. And members will be able to tour the new City council buildings at 5.30pm as per previous emails.

Administration Leaders Report – Cllr I Tomes

The passing of Mary Webb and Lady Jo Benson has saddened us all. Mary was only a councillor for a short while being elected in 2021 to both Wiltshire and Salisbury Council; however, she has been involved in the life of Salisbury for many years. She has always been a lobbyist for the B & B sector in Salisbury, from the 1990's with her involvement with Tourisms 2000 to the present day. She is very well known in the business community. She was always enthusiastic, reasonable and calm and I believe always had the interest of the city at heart. She had a lovely smile and I never heard a bad word said about her.

The death of former Mayor - Lady Jo Benson

Lady Benson has had an exceptional long standing commitment to Salisbury. Mayor in 1969 to 1970 she went on to set up the Jo Benson centre and to be involved in too many organisations around our City to mention, from the Hospital to a number of schools, to name a few. I got to know her when I joined the Salisbury City Almshouses and Welfare Charities board in the 1990s which she chaired. She was an excellent chair, competent and knew how to get things done. In the little time, I was there, she re-modelled Sarah Haytor House in Fisherton Street from the horrible 1960's block to the lovely block of flats that we have there today and she re-modelled the Robert Stokes house in the Friary as well. She was an exceptional lady - possessing both charm and authority, whilst at the same time being sensitive and supportive. The Labour group always worked well with her. She has left us with some invaluable legacy.

As many of you well know, a lot of time and effort has gone into the SNDP under the leadership of Annie Riddle. We are all now helping by delivering the city wide leaflet to encourage residents to express their opinions on the draft plan. Please feel free to ask Annie now or after the meeting, if you have any concerns regarding the Neighbourhood plan

We have had the by-election in West Harnham. A good campaign by all.
Congratulations to our new councillor

We have held the Summer Fayre on the Square and the Food and Drink Festival. We have been lucky with the weather. Can I thank our staff for all the work that has gone into this.

We have the tour of the New Depot tomorrow.

We are selecting Artist for the public Art project

We are in discussions with Underground studios about the energy use at the bunker.

We have had some outside media training being joined by the Mayor and Deputy.

We are experimenting some meeting being on-line, so residents can view our meeting at home, to see how it works for now but also to see how many residents actually are keen to view the meeting before we spend the money.

We have submitted the planning application to add the names of WW2 service personnel killed in that conflict to the War memorial in the Guildhall Square

We are having our regular meeting, this week, to discuss issues with our neighbouring parishes.