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Minutes

Meeting of : Environment and Climate Committee
Date : 5 July 2022
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Wells Vice Chair: A Riddle

Cllrs: A Bayliss, J Bolwell, C Hibbert, S Hocking, A Hoque and C Stanway

Officers: Annie Child, Marc Read and Thomas Simpkins

1. Election of the Chairman:

The Deputy Chairman of the Council called for nominations for the Chairman of the Environment and Climate Committee. It was:

Resolved that:

1.1. Cllr John Wells is elected as Chairman of the Environment and Climate Committee.

2. Election of the Vice Chairman

The Chairman of the Environment and Climate Committee called for nominations. It was:

Resolved that:

2.1. Cllr Annie Riddle was elected as Vice Chairman of the Environment and Climate Services Committee.

3. Apologies:

3.1. Apologies have been received by Cllr Mary Webb.

4. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

5. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of Services Committee held on 4 April 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

8. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

9. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made no announcements.

10. Tree & Ecosystem Strategy Presentation:

A verbal presentation was provided by Matthew Johns of Johns Associates. Mr Johns gave the Committee a detailed overview about the progress around the creation of a Tree & Ecosystem Strategy, and the work Johns Associates are doing with the Council. This includes identifying the Council's tree stock, identifying suitable land for planting and advising on suitable native trees for the identified areas. A field survey will also be completed which will produce an aerial GIS map via the Esri ArcGIS Field Maps mobile application - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/arcgis-field-maps/id1515671684>. It was:

Resolved that:

10.1. The Committee thanked Mr Johns for his presentation.

11. Environmental Services Update:

The Environment Services Manager provided a verbal update on the work provided by the Environment Services Team covering the departments of Streetscene, Facilities, CCTV, our Crematorium and Cemeteries and Parks and Open Spaces. It was:

Resolved that:

11.1. The verbal update was noted.

12. Environmental Policy Action Plan Update:

The Environment Services Manager provided a verbal update on the completed and further coming actions as detailed within the Environmental Policy Action Plan covering April 2022 – March 2025. Highlights include the installation of 18 new recycling bins, the creation of a tree strategy, reducing the environmental impact of SCC Equipment and Vehicles, and noting that our internal audit is complete. It was:

Resolved that:

12.1. The report was noted.

13. Litter Enforcement Annual Review:

The Environment Services Manager introduced the report regarding Salisbury City Council's Litter Enforcement contract, and it was;

Resolved that:

13.1. The Committee noted the report.

13.2 The Committee deferred any decision and requested officers provide additional information on the costs and income of the service at the next meeting of this committee

14. Crematorium – Carbon Offsetting Proposal:

The Environment Services Manager introduced a report introducing a new carbon offset scheme for all cremations, where a fee paid will be used to directly to fund additional tree planting programme. It was;

Resolved that:

14.1. The Committee agreed to the Carbon Offsetting proposal as described in this report and set the fee at £20 per cremation.

15. Fisherton Recreation Toilets - Solar Panels Feasibility

At request of the Services Committee on 4 Apr 2022, the Environment Services Manager provided a report exploring the feasibility of installing solar panels as part of the proposed refurbishment of the toilets at Fisherton Recreation Ground. The committee considered the report and it was:

Resolved that:

- 15.1. The use of solar panels is discounted, and that the original proposal of installing a living roof is agreed.

16. Fisherton Recreation Toilets – Charges:

The Environment Services Manager presented a report providing information to assist members to make a decision in regards to setting the user fee charged for the proposed refurbished public toilets at of Fisherton Recreation Ground. The Committee considered the policy, and it was;

Resolved that:

- 16.1. The Committee noted the information contained in the report.
- 16.3. The Committee agreed the toilet user fee of 20p to be charged at the refurbished Fisherton Recreation Ground toilets and the payment system to be Coin and Card.

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

No matters were raised.

There were 2 members of the public and no members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 8:17pm