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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 16 January 2023
Meeting held : via Microsoft Teams
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr T Corbin

Vice Chair: Cllr A Hoque

Cllrs: A Bayliss, L Blackwood, J Broom, S Charleston, V Charleston, C Corbin, S Hocking, J King, M Mewse, J Nettle, A Riddle, R Rogers, P Sample, C Stanway, I Tomes, J Wells and E Wills.

Officers: Annie Child, Marc Read, Estelle Sherry, Joanna Wood, Tracy Adams, and Thomas Simpkins.

1200. Apologies:

1200.1. Cllr J Bolwell, Cllr B Dalton, Cllr C Hibbert, Cllr E Rimmer and Cllr C McGrath gave their apologies.

1201. Public Questions/Statement Time:

1201.1. Mr Adrian Green, Director of Salisbury Museum and Sebastian Warrack, Executive Director for Wiltshire Creative were invited by the Chairman to read their statement concerning the proposal to cut cultural partner grants by 50% in 2023/2024 for Salisbury Museum and Wiltshire Creative. The following statement is attached to these minutes.

1201.2. The Chairman thanked Mr Green and Mr Warrack for their statement and referred them to statement given at the Finance and Governance Committee on 9 Jan 2023 that the Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum are requested to contact the Clerk towards the end of the

financial year to discuss the possibility of a supplementary grant if funds allow.

1202. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

1203. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 14 November 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1204. Declarations of Interest:

1204.1. Cllr J Broom declared an interest in Item 17, due to being on the board of directors for Wiltshire Creative.

1204.2. Cllr P Sample declared an interest in Item 17, due to being a member of Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum and having a family member who works at the museum.

1204.3. Cllr E Wills declared an interest in Item 17, due to being a Trustee Elect for Wiltshire Creative.

1205. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

1206. Referral of Minutes:

Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below

Planning and Development	21 November 2022
Community Services	5 December 2022
Environment and Climate	12 December 2022
Planning and Development	29 December 2022
Finance and Governance	9 January 2023

1207. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcements:

1207.1. The Chairman noted that Agenda Item's 14 and 17 would be brought forward to after the updates from the Outside Representatives.

1207.2. The Chairman noted that as Mayor of Salisbury, since 14 November he has recently attended monthly Citizenship Ceremonies, the refurbishment of the Barchester Cedars Care Home, a talk from the Past Mayor and Mayoress Mr John and Carrie Walsh regarding the Past Mayor's time in

office. He has also attended the launch of Ukrainian's Artist Andrei Protsouk's exhibition at Gallery 21, Her Salisbury's story at Salisbury Museum and the book launch of Dr Phil Harding DL's new book. He was honoured to attend the opening night of Wiltshire Creative's Pantomime Cinderella and plant a tree at Bemerton Methodist Church to celebrate the Salisbury Bemerton Townswomen's guild's 70th anniversary. The Chairman also attended the Salisbury Diocese Mother's Union Service, a talk by the mountaineer Jo Bradshaw in aid of Alabare and the launch of the Progress bar. During Christmas, the Mayor noted he attended many Christmas events, from school carols services in Salisbury and civic carol services around the surrounding area. He attended the launch of Christmas in Salisbury and the Christmas Begins event, Salisbury Museum's Tudor Christmas and met with Farran Sims the winner of this year's Christmas card design competition. The Chairman met with 11-year Jess for a backstage tour of Salisbury Playhouse Cinderella set, Jess was one of the speakers at "Congress" the Wiltshire Creative event held at Salisbury Cathedral where she about her condition and what she would do if she was the Mayor of Salisbury, addressing the whole Cathedral whist stood on a 2m high stage. The Chairman noted he is sure we will hear more from Jess in the future and perhaps one day she will wear the chain again as a future Mayor of Salisbury.

1208. Leaders' Announcement:

Cllr Tomes gave the following announcements on behalf of the Leaders of the Council:

- 1208.1. Cllr Tomes noted that over past months, the leadership team have been focused on the budget setting and thanked all Councillors and staff involved in the budget setting process.
- 1208.2. Cllr Tomes thanked Cllr Hocking and the flood wardens for their hard work and recent response regarding the current flooding situation and his review of the Flood Plan.
- 1208.3. Both the Bemerton Heath Centre and the Friary Community Centre are currently being used as Covid and Flu vaccination centres and for health checks.
- 1208.4. The Community Activity Officer role has now been filled.
- 1208.5. The Public Art Workshops will be taking place in January and February, with the hope that work to be on display within this financial year.
- 1208.6. Safer and Supportive Salisbury are becoming a charity to then form a partnership with the Pantry.
- 1208.7. The new depot is being brought in use.
- 1208.8. There was a 9% increase in footfall in the City Centre over Christmas.
- 1208.9. On the 1 December, all street cleaning and maintenance of the city's parks and open spaces will be now undertaken by a team of wholly Salisbury City Council employees, which was previously contracted out to Idverde.

- 1208.10. The Administration will be meeting with Clerks and Chairmen of the neighbouring parishes in the next two weeks and the Future Place Partnership meets on 20 Jan.
- 1208.11. On Friday 27 January, Salisbury City Council are working with local residents to present a Holocaust Memorial Day. This will be a moment for local people to remember, reflect and increase their understanding of the impacts of genocide across generations and borders.

1209. Committee Reports:

- 1209.1. Cllr T Corbin, Chairman of the Planning Committee noted that the Planning Committee meet every 4 weeks and all our welcome to attend the meetings.
- 1209.2. Cllr J Wells, Chairman of the Environment and Climate Committee noted that the Environment Policy Action Plan is still in progress. The Committee have recently given our East Hants Litter Enforcement Officers 6 months termination notice. Our Streetscene team are currently investing in electric sweepers. The repairs on the Poultry Cross should hopefully be completed in the Spring. Investigations are taking place for electric vehicle charging points at Lush House Car Park. Our new CCTV manager will take up post after full competition of Police vetting checks. The Crematorium figures are on similar numbers as last year.
- 1209.3. Cllr A Riddle, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, noted that the group are currently reviewing the many responses received during last year's Regulation 14 consultation.

1210. Update from Outside Representatives:

The Chairman asked Cllr S Hocking to provide an update on the Flooding situation in the city.

- 1210.1. Cllr S Hocking noted that over the past three to four weeks, the Flood Plan has been reviewed and updated, as well as improvements in communications with the City's Flood Wardens, including the creation of a What's App group and the relocation of some of the flood wardens in zones to cover any sudden shortages.
- 1210.2. Cllr S Hocking noted that a flood alert was received a week ago and the current situation is satisfactory. The Flood Wardens are monitoring the situation and that there is currently no indication that Salisbury will soon experience a flood of similar intensity as that of 2014.

1211. Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls:

Councillors received an annually reviewed update on the Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls from the Responsible Financial Officer, and it was:

Resolved to:

1211.1. Approve the adoption of these Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls.

1212. Budget 2023/2024:

The Council considered the recommendations that were made by Finance and Governance on Mon 9 Jan 2023 in detail. Following some discussion, during which some amendments were proposed but none supported, it was:

Resolved to:

1212.1. Approve the proposed revenue and capital budgets and fees and charges for 2023/24 as set out in the report and its appendices, and
1212.2. Approve a precept of £5,152,561.30.

1213. Report from Cllr King concerning the Market Place Stage Proposal:

Councillors received a report concerning the proposal to erect an entertainment stage in the Market Place from the Cllr Jo King. Her proposal was considered, and following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

1213.1. Approve in principle of the proposal as set out in the report.
1213.2. Request that this proposal to be considered in more detail by the Community Services Committee at its next meeting.

1214. Motion – Cllr Nettle:

Cllr Nettle presented his motion that:

“Given the success of the recent ‘Christmas Soft Light switch on,’ with over 6,000 people descending into the City Centre. I would like to propose that when such key events are organised that our officers request appropriate road closures for the safety and enjoyment of our residents and visitors.’

The Council considered the motion. An amended was proposed and agreed. The revised motion as shown below was considered and it was:

Resolved that:

1214.1. The Council agrees the motion - Given the success of the recent ‘Christmas Soft Light switch on,’ with over 6,000 people descending into the City Centre. I would like to propose that when such key events are

organised that our officers investigate appropriate road closures for the safety and enjoyment of our residents and visitors, recognising financial pressures and reporting through the Events, Market and Grants Sub-Committee.

1215. Nominations for Mayor Elect 2023/2024 and Deputy Mayor Elect 2023/2024:

The Chairman called for nominations for the Mayor Elect & Deputy Mayor Elect for 2023/24. It was

Resolved that:

- 1215.1. Cllr Atiqul Hoque be nominated as the Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2023/2024.
Cllr P Sample nominated Cllr A Hoque to be Mayor Elect for 2022/2024 and this was seconded by Cllr A Riddle.
- 1215.2. Cllr Sven Hocking be nominated as the Deputy Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2022/2024.
Cllr I Tomes nominated Cllr S Hocking to be Deputy Mayor Elect in 2023/2024 and this was seconded by Cllr J Nettle.

1216. Calendar of meetings:

The Council considered an amendment to the calendar of meetings 2022/23 and the new calendar of meetings 2023/24, and it was:

Resolved to:

- 1216.1. Approve the amendment to the calendar of meetings 2022/23.
1216.2. Note the calendar of meetings for 2023/24.

1217. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency

- 1217.1. The Chairman invited all present to attend the City Council's Holocaust Memorial Day event taking place in the Guildhall on 27 Jan 2023 at 10.00am.

There were 13 members of the public and 1 member of the press present.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Public Questions and Statements

A statement from Adrian Green (Director, Salisbury Museum) and Sebastian Warrack (Executive Director, Wiltshire Creative) to Full Council of Salisbury City Council on 16th January 2023

- We'd like to make a statement in the light of the proposed cuts to our 2023/24 grants of 50%.
- We urge the council to reconsider this proposal.
- Salisbury City Council has been incredibly supportive of culture in Salisbury.
- It has supported both cultural organisations over a sustained period, benefitting Salisbury's many community groups and residents of all ages.
- We are enormously grateful for this historic funding.
- 3-year funding was approved by the council for each organisation in Nov 2021 and July 2022 respectively.
- It will now be extremely challenging operationally if this funding is now not received in full.
- Culture is one of the defining elements of any great city – witness Bath, Manchester, Glasgow and, indeed, Salisbury.
- Your offer of 3-year funding suggests that SCC believes this too and was crucial to our ability to plan.
- We would remind the council that every pound received from the council is made to work extremely hard - to provide entertainment, education, and, particularly in these troubled times, a welcome distraction for our residents.
- Nothing is wasted.
- The energy and enthusiasm of all of the staff of Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum together greatly amplify the impact of that income for the benefit of all sectors of our community.
- Moreover, it should not be forgotten that the funds provided help to *employ* those hard-working staff who, among other things, run vital outreach programmes to engage the most disadvantaged or forgotten sectors of the city's population.
- Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum use every penny of SCC funding to lever further funding, to deliver vital and tangible benefits to the community.
- In short, cutting the funds when they are most needed is potentially an act of significant self-harm.
- These grants should not be seen as discretionary spend but as *investment* in the welfare and mental health of our community.
- It is now more important than ever not to reduce the support that you give.
- If we all believe that a core part of Salisbury is a dynamic and inclusive cultural scene, it can't be if the funding is not sufficient.
- Funding culture needs to be a long-term strategy.
- As cultural organisations, we have never had it so tough, so this funding is vital. The next financial year is going to be the hardest both organisations have faced in recent times.
- We urge you to re-consider this proposal.
- If the cut goes ahead, we will be forced to reduce the activity, which SCC supports.
- Thank you.

Adrian Green & Sebastian Warrack - 11th January 2023