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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 20 January 2020
Meeting held in : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Walsh

Vice Chair: Cllr C Corbin

Cllrs: J Baber MBE, S Berry, D Brown OBE, T Corbin, B Dalton, K Daley, M Dean, J Farquhar, S Hocking, A Hoque, S Jackson, J Lindley, Dr M McClelland, F Moody, J Nettle, M Osment, L Sirman, C Rogers OBE and I Tomes.

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty and Estelle Sherry.

942. Apologies:

942.1. Apologies were received by Cllr J Broom and A Foster.

943. Public Questions/Statement Time:

943.1. A statement was received from Mr Clive Guthrie- Andrews who was present and read the statement aloud. The statement is attached to these minutes. The Chairman asked the City Clerk to provide Mr Guthrie- Andrews with a written response.

944. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

944.1. There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

945. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

945.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 18 November 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

946. Declarations of Interest:

946.1. Cllr Hoque declared an interest in exempt item 21 on the agenda.

947. Dispensations:

947.1. No dispensations were requested.

948. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 948.1. During the Christmas period the Mayor attended a variety of Carol concerts, including those hosted by Mencap, Cancer Research and local schools.
- 948.2. Other Christmas events the Mayor attended were; Radio Odstock, Churches Together Hastings, the opening of the pop-up shop at 36 High Street and Civic Society Awards Ceremony.
- 948.3. As Mayor, the Chairman has attended other Mayor's events, during which he has been spreading the word that Salisbury is back on its feet.
- 948.4. The Mayor thanked the Mosque on Wilton Road for inviting him visit.
- 948.5. SCC's autumn events, such as the Carnival and Christmas Lights switch on all received rain. However all went very well and the Chairman thanked officers for their hard work.
- 948.6. The Chairman also noted the success of the Christmas Fayre, ice rink, Santa's grotto, Tipi bar and Horse & Carriage Rides. The council gave a round of applause to the Events Team and all officers who delivered these events.
- 948.7. On 29 February the Mayor's Charity is hosting a Comedy Evening at the Guildhall.

949. Referral of Minutes:

The Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below.

949.1. Services	02 December 2019
949.2. Planning	09 December 2019
949.3. Planning	06 January 2020
949.4. Finance and Governance	13 January 2020

950. Leader's Report:

The Leader made the following announcements:

- 950.1. Since the last Full Council meeting SCC has had a very active few months with emphasis being on the city 'moving forward', working in partnership on improving the City. The Leader noted that more information regarding this work was to be provided during item 12 of the agenda.

- 950.2. The Leader continues to meet with Tom Dobrashian, Interim Director of Economic Recovery, for Wiltshire Council regarding the High Street Bid and City Area Framework consultation.
- 950.3. The Leader was delighted, alongside the Mayor, in representing the City at the opening of 36 High Street. The empty shop is being used to promote local Artisans.
- 950.4. There was increased footfall in the City during the Christmas period, with the recent Christmas Fayre helping to support this increase, including 10,000 ice staking tickets sold.
- 950.5. The Leader provided press interviews to promote the Christmas Fayre, speaking to BBC Wiltshire and BBC Radio 2 on the Jeremy Vine show.
- 950.6. The Christmas in Salisbury 2019 website listed over 180 events, with its highest hits being people located in London. The websites ice rick and what's on pages were the top 2 for hits, followed by the Christmas Fayre. The Christmas Fayre Facebook page also had a high level of hits. Once evaluation work has been complete by SCC and partners, a full review briefing of Christmas in Salisbury 2019 will be provided to Cllrs.
- 950.7. Since declaring a Climate Emergency, the Council has begun to implement its Environmental Policy Action Plan with the purchasing of new electric equipment.
- 950.8. The effects of climate change were seen with flooding within the city in 2014 and again recently. Salisbury City Council's Flood Wardens assisted with issues and reports within the city. Currently there are 22 flood wardens, 7 of which are Cllrs. The Leader put a call out for more Cllrs to become wardens for the city and to represent their wards. Further flood warden information and training details will be provided to Cllrs. Information for members of the community to also become flood wardens will be published on the SCC website.
- 950.9. The Leader was delighted to hear that Salisbury has been re-accredited with Purple Flag status. This shows that the city is a safe and enjoyable night out with plenty on offer for everyone. All are encouraged to come and enjoy its fantastic arts and culture, leisure, food and dining, education and events taking place all year round.
- 950.10. The Leader reflected on the last years achievements, such as progress in improving the cleanliness of the city, Neighbourhood Plan relaunching and development, opening of the new Avenue Cemetery, National Armed Forces Day, the Christmas Fayre, Shop Mobility refurbishment and SCC being awarded runner-up at the NALC Star Council of the Year Awards. The Leader thanked all Working Groups and Committees and our SCC staff who have been very focussed on achieving the ambitions of this Council.
- 950.11. Looking forward to year 2020/21, the Leader summarised what is ahead including no rise in the precept, new budget for the Environmental Policy Action Plan and the ongoing review of the Council's property portfolio.
- 950.12. Following the Leader's announcements Cllr Rogers commended Cllr T Corbin for standing in the recent General Election.

951. Committee Representatives Report:

- 951.1. The Services Committee Chairman Cllr S Hocking referred to the Environmental Policy Action Plan which has recently been approved and actioned, which was to be discussed further at item 16 of the meeting.

- 951.2. Finance & Governance Committee Chairman Cllr S Jackson referred budget setting for 2020/21, which was to be discussed further during item 15 of the meeting.
- 951.3. Planning Committee Chairman Cllr J Farquhar had no current issues to address or report.

952. Update from Outside Representatives:

- 952.1. Cllr S Jackson reported that Salisbury Museum also seen increased footfall during the Christmas period, with an event receiving 5 times more people attend compared to the previous year.

953. Salisbury Place Board:

The Chairman introduced Tom Dobrashian, Interim Salisbury Recovery Director for Wiltshire Council, who gave a verbal briefing with a presentation regarding the emerging Future Salisbury Place Board.

- 953.1. The new Board has been formed to ensure Salisbury prospers going forward. Current representatives on the Board are Wiltshire Council, Salisbury City Council, Salisbury BID, Wiltshire College, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury Cultural Partnership, SWLEP, with the MP as Chairman.
- 953.2. From this board 6 pillar groups have been formed to deliver its objectives, these pillars are; Managing the city, Support Business Growth, Supporting the Cultural Offer, Curating vibrancy in the city, Develop the city and Marketing the city
- 953.3. SCC are leading the Managing the city and Vibrancy in the city pillars, with both SCC and WC facilitating all pillar meetings.
- 953.4. A website for the Board is to be created, with information, reports and meeting notes published. This presentation will be distributed to Cllrs following the meeting.

954. Nominations for Mayor 2020/2021 and Deputy Mayor 2020/21:

The Chairman called for nominations for the Mayor Elect & Deputy Mayor Elect for 2020/21. It was

Resolved:

- 954.1. Cllr J Nettle nominated Cllr Caroline Corbin to be Mayor in 2020/21, this was seconded by Cllr M Osment. There were no further nominations. Councillor Caroline Corbin's nomination to serve as Mayor for the municipal year 2020/21 was unanimously approved.
- 954.2. Cllr M Osment nominated Cllr Tom Corbin to be Deputy Mayor in 2020/21, this was seconded by Cllr J Nettle. There were no further nominations. Councillor Tom Corbin's nomination to serve as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2020/21 was unanimously approved.

955. Calendar of Meetings 2020/21:

The committee reviewed the proposed calendar of meetings for 2020/21 and it was:

Resolved to:

955.1. Change the Lower Bemerton Trust AGM date to take place prior to Full Council on 29 June 2020.

955.2. Agree the calendar of meetings for 2020/21.

956. Budget & Precept Setting 2019/20:

The Chairman of the Finance and Governance Committee Cllr Simon Jackson provided a summary of the report given at Finance and Governance Committee on 13 January 2020. Full Council considered the report and it was:

Resolved to:

956.1. Adopt the proposed revenue and capital budgets and fees and charges for 2020/21 and set a precept of £3,064,133.

957. Environmental Policy Action Plan – Urgent Request to Spend Allocated Budget:

The Committee received a report outlining the decisions concerning the spending of the 2019/2020 EPAP budget and it was:

Resolved to:

957.1. Note the urgent nature of the decision required and that supplementary information has been provided to Full Council.

957.2. Agree that £10,000 can be spent on tree planting by SCC on land owned and/or maintained by SCC during 2019/2020.

958. Public Open Space at Bishopdown Farm:

The Committee considered the report which gave details of transfer of land ownership between Wiltshire Council (WC) and Laverstock and Ford Parish Council (LFPC) for a piece of land within the parish boundary of Salisbury City Council (SCC). It was:

Resolved:

958.1. Note the transfer of land from Wiltshire Council to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council.

958.2. Welcome the establishment of the Castle Hill Country Park under the management of The Land Trust, where it will be a valuable resource for residents of both the City, Laverstock and Ford.

959. Purchasing of Property:

The Committee considered the report regarding SCC's purchasing of property and it was:

Resolved to:

- 959.1. Agree to actively consider the purchase of additional property where the criteria set out in the report can be met.
- 959.2. Note that this purchase may require the Council to borrow to fund for the purchase.
- 959.3. Agree that any final decision to buy property would be made by Full Council at an extraordinary meeting of Full Council called for that purpose, if there was not a meeting planned which meet the timescale for the decision.

The Chairman paused the meeting at 8.30pm before going to exempt business.

960. Exempt Information:

In view of the confidential or sensitive nature of the matters considered, the Full Council excluded the press and public from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 19 and 20 on the grounds that they may involve the disclosure of 'exempt information' as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 where the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in favour of disclosure the information explained below:

Agenda Item 20: Sale of Property

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Paragraph 3 namely: **Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**

963. 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 5 members of the public and 1 members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

PUBLIC STATEMENT

Mr Clive Guthrie-Andrews

"I am glad that Salisbury is to have more hotels and I welcome the extra employment this will generate. We need to think of how best to get people to want to "Stay in Salisbury". I have suggested the slogan "Stay in Salisbury see Stonehenge" for when we see the Stonehenge landscape as it was many centuries ago. But we need to also attract people who stay in Salisbury to use as a base to explore magnificent hinterland. Too often I hear "it's only the cathedral and Stonehenge".

Indeed my wife and I will stay in Liverpool so we can explore such places as Wigan, St Helen's Preston, Southport, the Wirral, Preston and Blackpool by train. Many months ago the City Clerk and I agreed that the Visit Salisbury on-line presence could do with some improvements. She said she would take some of those up with the person who is responsible. She did warn me that "local government wheels grind exceedingly slowly".

I am concerned that some of the matters we discussed have still not been actioned. For instance the ability to click on the parks so that you can find out their attractions. This means that Salisbury council information will appear. Incidentally the Council information might itself be upgraded. For Lizzie Gardens you should be able to see the drone video.

The map is severely overloaded with information and deleting buttons requires a lot of user patience (and indeed for me a teach in by the City Clerk) We agreed that the "disability information button" was inadequate. It remains inadequate with NO mention of the hire of disability scooters. Useful information about Salisbury is at the end rather than the beginning.

I am glad that the River Bourne Nature Reserve is now given prominence. Also that Christmas and Easter are given a better prominence. Last time we suggested going to Longford lakes, which while lovely are a very obscure reason for visiting Salisbury at Easter.

The 2 biggest miss is not publicising attractions that can be reached by bus. You are directed to the Reds website rather than a bespoke Salisbury tourist "day out suggestions". We need to show how you can reach attractive places like Downton, the New Forest, Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Boscombe & Bournemouth on the X3 as well as the Breezer that has a large spot.

I am still minded to suggest that Salisbury has a "Tourism champion" and investigates having a tourist card.

If you have been, I thank you for listening"