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## Minutes

**Meeting of** : Full Council  
**Date** : 9 March 2020  
**Meeting held in** : The Guildhall  
**Commencing at** : 6:30pm

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Present:

Chair: Cllr J Walsh

Vice Chair: Cllr C Corbin

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

Officers: Annie Child, Estelle Sherry, Joanna Wood, Charlotte Williams and Thomas Simpkins

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### **964. Apologies:**

964.1. Apologies were received by Cllr J Broom, Cllr B Dalton, Cllr M Dean, Cllr J Farquhar, Cllr S Jackson and Cllr L Sirman.

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

965.1. A question was received from Mr Clive Guthrie-Andrews who was present and read the Question aloud. The question is attached to these minutes. The City Clerk will meet with Mr Guthrie-Andrews to discuss the question posed and a written answer will be provided, following this meeting.

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

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

### **967. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

967.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 20 January 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**968. Declarations of Interest:**

968.1. No declarations of interest were expressed.

**969. Dispensations:**

969.1. No dispensations were requested.

**970. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 970.1. Since January the Mayor and Mayoress have attended a variety of events here and away: this included the Celebrating Services for Older people event in the Guildhall and an Alzheimer's event for residents and their carers near Devizes.
- 970.2. The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Rainbow Flag Event at the Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust to recognise diversity and mark LGBT+ Day and LGBT+ History month.
- 970.3. The Mayor attended the AGMS for the Xanten and Saintes twinning association. The Mayor noted the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the twinning of Saintes and Salisbury happening in April.
- 970.4. As Mayor, the Chairman attended the launch of the International Arts Festival.
- 970.5. The Chairman noted the announcement of the Salisbury Edition Monopoly Board, which will come out later this year.
- 970.6. The Chairman noted the success of the Annual Charter Sunday Service and complimented St Thomas's Church on their latest restoration and works.
- 970.7. The Chairman, as Mayor also attended the Annual Pancake Race, Sarum Lights, College of Sarum St Michael graduation ceremony, World Day of Prayer service and the Soroptimists event celebrating International Women's day
- 970.8. The Mayor represented the city at the Royal Signals Centenary Service in the Cathedral in the presence of HRH Princess Royal.
- 970.9. The Chairman also noted the City's commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE and VJ Day, which will take place at St Thomas's Church at 3:30pm on the 8 May 2020. All are welcome.

**971. Referral of Minutes:**

The Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below.

971.1. Planning	03 February 2020
971.2. Services	10 February 2020
971.3. Planning	24 February 2020

**972. Leader's Report:**

The Leader made the following announcements:

- 972.1. The Leader of the Council, Cllr J Nettle, noted that since the last meeting, the Council have had several active months focused on moving the city forward working in partnership across the city. With the Future Salisbury Place Board replacing many of our partner meetings, we are now focused on the six pillars. So far the Managing the City and Vibrancy in the City pillars have had meetings. Managing the City had a very successful briefing with local businesses informing of how we are working as an integrated team with Venture, CCTV, the police and others.
- 972.2. The Leader noted that he has had press interviews with BBC Wiltshire focused on the tree planting programme, and with BBC South Today acknowledged the anniversary of the Novichok incident.
- 972.3. The Leader noted a second joint meeting with Wiltshire Council on climate change meeting, chaired by Cllr Hocking, was held in the Guildhall where over 100 members of the public attended. Findings from that meeting will shortly be on the SCC web site.
- 972.4. The Leader recalled that the Council approved of £10,000 for the Tree Planting programme, to plant trees in the wards this has been successful in improving biodiversity and helping to lower CO<sub>2</sub> levels.
- 972.5. The Leader noted that Cllrs have been involved with the community tree planting in Bemerton ward led by Mike D'Apice from the Salisbury Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, with funding from Salisbury Extinction Rebellion and supported by SCC.
- 972.6. The Leader noted that the first monthly Salisbury Street Sellers, a new market event, started last Sunday, to help entice families into the city and improve footfall.
- 972.7. The Leader stated that Council were alert to potential impacts of the Coronavirus and that a press release will be going out soon. The Council is following national governmental guidance.
- 972.8. The Leader finished by giving his personal thanks to the working groups, committees and staff for all their work over the past administrative year.
- 972.9. The Leader also congratulated and thanked the Mayor and his Mayoress for their hard work and dedication in representing the city during the past year, and wished them every success for fundraising for South Wilts Mencap, the Mayor's chosen charity.

### **973. Committee Representatives Report:**

- 973.1. The Planning Committee Chairman, Cllr Farquhar, reported in writing to the Chairman that recently their work had been made more difficult over the last month due to Wiltshire Council's IT problems. This now seems to be resolved.
- 973.2. The Personnel Committee Chairman, Cllr Hoque, reported that SCC have signed the Time to Change Pledge. In doing so the Council have committed to changing the way it thinks and acts about mental health in the workplace.

### **974. Update from Outside Representatives:**

- 974.1. Cllr Farquhar, the Chairman of the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group (NDPSG), reported in writing to the Chairman that he is satisfied with the progress made so far. Cllr Farquhar noted the NDPSG's focus is currently on working closely with partners to gather data

and evidence for where we want Salisbury to be in 2036 in the areas of Climate Change, Transport and Movement, Green Space Infrastructure, Design, Housing and Employment. This work will continue during the spring, with the intention to start gathering evidence of the community's preferences during the summer, once we have established a solid platform of knowledge and options from which to consult. The SG's work is, of course, only part of a jig-saw whose other moving parts include WC's Local Plan, the Central Area Framework, the Maltings Development, the Environment Agency's Green Passage, the Salisbury Place Board and WC/SCC Statement of Common Ground. Cllr T Corbin, the Vice Chairman of the NDPSG noted the Climate Change Group will have a public meeting on the Thu 16 Apr 2020 and more information will be available in due course.

974.2. Cllr Rogers noted as a Council's representative at Wiltshire Creative that the Arts Centre and Festival have lost their leading sponsors and that funding of the festival could be a challenge. Councillors noted his concerns and also noted the significance and value the Festival has for the city.

#### **975. Financial Regulations and Internal Controls:**

The Council reviewed the Financial Regulations and Internal Controls Policy for 2020/21 and it was:

##### **Resolved to:**

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

#### **976. Members Communication and Data Protection:**

The Council received a report outlining regarding Members Communication, taking into consideration Data Protection and it was:

##### **Resolved to:**

976.1. Defer to any decision until the next Full Council meeting to allow additional information, and training if required, to be provided.

#### **977. Christmas Fayre and Ice Rink 2019 Report:**

The Council received a report outlining Salisbury Christmas Fayre and Ice Rink 2019 and it was:

##### **Resolved to:**

977.1. Run the Christmas Fayre and Ice Rink in 2020/2021.

977.2. Agree that the Christmas activity aspires to be cost neutral where possible but note the potential costs

977.3. Agree that oversight of the Christmas activity will be delegated to Services Committee and the Business Working Group who will need to consider the programme and budget in detail.

**978. 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 8 members of the public and 0 members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm.

## **Salisbury City Council**

### **Full Council**

**Mon 9 Mar 2020**

### **Agenda Item 965**

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

Question by Mr Clive Guthrie-Andrews

#### **Question for Council regarding Combatting Antisemitism**

YouTube is a battleground with all kinds of antisemitism competing with good solid information. It lacks is a video in English on "Nazi Aryanisation" separate to the Nazi looting of art. For obvious reasons most of these videos are in French. It estimated the Aryanisation of France is calculated at 154 billion francs.

Would the council support the PRINCIPLE of a community produced YouTube video bearing the council logo and some slogan like "Salisbury stands against Antisemitism"?

If so, could you appoint a councillor to spearhead the enterprise?