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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 16 November 2020
Meeting held : via Microsoft Teams
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Walsh

Vice Chair: Cllr C Corbin

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

Officers: Annie Child, Estelle Sherry, Joanna Wood, David Bradley, Thomas Simpkins and Yaroslav Pustarnakov.

985. Apologies:

985.1. There were no apologies received as all members were present.

986. Public Questions/Statement Time:

986.1. There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

987. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

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

988. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

988.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 7 September 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

989. Declarations of Interest:

989.1. There were no declarations of interest.

990. Dispensations:

990.1. No dispensations were requested.

991. Referral of Minutes:

Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

Planning	28 Sep 2020
Services	5 Oct 2020
Planning	26 Oct 2020
Finance and Governance	2 Nov 2020
Services	3 Nov 2020
Personnel	9 Nov 2020

992. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 992.1. Councillors will be aware that Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant would normally be present to make any awards that he or she makes, in person. It had been planned to hold an award ceremony in April. However, the banning of large gatherings for the foreseeable future has meant that on this occasion the Lord Lieutenant's Awards will be presented by myself on her behalf at the Full Council Meeting.
- 992.2. He noted Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton, for Wiltshire awards Cllr Matthew Dean with a certificate of commendation for his outstanding work in dealing with the Novichok poisoning incident.
- 992.3. The Lord Lieutenant further hopes the Cllr Jeremy Nettle will accept a certificate of commendation on behalf of the all the City Council councillors and officers for all the work during and after the incident.
- 992.4. The Chairman echoed Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant's words by thanking Cllr Dean, Cllr Nettle, Salisbury City Councillors and Officers for their hard work during city's recovery after the Novichok poisoning.
- 992.5. In response Cllr Dean thanked Salisbury City Councillors and Officers for their hard work, and Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for awarding this prestigious commendation.
- 992.6. In his reply, Cllr Nettle also thanked Salisbury City Councillors and Officers for their hard work and accepted the award on their behalf. Cllr Nettle went on to say that he will be stepping down as the Leader of the Council, and he wished the best of luck to his successor. Cllr Nettle also spoke about the achievements of the City Council and the challenges the Council is facing. He commented on the resilience of the local community and the need to continue to work with all partners to secure the future of the City.
- 992.7. The Chairman reported that since September he has supported a number of businesses and charities by opening new premises, attending a small number of charity events, appearing in a number of photo shoots usually involving awards or in one case helping the war on littering. The Mayor

and the Mayoress also enjoyed meeting the children of Grovely Class at St Peter's Primary Academy (virtual).

- 992.8. The Chairman noted with deep regret the death of Mr Ullah, the Chairman of the Muslim Association. The Council passed on its sincere condolences to Mr Ullah's family, friends and colleagues.
- 992.9. The Chairman noted that he had been informed by the City Clerk that Wiltshire Council are dealing with compliant alleging that a city councillor has breached SCC's Code of Conduct. In accordance with our Standing Orders paragraph 14a, this must be reported to the Council and is hereby done so. The member who is alleged to have breached the Code of Conduct will be aware of the complaint against them.

993. Election of the Leader of the Council:

- 993.1. The Chairman invited Leader of the Labour Group, Cllr Osment, and Leader of the Lib Dem Group, Cllr Dalton to speak about Cllr Nettle who was stepping down as the Leader of the Council.
- 993.2. Cllrs Osment and Dalton thanked Cllr Nettle for his hard work, diligence and service in exercising the duties of his role as the Leader of the Council to build partnerships within the SCC and other organisations to benefit the City of Salisbury and its residents.
- 993.3. The Chairman called for nominations for the Leader of the Council and requested that Officers record the vote.
- 993.4. Cllr Foster proposed that Cllr Sirman be elected as the Leader of the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Berry. In the absence of any other nominations, it was:

Resolved that

- 993.5. Cllr Sirman was elected as the Leader of the Council.

Cllrs Berry, Daley, Dean, Foster, Hoque, Jackson, Lindley, McClelland, Moody and Sirman voted in favour.

No votes were recorded against.

Cllrs Baber, Broom, Brown, C Corbin, T Corbin, Dalton, Farquhar, Hocking, Osment, Nettle, Tomes and Walsh abstained from voting.

994. Election of the Deputy Leader of the Council:

- 994.1. The Chairman called nomination for the Deputy Leader of the Council, and requested that Officers record the vote.
- 994.2. Cllr McClelland proposed that Cllr Jackson be elected as the Deputy Leader of the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Daley. In the absence of any other nominations, it was:

Resolved that

- 994.3. Cllr Jackson was elected as the Deputy Leader of the Council.

Cllrs Baber, Berry, Dean, Daley, Foster, Hoque, Jackson, Lindley, McClelland, Moody, and Sirman voted in favour

No votes were recorded against

Cllr Broom, Brown, C Corbin, T Corbin, Dalton, Farquhar, Hocking, Nettle Osment, Tomes and Walsh abstained from voting.

995. Leader's Report:

The Leader made the following announcements:

- 995.1. The Leader of the Council thanked Cllr Nettle for all of his hard work and dedication to the City of Salisbury and to his constituents of the Fisherton and Bemerton Village ward.
- 995.2. The Leader of the Council reminded Councillors and the public that Christmas Lights will be turned on Saturday 21 November. It is unfortunate that the City will not be able to celebrate this wonderful occasion due to quarantine restrictions, but hopefully next year normal service will be resumed.
- 995.3. The Leader of the Council praised everyone for their diligence, and added that she is looking forward to working with everyone in the coming months.
- 995.4. The new Leader of the Council then answered a range of questions from councillors on topics which included parking enforcement, climate change, revitalisation of the city and Group Leaders meetings.

996. Update from Outside Representatives:

- 996.1. Cllr T Corbin, a member of the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNDP) praised the volunteer members of the SNDP Steering Group for their hard work which will help shape and guide future development in our city but highlighted the poor attendance by some councillors who are members of the SNDP.
- 996.2. Cllr Jackson noted as a Council's representative for Salisbury Museum that the Museum has had an encouraging start to the season, after reopening on the 1 Aug 2020. However, the Museum is once again had to temporarily close due to the new national restrictions. Cllr Jackson also informed Councillors that the Museum received a grant for over £3 million from the Heritage Fund Lottery with £1.2 million needed in match funding.
- 996.3. The Leader of the Council informed Councillors that she will seek a new Council's representative for the Wiltshire Creative.

997. River Park Development:

Salisbury City Councillors received a detailed presentation from Andy Wallis, Environment Agency (EA), and David Milton, Wiltshire Council (WC) on the River Park project. Following some detailed discussion of the key issues and questions being addressed, it was:

Resolved that:

- 997.1. SCC supports the principle of the River Park development scheme and welcomes this flood mitigation and new green area for the City.

997.2. Officers are instructed to continue to work with the EA, WC and other stakeholders to progress this project with details to be reported to Full Council or committee when appropriate.

998. Annual Return for the Year Ended 2019/20:

Councillors received a report on the annual return certification from the Responsible Financial Officer, Estelle Sherry, and it was:

Resolved to

998.1. Note the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2019/20.

998.2. Note the publication of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit on 16 October 2020.

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

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

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.