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Minutes

Meeting of : Services
Date : 20 September 2021
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: P Cunningham Vice Chair: Cllr S Charleston

Cllrs: A Bayliss, T Corbin, B Dalton, J King, A Riddle, R Rogers, I Tomes and M Webb

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty and David Bradley

889. Apologies:

- 889.1. Cllr C Stanway was substituted by Cllr A Bayliss.
- 889.2. Cllr J Bolwell was substituted by Cllr R Rogers.
- 889.3. Cllr C Corbin was substituted by Cllr I Tomes.
- 889.4. Cllr C McGrath gave his apologies.
- 889.5. Cllr J Nettle gave his apologies.
- 889.6. Cllr A Hoque, Cllr P Sample and Cllr E Rimmer were not present.

890. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

891. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

892. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of Full Council held on 21 June 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

893. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

894. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

895. Chairman's Announcements:

895.1. The Chairman asked that item 9. Working Group Updates are to be headline updates only.

896. Working Group Terms of Reference (TORS):

Working Group TORS were considered by the committee, it was;

Resolved that:

896.1. Point 3.4 of the Environmental Services Working Group TORS will be deleted and approved.

896.2. Business and Communities Working Group TORS were both approved.

897. Working Group Updates:

897.1. The Chairman gave a verbal update on behalf of Business Working Group Chairman Cllr J Nettle. Over 6,500 people played mini golf over the summer at the Fayre on the Square. The recent Foodie Sunday event was also very well attended. This year's Charter Fair will run from Sunday 17 – Wednesday 20 October. Christmas activities include Window Wanderland, Christmas Tree Trail and lights across the city, plus carol singers and a reindeer. There will be no Christmas light switch on or Christmas Fayre this year. The group agreed that a large scale Jubilee event will not take place, however there will be a number of smaller scale events within the city.

897.2. Cllr King gave a verbal update regarding Communities Working Group. The group have discussed items such as sports development in the autumn, Community Grants, the recruitment of the new Salisbury Pantry Manager and the Council's help regarding the Afghan refugee bus collection on the Guildhall Square.

898. Share Salisbury:

A verbal and PowerPoint presentation was provide by Eva McHugh from Share Salisbury. The committee thanked Eva for attending the meeting and her work.

899. Wiltshire Climate Alliance:

The group were unable to attend the meeting. Officers are to invite the group to attend another Services Committee meeting.

900. Environmental Policy Action Plan Update:

The Environmental Services Manager, David Bradley provided a verbal update regarding the policy and actions progress since the last meeting. All 40 actions within the plan have been commenced with 8 actions completed so far, including an Environmental audit of Salisbury City Council. Some of the actions that have moved forwards include the council's water efficiency and harvesting of water for plant watering, increase of working from home and remote working, use of the first electric hybrid vehicle for grounds work, cycle to work scheme and revision of the council's herbicide use policy. The committee discussed the plan's progress, gave feedback to the environment Services Manager and it was;

Resolved to:

900.1. Note the report.

901. Review of Use of Glyphosate:

Environmental Services Manager, David Bradley presented the report, and it was;

Resolved to:

901.1. Agreed that Salisbury City Council is to cease the use of herbicides containing glyphosate with immediate effect.

Councillors S Charleston, A Riddle, T Corbin, I Tomes, R Rogers, M Webb, B Dalton and A Bayliss voted in favour - 8 votes.

Councillors P Cunningham and J King voted against - 2 votes.

903. Exempt Information:

In view of the confidential or sensitive nature of the matters to be considered, the Personnel Committee will consider excluding the press and public from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 15 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 15: Post Grounds Maintenance Post Contract Project

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

Cllr B Dalton forwarded the motion to move this item to exempt business, this was seconded by Cllr by A Riddle.

The meeting moved into Exempt Business at 7.26pm.

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

904.1. The Committee thanked David Bradley for his hard work during his time working with Salisbury City Council and wished him the best for the future.

There were 2 members of the public and 1 member of the press present.

The meeting closed at 7.59pm