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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 11 March 2019
Meeting held in : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30 pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Walsh

Vice Chair: Cllr C Corbin

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

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty, Estelle Sherry and Joanna Wood.

885. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Osment, A Foster and F Moody.

886. Public Questions/Statement Time:

A number of questions and statements had been received with regards to Agenda Item 11. The Chairman confirmed that these would be addressed once the council come to this item.

887. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

888. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 11 March 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

889. Declarations of Interest:

- 889.1. Cllr J Lindley declared an interest in Item 11 on the agenda due to him being a pagan high priest.
- 889.2. Cllr M McClelland declared an interest Item 21 on the agenda due to him being a Salisbury Citywatch director.

890. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

891. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 891.1. The Chairman thanked Officers for their work in preparing for Mayor Making and Councillors for supporting his charity evening. The event received £4,000 in donations for South Wilts Mencap. There was also a very good turnout by Councillors for the D-Day commemoration service.
- 891.2. Thank you also to the Deputy Mayor for attending events in the Mayor's absence while away in Xanten.
- 891.3. The Chairman as Mayor has also attended 3 engagements in the Cathedral so far, including a very moving ceremony on the 7 June when the Cathedral invited Father Michael Fitzpatrick, the local Catholic parish priest, to celebrate 50 years of service as an ordained priest.
- 891.4. The build-up for the Armed Forces Day is proceeding apace. I am happy that our involvement is appropriate for the occasion.

The Chairman also asked the Vice-Chairman to provide an update as follows:

- 891.5. The Vice Chairman reported that it had been a busy time since Mayor Making and has had the pleasure of meeting many residents in Salisbury, and those visiting the City.
- 891.6. Salisbury was lucky to host the OVO Cycle Tour and the Vice Chairman reported that it was fabulous to watch the race.
- 891.7. The Vice Chairman was also invited to present prizes at our Community raft race where giant rubber ducks floated down the river in Churchill Gardens.
- 891.8. This year marked the 4th anniversary of our Park Run, again at Churchill Gardens. I was a great event to acknowledge the 66 volunteers who turn out every week to ensure the event runs smoothly, including setting up the event and litter picking the evening before.
- 891.9. The Vice Chairman also visited Cedars Care Home in Landford at the start of carer's week, where she met both residents and its friendly staff.
- 891.10. Wiltshire High Sherriff David Scott hosted a reception which the Vice Chairman attended, he has chosen two charities which will benefit Children and young people.

892. Referral of Minutes:

The Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below.

- 892.1. Services - 4 March 2019
- 892.2. Full Council - 11 March 2019
- 892.3. Planning - 18 March 2019
- 892.4. Finance and Governance - 8 April 2019
- 892.5. Planning - 15 April 2019
- 892.6. Annual Meeting/Full Council - 18 May 2019

893. Election of the Leader of the Council 2019/20:

The Chairman called for nominations for this position. Cllr J Nettle was nominated. There were no further nominations. Therefore it was:

Resolved to:

- 893.1. Elect Cllr J Nettle as Leader of the Council for 2019/20.

894. Leaders Report:

The Leader made the following announcements:

- 894.1. The Leader has recently given a number of press interviews with BBC Wiltshire regarding the OVO Energy Cycle Tour Series, Visit Salisbury digital advertisement in Leicester Square and National Armed Forces Day in Salisbury.
- 894.2. The Leader is continuing to meet with Cllr Pauline Church, as well as Tom Dobrashian, Interim Director for Economic Recovery, with regard to the High Street Bid and City Area Framework consultation.
- 894.3. The Leader has continued to represent Salisbury City Council at the regular Steering Group meetings for National Armed Forces 3 Days which is in 2 weeks' time. Our officers have been working very closely with Wiltshire Council to achieve a memorable and successful day.
- 894.4. The Leader reported that Salisbury City Council continue to monitor foot fall indicators which suggest that it is still lower than the same period as 2017. Further information regarding the The Salisbury Recovery Plan will be discussed during Item 20 of the agenda.
- 894.5. The Leader reported that Salisbury City Council officers are working very closely with the Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID) on issues such as safety, cleanliness of the City, and events. He was delighted to report that this year has seen a record number of hanging baskets and flower arrangements.
- 894.6. The Leader has also represented the City Council at the following events; Viewing of Augustis Jon at Salisbury Museum, Cllr Jackson represented SCC at the launch of Phase 2 of Wiltshire College & University Centre's Salisbury Campus Redevelopment

895. Environmental Motion:

The Leader of the Council Cllr J Nettle who put forward his motion and agreed an amendment to it as proposed by Cllr M Dean. The Chairman then took

questions and statements from members of the public and received a petition from the Green Party with 279 signatures. Following further discussions of the issues by the council, it was:

Resolved to:

- 895.1. Acknowledge that Wiltshire Council has declared a 'Climate Emergency' and that Salisbury City Council declare this too.
- 895.2. Work with partners to make the City of Salisbury as carbon neutral as possible by 2030.
- 895.3. Work with partners to achieve "clean air" in Salisbury by 2022, in particular by taking action to reduce vehicle emissions, supporting public transport, cycling and walking; replacing or converting all council-owned or operated vehicles to electric powered vehicles as soon as is practically possible; encouraging the rapid phasing out of diesel-powered buses in the City by bus operators and their replacement by cleaner or non-polluting alternatives; increasing wherever possible the extent of pedestrianised areas within the City centre; undertaking a comprehensive programme of improvement of the insulation of all council-owned property, and ensuring that such property shall be fitted with solar panels wherever possible; and doing everything within its power to ensure that such standards should also apply to any new buildings which are permitted within the City.
- 895.4. Fully support the work directed at tackling the Climate Emergency that will be carried out by Wiltshire Council where appropriate for the residents of Salisbury
- 895.5. Note that SCC's Environmental Working Group will consider the development, promotion and delivery solutions specific to the City in carbon reduction and ecological protection
- 895.6. Call on Wiltshire Council to provide resources to deliver those solutions

The vote was recorded as follows:

For: Cllrs J Baber, J Broom, D Brown, C Corbin, T Corbin, B Dalton, M Dean, J Farquhar, S Hocking, A Hoque, S Jackson, J Lindley, J Nettle, L Sirman, C Rogers and I Tomes (16)

Against: Cllrs M McClelland, J Daley and S Berry (3)

The Chairman did not vote.

896. Interim Internal Audit Report:

The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) read from the report and requested that the committee note its recommendations, it was:

Resolved to:

- 896.1. Note the Interim Internal Audit Report and its recommendations.

897. Annual Governance Statement:

The RFO read from the report. Councillors considered the Accounting Statements as detailed in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2018/19. It was:

Resolved to

897.1. Approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

As required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations, Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 was signed and dated by Councillor John Walsh, the Chairman of Salisbury City Council.

898. Accounting Statement:

The RFO read from the report. Councillors considered the Accounting Statements as detailed in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2018/19. It was:

Resolved to

898.1. Note the certified Accounting Statements for 2018/19

As required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations, Section 2 –Accounting Statements 2018/19 was signed and dated by Councillor John Walsh, the Chairman of Salisbury City Council.

899. City Grant Application:

Applicant Mike Lennard, Chairman of Salisbury Transition City C.I.C was present and spoke regarding the application submitted. Councillors considered the application and in a unanimous vote, it was:

Resolved that:

899.1. Salisbury City Council approve this grant application for £1,000.

900. Members Representation:

No amendments were given and, it was:

Resolved to:

900.1. Note the report.

901. Reports from Outside Representatives:

901.1. Cllr Brown, as Chairman of Salisbury Flood Working Group, informed the Council that Officer David Bradley, Environmental Services Manager, is now also attending this group to assist with its work with partners. Cllr Brown also reminded all that the group are still looking for further

volunteers and that a further information can be found on the Salisbury City Council [website](#).

902. Councillor Attendance 2018/19:

No amendments were given and, it was:

Resolved to:

902.1. Note the report.

903. Basic Parish and Traveling & Subsistence Allowance 2018/19:

No amendments were given and, it was:

Resolved to:

903.1. Note the report.

904. Salisbury Recovery Funding:

The Leader Cllr J Nettle presented the report, giving further details and answering questions regarding what is hoped that this funding will assist in achieving. Following which, it was:

Resolved to:

- 904.1. Agree that £20,000 be allocated from SCC's contingency budget for 2019/2020 toward ongoing support of the recovery projects with local partners
- 904.2. Agree that £10,000 of this funding be allocated towards the Salisbury competitive brand repositioning project, conditional on other key funders contributing a similar level of funding.
- 904.3. Delegate authority to the City Clerk, in liaison with the Leader of the Council, to spend the unallocated funding (£10,000) on projects for the benefit of Salisbury residents
- 904.4. Request that the City Clerk reports on the use of this funding to the Finance and Governance Committee

905. Future Provision of CCTV in Salisbury:

Cllr J Baber, Chairman of Salisbury Citywatch presented that report and also included his thanks to Mike Wolthers who set up Citywatch and its staff, including CCTV Manager Richard Goodman, operatives and volunteers for all their work. Cllr M McClelland also gave his thanks to all those involved in Salisbury Citywatch, also thanking Cllr Baber for all his work as Chairman. Councillors considered the report and, it was:

Resolved to:

- 905.1. Acknowledge and thank the City Watch Board Members, past and present, for their efforts and commitment in bringing the successful operation of the CCTV system back to Salisbury.
- 905.2. Terminate the SLA agreement with Salisbury City Watch.
- 905.3. Take on responsibly the operation of the CCTV system from SCW.
- 905.4. Determine that this transfer is conditional on SCW transferring the balance of its funds to SCC on the transfer date.
- 905.5. Agree to delegate authority to the City Clerk to manage this transfer within the condition sets out in this report, and Annex A to this report.

906. Salisbury Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr J Farquhar, Chairman of the Salisbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave an update regarding the projects progress so far. He also encouraged councillors and the public to attend either of the last two consultation events taking place this week and that further details can be found on the Salisbury City Council [website](#).

The Steering Group has also considered the Salisbury Neighbourhood Plan area and has recommended that it is the parish area. The Council agreed this recommendation and therefore it was:

Resolved that:

- 906.1. Salisbury City Council, as the relevant body to undertaken neighbourhood planning in this area, in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and section 5(1)(C) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation's 2012, agree that the designated area for the Salisbury Neighbourhood Plan shall be the area of the parish of the City of Salisbury.

907. Christmas in Salisbury:

Cllr K Daley presented the report and gave further details regarding how this project would be managed. Councillors considered the report and, it was:

Resolved that:

- 907.1. Salisbury City Council note the importance of high quality Christmas in Salisbury events in 2019 to promote visitors and residents alike visiting the city.
- 907.2. Agree in principle that the Council will hold Christmas events and/or an Ice rink.
- 907.3. Note that these events will:
 - 907.3.1. Take place between 30 Nov – 02 Jan, unless otherwise agreed
 - 907.3.2. Be self-funding, i.e. expenditure should equal income for both elements of the Christmas event (Ice Rink and/or retail/food & drink)
 - 907.3.3. Provide a community and fun based event, with a strong emphasis of experiential enjoyment and activity
 - 907.3.4. Not be the same as previous years, and its title and format may change

- 907.4. Agree that a contingency of £20,000 is set aside to cover unexpected costs if it is not self-funding.
- 907.5. Agree that any surplus generated will be identified and reported
- 907.6. Agree an increase in the Christmas Events budget of £10,000 to improve the promotion and events programme of Christmas 2019 in the Guildhall, Market Place and wider city where possible
- 907.7. Note the support of Wiltshire Council for this project (assistance with the provision of licences, provisions of staff support and technical assistance)
- 907.8. Delegate the strategic management of this event to the Business Working Group and the City Clerk with the Business & Communications Manager

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

Cllr Dean requested that the Chairman, as Mayor, should send a letter of congratulations to those recently awarded birthday honours by the Queen for their assistance following the Novichok incident.

There were 43 members of the public and 2 members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm.