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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 23 September 2019
Meeting held in : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30 pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Walsh Vice Chair: T Corbin

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

Officers: Annie Child, Elizabeth Allen, Estelle Sherry and Joanna Wood.

909. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Dalton, C Corbin and M Dean.

Cllr T Corbin was elected to the position of Vice Chair in Cllr C Corbin's absence.

910. Public Questions/Statement Time:

The Chairman made the following statement: *Councillors will wish to be aware that I have received a question from a member of the public as a result of some comments made about unnamed Salisbury Councillors on page 4 of this weeks' Salisbury Journal. The person is asking for an apology from a particular Councillor on behalf of other Councillors. Our standing orders are quite clear about such matters and the applicable section reads: The Chairman shall not allow any question that in their opinion relates to a compliant about an individual member or members. If a member of the public has a complaint about a member of this Council and believe that a Councillor has not followed the Code of*

Conduct, they should follow SCC's complaints procedure which notes that such complaints should be made to Wiltshire Council's Monitoring Officer.

I plan to show this question to Cllr Nettle, and Cllr Osment outside this meeting as this question relates to the Planning Committee which is composed of Conservative and Labour members. I will then instruct officers to reply to the member of the public advising him to write to the WC Monitoring officer if he wishes to pursue this matter.

911. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

912. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 17 June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

913. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

914. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

915. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcements:

915.1. The Chairman discussed his trips to Xanten and Saintes in his position as Mayor. He expressed his wish that the city's relationship with its twin cities be maintained.

915.2. The Chairman also attended Longmoor Training Camp, as well as Armed Forces Day in June.

915.3. This year's Car Fest event went well and the Chairman wishes to thank Council Officers for their efforts, as well as congratulating them on a series of successful events over the summer.

915.4. The Mayor recently hosted a Civic Day event, with 26 local mayors attending. The Chairman's aim was to promote the city and encourage our neighbours to revisit.

915.5. The Chairman thanked to councillors their support at this year's VJ and VE Day events. It has been suggested that these events will be combined in 2020 for the 75th anniversary.

915.6. HRH Countess of Wessex is visiting in October, attending a South Wilts Mencap event.

916. Referral of Minutes:

The Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below.

916.1. Services	24 June 2019
916.2. Planning	1 July 2019

916.3. Finance and Governance	8 July 2019
916.4. Personnel	15 July 2019
916.5. Planning	22 July 2019
916.6. Planning	12 August 2019
916.7. Planning	9 September 2019

917. Leaders Report:

The Leader made the following announcements:

- 917.1. The Leader gave a number of interviews with BBC Wiltshire regarding the Council's support for Salisbury Pride. Salisbury City Council (SCC) is looking forward to supporting Cllr C Corbin with her leadership of next year's event.
- 917.2. The Leader met with a company called Co-bikes who are looking into providing e-bikes for the public. SCC is looking into supporting this endeavour.
- 917.3. The Council supported "car free day" using social media to promote Blue Badge walks and city cycle routes.
- 917.4. The Leader is continuing to meet with Wiltshire Councillors. Wiltshire Council (WC) were not successful in their application on behalf of Salisbury for the Heritage Action Zone Award. However WC have been successful in their application for Salisbury to be included in the High Street Bid Fund. Officers will be pushing forward with these plans.
- 917.5. The Council previously agreed funding of up to £20,000 for the Salisbury recovery programme. Part of this money has enabled Salisbury City Council to host a number of music events over the summer, including Music in the Park on Sundays and Music in the Market Place on Friday evenings.
- 917.6. Salisbury City Councils officers are working closely with BID and representatives of BID are on SCC's Environmental Working Group and Business Working Group. The BID reported that they are particularly pleased with the cleanliness of the city and events.
- 917.7. As mentioned by the Chairman, Car Fest was held recently with 4,000 people attending. The Leader commended officers for this tremendous success.
- 917.8. Salisbury City Council is continuing to support the Purple Flag (PF) program. Officers will be working with the PF Steering Group on the city's application.
- 917.9. The Leader confirms that the city's CCTV operational team have now been TUPEd to Salisbury City Council. He extends his gratitude to the Clerk, City Watch, as well as Cllrs Baber and McClelland who supported this transfer of service. Cllr Baber also added his thanks to Wiltshire Council, SCC and the BID for their support during City Watch and during the transfer.
- 917.10. The Leader reported that he enjoyed representing SCC at the Royal Wessex Yeomanry's 225th anniversary celebration. As requested by the Mayor, he has informed the Yeomanry that they would be welcome to reinvigorate their Freedom of the City in future if they wish.
- 917.11. In response to a question by Cllr Tomes, the Leader noted that he was surprised to see it reported in the Salisbury Journal that SCC supported a bypass for Salisbury. In fact, the Leader had attended a meeting with Highways England and Department of Transport representatives where the

- process of collecting evidence was being discussed. The Leader confirmed that the Council has not resolved to or announced support for the bypass.
- 917.12. Cllr Moody wishes to thank the Mayor, Cllr Dalton and John Glen for their support of the recent History Festival, as well as the public for supporting the event in such numbers. Several of the events were even recorded and broadcast as a podcast worldwide.
- 917.13. In response to a question from Cllr T Corbin about progress on the Climate change agenda, the Leader of the Council noted that officers and members of the Environment Working Group have been discussing different aspects, and that officers are drafting an Environmental Policy. This will be presented to the Environmental Working Group, and then to Services Committee, and Finance and Governance committee for approval. The Leader give details of some actions the council is undertaking with regard to environmental issues, and noted that a further update will be provided at the next Full Council meeting.

918. Financial Regulations and Internal Controls

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

Resolved to:

- 918.1. Approve the Financial Regulations and Internal Controls as recommended.

919. Members Code of Conduct

The City Clerk introduced the Code of Conduct and reported that no changes had been made. The Council considered the Code of Conduct and it was:

Resolved to:

- 919.1. Approve the Code of Conduct as recommended.

920. Members and Employee Protocol

The City Clerk introduced the protocol and reported that no changes had been made. The Council considered the policy and it was:

Resolved to:

- 920.1. Approve the Members and Employee Protocol as recommended

921. Standing Orders:

The City Clerk introduced the policy and the recommended changes. The Council considered the changes and it was:

Resolved to:

- 921.1. Approve the Standing Orders as recommended.

922. Special Delegation Procedure:

The City Clerk introduced the document. The Council considered the delegation and it was:

Resolved to:

922.1. Note the special delegation.

923. Business Team Christmas Update:

The Business Manager gave a verbal report on the Christmas Fayre and associated activity. She gave details of the ice rink layout and opportunities for skating for schools and other groups. She noted that 37 stalls are booked at present. Other activities will include Live Advent Calendar, a Santa's Grotto and a Sleigh Selfie site. There will be a covered seating area will allow shoppers to rest in the warmth.

Chairman on the Business Working Group, Cllr Daley thanked the Business Team for the work done for Christmas and is looking forward to the festive events.

The Council considered the updates and it was:

Resolved to:

923.1. Note the verbal report.

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

924.1. No matters have arisen.

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

The meeting closed at 19.40.