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## Minutes

**Meeting of** : Full Council  
**Date** : 18 November 2019  
**Meeting held in** : The Guildhall  
**Commencing at** : 6:30 pm

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Present:

Chair: Cllr J Walsh

Vice Chair: C Corbin

Cllrs: J Baber MBE, S Berry, J Broom, D Brown OBE, T Corbin, K Daley, M Dean, J Farquhar, 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, Janine Whitty and Estelle Sherry.

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### **925. Apologies:**

925.1. Apologies were received from Cllr A Foster and Cllr B Dalton.

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

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

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

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

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

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 23 September 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **929. Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations of interest were received.

**930. Dispensations:**

No dispensations were requested.

**931. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- 931.1. The Chairman, as Mayor, has continued to represent the city at various events, these have included; the new Avenue Cemetery opening. The Chairman also attended the internment of the ashes of the late Cllr Andrew Roberts who was Leader when the cemetery project was approved. Also the book launch at the Cathedral of the ELIAS by Sue Allenby and the re-opening of the athletics track. .
- 931.2. The Mayor opened the recent Mental Health Awareness event recently which was hosted by the Deputy Chairman who also reported that it was very successful and thanked officers for their support in carry out the event.
- 931.3. The Mayor and Mayoress both enjoyed the Vintage Tea Party hosted at the Guildhall and thanked officers for organising this public event.
- 931.4. The Mayors charity, South Wilts Mencap, hosted an event to celebrate the charities 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was also attending by the Countess of Wessex. The Mayor's charity also hosted a Quiz night recently and there will be a Comedy night on 29 February 2020.
- 931.5. Charter Fair had good weather this year, however the Carnival was not so fortunate. The Chairman thanked Cllrs, Officers and the public for attending, and for helping to raise over £1,000 towards the Mayors charity. A recent book event also raised £230 for the Mayors charity.
- 931.6. This year's Remembrance Sunday event took place recently, the Chairman thanked councillors for their attendance
- 931.7. In 2020 there will be a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the council's twinning with Saintes. This will take place alongside St Georges Day on 26 April 2020.
- 931.8. The Chairman informed all that the Mayor's Chain is currently undergoing repair and restoration works.
- 931.9. The Chairman also informed all that Salisbury City Council is pleased to announce that it received the runner up award for Council of the Year at the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Star Council Awards in Oct 2019. The NALC awards are the only one of its kind to recognise the achievements of the local council sector. It celebrates the positive impact that councils, councillors and clerks have on their communities.

**932. Referral of Minutes:**

The Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below.

932.1. Services	24 June 2019
932.2. Planning	30 Sep 2019
932.3. Services	14 Oct 2019
932.4. Planning	21 Oct 2019
932.5. Finance and Governance	28 Oct 2019
932.6. Planning	11 Nov 2019

### **933. Leaders Report:**

The Leader made the following announcements:

- 933.1. Purple Flag – The Leader has had a number of press interviews with BBC Wiltshire regarding launch of Purple flag. Purple Flag trying to encourage businesses to stay open later. The Leader thanked all for their work towards the revalidation lead by Amanda Newbury with Salisbury BID, Wiltshire Council and Salisbury City Council. The Council is very supportive of promoting an evening economy. This is not just about Pubs and Clubs as there is strong published evidence that City centre businesses that remain open until 7pm do 50% more business than between 9am and 11am. Our Purple flag submission for reaccreditation has been submitted. The City will be assessed on 7 Dec 2019 and we will know in early 2020 if we are successful.
- 933.2. The Leader continues to have regular meetings 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 and hopes to bring an outline of the High Street Business case to Councillors in January 2020, if not before.
- 933.3. Food and Drink Festival – This event ran well, the weather did effect the day, but it was still successful. Over 3,500 people braved the weather. Thank you to officers for organising the event.
- 933.4. Over 150 people attended the Eco Fair with more than a dozen organisations taking part, including Salisbury Community Energy, Co-Cars, Wessex Water and Salisbury Transition City. Attendees were able to hear Salisbury City Council's and Wiltshire Council's plans to tackle climate change as well as the actions they have already taken in the city. This was followed by a discussion on what else our community can do to help the environment. In October 2019 Salisbury City Council agreed an Environmental Policy with £56,000 funding for 2019/2020. There will be a separate page on our web site that records all the ideas and we will shortly be taking the top 5 suggestions working with the Community to deliver a difference over the next 18 months.
- 933.5. Councillors may have noticed that the second Single use Water Bottle Fountains has been installed in the High street. The Leader thanked Wessex Water, Wiltshire Council and Salisbury City Council for their involvement.
- 933.6. The start of Christmas in Salisbury has already begun with the build of the Ice Skating rink. The Christmas light switch will take place on Thursday 21 November. The Leader thanked officers, Joanna Wood and her events team, for all the back ground work that goes on behind the scenes in organising these events.
- 933.7. The Clerk and Leader met with Cllr Whitehead and Cllr Clewer primarily this was an introduction meeting. The agenda covered a range of subjects from Car Parking to Planning.
- 933.8. The Leader has also represented the City Council recently at the Young Gallery and the Cathedral events. Salisbury City Council are meeting with the Young Gallery next week, as the council is very supportive of its future.
- 933.9. The Leader also attended the book launch ELIAS by Sue Allenby a local resident that has written a book a story of the founding of Salisbury. All the

profits to go to the Cathedral and Salisbury Museum and possibly local charities, it is her way of trying to help with the Salisbury recovery.

933.10. Cllr M Dean requested an update regarding SCC's property portfolio, in particular regarding its vacant properties. The Leader confirmed that 47 Blue Boar Row was hoped to be included as part of the Heritage Fund. However this was not successful therefore other options are being considered. 18 College Street is currently being used by FSCI Christmas Shoe box charity.

933.11. Cllr M Osment requested an update regarding the Leader's discussion with Wiltshire Council regarding taxi tariffs in Salisbury. The Leader confirmed that this was discussed and SCC is working with WC to carry out a survey as currently many taxi's tariffs are too high.

#### **934. Committee Representatives Report:**

934.1. Services Committee Chairman Cllr S Hocking gave a verbal update. Salisbury Museum and Wiltshire Creative provided reports at the last meeting regarding the work they had carried out following receiving SCC grant funding. The Coach Station refurbishment almost complete, with Lush House works to be carried out next. The Environmental Policy and its action plan was approved. Other policies also approved recently were Safeguarding Children Policy and Adults and Risk policy.

934.2. Finance & Governance Committee Chairman Cllr S Jackson gave a verbal update. The committee approved Environmental Policy funding, as recommended by Services Committee. Annual Risk Management Report reviewed and noted, well done to officers involved.

934.3. Planning Committee Chairman Cllr J Farquhar gave a verbal update on the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNDP). The SNDP is a subsidiary of the Wiltshire Councils Local Plan. This year the SNDP hosted 6 public consultation events, following which a draft vision has been produced and can be found on the SCC website. The vision includes 6 main themes, these are; Climate Change, Transport and Movement, Natural Environment, Design, Housing and Employment. Cllr JF encouraged all Councillors to get involved in the process

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

935.1. No reports were given.

#### **936. Sculpture of the City:**

The Leader of the Council introduced the Turning Point project. Mr John Maine RA then provided a presentation of the proposed sculpture for installation on the Guildhall Square in February 2020. Councillors thanked Mr Maine for his presentation and for bringing this sculpture to Salisbury. Councillors noted the contribution of Peter Riley of the Young Gallery who helped to bring this project to Salisbury. Following questions, the Council considered this proposal and it was:

**Resolved to:**

936.1. Support the installation of the Turning Point sculpture in the proposed location in the Guildhall Square.

**937. Salisbury River Corridor Improvement Project:**

Mr Andy Wallis of the Environment Agency provided a presentation regarding the proposed future plans for the Salisbury River Corridor Improvement Project, including the Ashley Road and The Maltings Redevelopment areas. Following questions, the Council considered the changes and it was:

**Resolved to:**

937.1. Note the Salisbury River Corridor Improvement project.

**938. Interim Internal Audit Report:**

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

**Resolved to:**

938.1. Note the Interim Internal Audit review, its findings and recommendations, and the proposed management actions in respect of these findings and recommendations.

**939. External Audit Report:**

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

**Resolved to:**

939.1. Note the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2018/19.

939.2. Note the publication of Notice of Conclusion of Audit on 25 September 2019.

**940. NALC Gold Award Submission:**

The City Clerk read from the report and requested that the committee approve its recommendations, it was:

**Resolved to:**

940.1. Salisbury City Council resolves that it meets the criteria for the Quality Gold Award as set out in the NALC Guidance.

940.2. Officers are instructed to finalise the application form and supporting papers, and submit to WALC as soon as completed.

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

941.1. No matters have arisen.

There were 8 members of the public and 0 members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 20.34.