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# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Community Services  
**Date** : 6 February 2023  
**Meeting held in** : The Guildhall, Salisbury  
**Commencing at** : 6.30pm

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Present:

Chair: C Corbin                      Vice Chair: S Charleston

Cllrs: L Blackwood, T Corbin, S Hocking, A Hoque, J King, and C Stanway

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty, Sarah Gregson and Joanna Wood

Also present: Cllr A Riddle and Cllr E Wills

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*Please note that Cllr L Blackwood has replaced Cllr A Bayliss on the  
Community Services Committee.*

## **986. Apologies:**

- 986.1. Cllr C McGrath gave his apologies.
- 986.2. Cllr J Broom was substituted by Cllr A Hocking.

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

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

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

- 988.1. A statement was submitted by Cllr McGrath that was discussed further during item 11 of the agenda. The statement can be found at the end of these minutes.

**989. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 5 December 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**990. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**991. Dispensations:**

No dispensations were requested.

**992. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman made an announcement regarding the passing of Mr Simon Robert Key, who was the Member of Parliament for Salisbury, serving the City for 27 years from 1983 until 2010. Mr Key was awarded the Freedom of the City by the Council in 2017. The committee held a minute silence.

**993. Business and Communications Team Update:**

The Business and Communications Manager provided an update on the work undertaken by the Business and Communications Team. This covered the Events, Charter Market, Guildhall, Shopmobility and the Information Centre and the City Council's communications output. The committee asked questions and it was:

**Resolved that:**

993.1. The Committee note the report.

**994. Communities Team Update:**

The Communities Manager provided an update on the work undertaken by the Communities Team. Safer and Supportive Salisbury (SaSS) representatives were also present who provided further information about their work. and the partnership with the City Council's Salisbury Pantry. It was:

**Resolved that:**

994.1. The Committee note the report.

**995. Public Art Project:**

The Communities Manager introduced the report which gave a summary of the project to date and the next steps. It was:

**Resolved that:**

995.1 The Committee note the report.

**996. Coronation:**

The Business and Communication Manager and the Communities Manager provided a verbal update on the outline ideas so far for the King's coronation weekend. The King's coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May, followed by national themed days of Big Lunch on Sunday 7 May and Big Help Out on Monday 8 May. Officers proposed to host events within the city centre on those themed days.

There was also a suggestion from officers that the coronation budget could allow community groups from each ward to apply for funds to help host their own street parties or events but this was not support by the committee. The committee discussed the coronation events, and it was:

**Resolved that:**

996.1 The Committee agreed that the coronation budget should be used for SCC organised coronation events only for all within the city, with no funds allocated for ward-based events

996.2 The Committee requested that a further update on the coronation events is provided at Full Council on 6 March.

**997. Market Place Stage Proposal:**

The committee received a verbal update from Cllr J King and discussed the formation of a Task Group to consider in full the feasibility of installing a stage on the Market Place or Guildhall Square. The draft Terms of Reference for this task group were considered and it was:

**Resolved that:**

997.1 The Committee agreed that a task group is to be formed and approved the draft Terms of Reference.

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

No matters were raised.

There were 3 members of the public present and 1 member of the press present.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

## **Councillor Questions or Statements**

Statement submitted by Cllr McGrath

If the event has to be funded by the Council, then I would implore the Committee to consider hosting a fully public event, open to all Salisbury residents and visitors and not a select few. I have received negative comments from residents about the exclusivity (actual or perceived) of the Platinum Jubilee event last June and how this ran counter to the nature and spirit of the Jubilee and similar occasions: to bring the whole community together.

A public Coronation event could take the form of a 'street party' on the Market Square, or even a tie-in with Salisbury Live similar to the Jubilee event held in the Market Square last June and organised by several councillors.

I do hope other members of the Committee agree and we do not make the same mistake the Council made last year.