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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 M Osment

Vice Chair: Cllr J Walsh

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

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty and Estelle Sherry

866. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Farquhar, A Hoque and J Lindley.

867. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no public questions or statements received.

868. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

869. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 21 January 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

870. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

871. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

872. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcements:

872.1. The Chairman, as Mayor, has attended more events since that last Full Council meeting, these included a visit to Harnham Day Centre, Showman's Guild Luncheon and Scouts Awards presentation.

872.2. The Chairman thanked all Councillors that attended the recent Charter Sunday civic event.

872.3. The Chairman also reported the results of successful Mayor's Charity fundraisers and highlighted up and coming fundraising events, which include the Mayor taking part in walking the White Horse Trail.

873. Referral of Minutes:

The Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below.

873.1. Planning Committee - 04 February 2019.

873.2. Personnel – 11 February 2019.

873.3. Planning Committee – 25 February 2019.

874. Leaders Report:

The Leader made the following announcements:

874.1. The Leader has given a number of press interviews recently regarding one year since the Novichok incident.

874.2. The Leader is meeting with Cllr Pauline Church and Alistair Cunningham regularly to ensure the SCC is up to date on the Maltings development.

874.3. The Leader has represented SCC at the regular National Armed Forces Day Steering Group meetings and has invited Guy Benson to present at Full Council, item 12 of this meeting's agenda.

874.4. The Leader attended the South Wiltshire Business Summit and provided a presentation regarding what SCC does and what it wishes to deliver during the current administration.

874.5. The Leader met with Tom Dobrashian, Interim Director for Economic Recover, Wiltshire Council regarding the High Street Government initiative, of which further information will be provided during item 11 of this meeting's agenda.

874.6. The Leader congratulated the Salisbury BID Chief Executive, Robin McGowan on the successful re-ballot, and reported the Leader and Clerk will be meeting with the BID to discuss its continual work together.

874.7. The Leader would like to assure the Council and members of the public that CCTV for the city is still owned by Salisbury City Council and that CIC City Watch are working well to deliver this service.

874.8. Recently the Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Association for Local Councils visited the city and met with The Leader, Mayor and City Clerk & management team. He is pleased to report that both Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive and Keith Stevens, Vice Chairman

reported that they were very impressed with the services the Council delivers, including the cleanliness of the city and the enthusiasm of the staff they met.

875. Reports from Outside Representatives:

875.1. Cllr Rogers, as a representative for Wiltshire Creative, informed the Council that this year's Salisbury International Arts Festival programme is now available and hoped the city would support the festival's return.

875.2. Cllr Jackson, as a trustee and representative for Salisbury Museum, gave a list of highlights at the museum over the next 12 months. These included the current Origins of Photography Exhibition and Creative Wiltshire: A Celebration of Art in Wiltshire. The museum is also working with Salisbury Journal on an ongoing archive project. There are many other events ahead including during Easter weekend and as part of the International Arts Festival during May Bank Holiday weekend.

876. High Street Bid Fund

Cllr Jackson introduced Cllr Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council) and Victoria Moloney (Wiltshire Council Economic Recovery Team) who gave a presentation regarding their proposed bid for Salisbury. This Government led High Street funding initiative was announced in December 2018, and therefore WC are proposing to put forward this high street funding bid as part of Salisbury's 'recovery' economic programme. The bid has 4 main strategic ambitions which include, ensuring a great experience of the high street, make it a tourist destination, bringing young people into the city and to support business growth. Following various consultations WC have decided to focus this bid on the Fisherton Gateway and Street. Following questions and discussion with the Council, the Leader of the Council proposed that Salisbury City Council note the presentation from Wiltshire Council on the Future High Street Fund bid, conveying our support for the principle of the bid and the opportunity it presents for the city, and look forward to working with Wiltshire Council on the detail should we be successful in the expression of interest stage. Therefore, it was unanimously:

Resolved that:

876.1. Salisbury City Council notes the presentation from Wiltshire Council on the Future High Street Fund bid, conveying our support for the principle of the bid and the opportunity it presents for the city, and look forward to working with Wiltshire Council on the detail should we be successful in the expression of interest stage.

877. National Armed Forces Day (NAFD) Presentation:

Salisbury NAFD event lead Guy Benson, Chief of Staff NAFD 2019, Wiltshire Council gave a presentation to the Council. It included information regarding the events leading up to and during the event weekend. The Chairman thanked him for the information provided and hard work on this event. It was:

Resolved to:

877.1. Note the presentation and request that Guy Benson return to the Council to provide a further update nearer the event.

878. Update for City Council Working Groups:

Working Group Chairman gave the following verbal reports:

878.1. Land & Property Working Group Chairman, Cllr Hocking, provided an update. The Council is currently seeking a short term lease for the vacant 47 Blue Boar Row. The Council and charity Serve On have made an agreement for the use of 18 College Street until longer term plans for the site have been confirmed. There is a possible exchange being considered for the freehold of the land on which Warner House sits.

878.2. Environmental Services Working Group Chairman, Cllr Hocking, provided an update. Three new policies as part of Street Scene work are being developed including Shopping Trolleys, A Boards and Commercial Waste. Other projects being worked on are lighting up the Riverside Walk, delivery of the public toilet refurbishment strategy, Market Place water fountain installation and chewing gum removal.

878.3. Business Working Group Chairman, Cllr Daley, provided an update. This year SCC is scheduled to host over 150 market and events, which include annual events such as St Georges Day, Charter Fair and working with partners on the return of the Car Fest and Salisbury Live again this year. The working group and Business team are working on increasing the Guildhalls events and possibly developing new markets, such as charity and food fairs. Positive feedback was received following last year's Christmas light switch on event, however the working group will be looking at possible changes and improvements. Salisbury City Council will also host a community and family focused event in a large marquee area as part of Hudson's Field National Armed Forces Day event.

Resolved to:

878.4. Note the verbal updates provided.

879. Council Division Boundaries for Wiltshire:

Cllr Hocking provided information regarding the boundary consultation process so far. Wiltshire Council had previously submitted proposal to the boundary commission, which Salisbury City Council supported.

8.34pm The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

8.44pm The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Following the Wiltshire Council proposal submission, the Boundary Commission have since submitted an alternative proposal for review. Following much discussion regarding the changes proposed, it was unanimously:

Resolved that:

879.1. The Council does not support the Boundary Commission's draft recommendation to merge parts of Salisbury St Martins & Cathedral and Salisbury Milford & St Edmunds with Laverstock. This Council does support Wiltshire Council's submission of 5 November 2018 as the best option to provide a more effective local government and positive community cohesion.

880. Internal Audit:

The Finance and Governance Committee Vice Chairman Cllr Daley provided a verbal update regarding the report submitted by the RFO. It was:

Resolved to:

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

881. Financial Regulations and Internal Controls:

The Finance and Governance Committee Vice Chairman Cllr Daley provided a verbal update regarding the report submitted by the RFO. It was:

Resolved to:

881.1. Approve the adoption of these Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls.

882. Annual Investment Strategy:

The committee reviewed the report, with one minor amendment suggested. It was:

Resolved to:

882.1. Amend 5.1 of the report to read "The City Clerk, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, will determine the period investments can be prudently committed and shall risk assess fixed term investments".

882.2. Approve the report once amendment has been made.

883. Standing Orders Annual Review:

The City Clerk introduced the report and following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

883.1. Approve the Standing Orders

883.2. Noted that Officers will work with Committee Chairman to agree and publish agendas earlier than the minimum of 3 clear working days where possible, allowing committee members more time to review documents.

884. 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 Leader of the Council contact the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the devolution to City Council of Community Safety Accreditation Scheme powers.

Cllr Dean also asked an emergency services thank you event would be held at the Guildhall following a year passing since the Novichok incident. The Chairman confirmed that he had recently attend the Spire FM awards, at which he presented an award to the emergency services. The Chairman and Leader of the Council will discuss this further.

There were 8 members of the public and 1 members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.