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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 27 June 2022
Meeting held : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr T Corbin

Vice Chair: Cllr A Hoque

Cllrs: A Bayliss, J Broom, S Charleston, V Charleston, B Dalton, C Hibbert, S Hocking, J King, C McGrath, M Mewse, J Nettle, A Riddle, R Rogers, P Sample, C Stanway, E Rimmer, I Tomes and J Wells.

Officers: Annie Child, Estelle Sherry, Marc Read, and Yaroslav Pustarnakov.

1155. Apologies:

- 1155.1. Cllr C Corbin gave her apologies.
- 1155.2. Cllr M Webb gave her apologies.
- 1155.3. Cllr J Bolwell gave her apologies.

1156. Public Questions/Statement Time:

- 1156.1. No public questions or statements were received.

1157. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

- 1157.1. Cllr Dalton submitted questions relating to the damages to the Poultry Cross. The City Clerk responded to the questions with a statement. Both questions and the statement are enclosed at the end of the minutes.

1158. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1158.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council held on 8 May 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1159. Declaration of Interest:

1159.1. There were no declarations of interest.

1160. Dispensations:

1160.1. No dispensations were requested.

1161. Chairman's Announcements:

1161.1. The Chairman made announcements, which have been enclosed at the end of the minutes.

1161.2. Vice Chair made announcements, which have been enclosed at the end of the minutes.

1162. Administration Group Leaders Report:

1162.1. Cllr Bayliss gave a report on the behalf of the Administration Group Leaders. The report is attached at the end of the minutes.

1163. Referral of Minutes:

1163.1. Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

Planning	16 May 2022
Planning	6 June 2022
Community Services	20 June 2022

1164. Update from Outside Representatives:

1164.1. There were no updates from Outside Representatives.

1165. Addition of Names to the War Memorial:

1165.1. Councillors received a verbal presentation from Mr Chris Hewitt regarding adding additional names to the War Memorial.

1165.2. Councillors thanked Mr Hewitt for his hard work and asked various questions relating to the project.

1165.3. Councillors considered the proposal plus the accompanying report, and it was:

Resolved that:

1165.4. The Council agree, in principle, to allowing the installation of new bronze plaques on the War Memorial showing the names of those who died in World War II.

1165.5. The Council instructs the Clerk, in liaison with the Leaders of the Council, to work with Mr Hewitt and his associates to implement this project in the accordance with this report.

1165.6. The Council note the potential costs to the Council from this project which will be reported back for approval at the Finance and Governance Committee.

1166. Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025:

1166.1. Councillors have considered the Strategic Plan for 2021 -2025 and the list of actions, and it was:

Resolved to:

1166.2. To note the Strategic Plan for 2021 – 2025 and List of Actions.

1167. Notice of Motion – A36 Churchill Way:

1167.1. Cllr McGrath presented his motion. The Council considered the issues, and it was

Resolved to:

1167.2. Support the work of the cross-party A36 task group set up by Salisbury Area Board, including by lobbying National Highways to engage with Wiltshire and Salisbury City Council on possible solutions to congestion and to communicate developments with the wider Salisbury public.

1167.3. Lobby National Highways to place greater emphasis on resolving A36 issues in its M4-South Coast route study, due to be completed by 2025.

1168. Notice of Motion – Stage on Market Place:

1168.1. Cllr King presented her Motion, after some discussion of the issues, it was

Resolved that:

1168.2. Salisbury City Council believes that a permanent stage should be investigated in the Market / Guildhall Square and therefore agree to form a Working Group consisting of those members of Salisbury City Council interested and invite others to join. The Working Group will agree terms of reference and report back to Full Council regularly.

1169. Notice of Motion – Local Electricity Bill:

1169.1. Cllr Sample presented his motion. After some discussion, it was,

Resolved that:

1169.2. The Council supports the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 300 MPs, which if made law would establish a Right to Local Supply, promoting local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company

1169.3. Salisbury City Council will write to local MPs requesting that they support the Bill.

1169.4. Salisbury City Council will write to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng to express Salisbury City Council's support for the Local Electricity Bill.

1169.5. Salisbury City Council will inform the local media of the decision to endorse the Bill

1169.6. Salisbury City Council will write to the organisers of the campaign behind the Local Electricity Bill, Power for People (at Camden Collective, 5-7 Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support for the campaign to help the generation of locally produced energy.

1170. Land off Rowbarrow and Odstock Road, Salisbury:

1170.1. Councillors considered the report, and it was:

Resolved that

1170.2. The Council agree, in principle, to undertaken the maintenance at this land subject to a satisfactory funding regime being agreed.

1170.3. The Council instructs SCC officers to work with WC officers in the drafting of a s106 agreement which reflects appropriately the cost of maintenance of this land.

1170.4. Note that this is matter will be considered by Full Council once again when costs are established and an agreement drafted.

1171. Annual Governance Statement 2021/22:

1171.1. Councillors considered Annual Governance Statement 2021/22, and it was:

Resolved that:

1171.2. The Council followed the order of business as laid down in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and acknowledge and agree the Annual Governance Statement assertions and the Council's adherence to them.

1172. Accounting Statement for 2021/22:

1172.1. The Council considered the Accounting Statements 2021/22, and it was:

Resolved that:

1172.2. The Council note the opinion of the internal auditor and consider the accounting statements as a whole, and Councillors approve the statements by resolution.

1173. Financial Regulations:

1173.1. The Council considered the revised Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls, and it was:

Resolved that:

1173.2. The Council approve the adoption of these Financial Regulations and Internal Financial Controls.

1174. Members Attendance Report:

1174.1. Councillors considered a report in respect of Councillors attendance during 2021/22.

1174.2. Cllr Rogers asked for the report to be amended to reflect that he was present at the Finance and Governance Committee meeting on 19 July and 19 Oct 21, and 10 Jan 22.

1174.3. Cllr S Charleston asked for the report to be amended to reflect that there were five, not six, Services Committee meetings between 2021/22.

1174.4. It was:

Resolved to:

1174.5. Note the report with the amendments.

1175. Basic Parish and Travelling & Subsistence Allowance:

1175.1. Councillors received a report in respect of Councillor Allowances during 2021/22, and it was:

Resolved to:

1175.2. Note the report.

1176. Order of Precedence:

1176.1. The Council received a report in respect of Order of Precedence, and it was:

Resolved to:

1176.2. Note the Order of Precedence for 2022/23.

1177. Committee Membership:

1177.1. The Council received a report in respect of Committee Membership, and it was:

Resolved to:

1177.2. Note member representation on Committees for 2022/23.

1178. Harnham Woodland:

1178.1. The Council received a report concerning acquisition of land at Harnham slope. Following some discussion, it was:

Resolved that:

1178.2. The Council agrees that it wishes to own this land, and so to make an offer of a nominal fee of £1 to acquire it

1178.3. The Council note the cost of bringing this land to SCC's standard for woodland areas, and that this funding would come from its reserves.

1179. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency.

The Chairman allowed a special presentation from Cllr Hocking for the Mayor's chosen charity, Children's Chance at the close of the meeting.

**There were 5 members of the public and 1 members of the press present.
The meeting closed at 9:35pm.**

Agenda Item Three

Councillor Questions/Statement Time

Councillor Dalton submitted the following question:

A question for council please, if this can be answered in the night:

Can the city council give an update regarding the criminal damage to the Poultry Cross recently, including the timeframe for completion? Is the council pursuing damages? If not, who's paying?

The City Clerk provided the following response:

A man caused damage to the Poultry Cross in Salisbury after crashing into it during a police chase in the early hours of Saturday 21st May.

Due to the serious nature of the damage Salisbury City Council arranged for a structural engineer to attend site, who deemed the monument unsafe.

Salisbury City Council arranged for the structural scaffolding to be put in place as soon as possible.

As the Poultry Cross is classed as an ancient monument, we are required to liaise with Historic England on the restoration and our contact there is Melanie Barge. Before any work starts, we will need to get a Scheduled Monument Consent from Historic England and this application was submitted on Tuesday 21st June. This can take up to 4 weeks.

The most recent condition report on the Poultry Cross was compiled in 2017 by Louise Salmon and we have enlisted her knowledge and expertise to ensure the works meet the required levels of Historic England.

To conduct the restoration we have enlisted the Salisbury Cathedral stonemason team because of their expertise and because they had previously provided us with our insurance valuation.

On Wednesday 22nd June SCC met with our insurance loss adjusters who indicated that we have a valid claim and we will shortly be submitting a preliminary report.

The expectation is that the works will not be concluded until the beginning of 2023.

On 20th June the man who caused the damage pleaded guilty to all driving offences, including dangerous driving, driving while disqualified, failing to stop for police and criminal damage.

SCC are looking to put in a claim for damages against this individual, ahead of his sentencing at Salisbury Magistrates Court on 11th July and the Clerk may be required to make a statement to the court.

Agenda Item Seven

Chairman's Announcements

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Mayoral Engagements after 14th May -26th June 2022

Since the Mayor making event I have attended the Mayor making/robing events of Chippenham and Malmesbury and the Devizes Mayor, State Morning Service.

I have witnessed the unveiling of a custom bike courtesy of Lamb Engineering and opened the Salisbury Motor Show with Tim Shaw where I was handed the keys to an AC Cobra and driven around the streets of Salisbury in a red Ferrari after deciding the winner of a sound off! I hope that members believe the event to have been a success as I would like to this grow into an even bigger event for next year!

I helped set off Salisbury Hospice charity fundraisers evening walk after some lovely singing from Salisbury Rock Choir. On completion of their 5 or 10 mile walks instead of being awarded a medal as in pre-Covid times they were awarded a sapling to plant, in-keeping with the Queen's Green canopy Platinum Jubilee and a ribbon which was repurposed from the Salisbury Cathedral Flower Show.

I also supported the Salisbury Vegan fayre for which I was impressed by the great variety of choice on offer with many traders willing to travel long distances to show off their wares.

I attended the opening of Salisbury's new boutique hotel, Riverside, in Harnham. Members I am sure will recall it as the former Grasmere hotel, the new owners were inspired to get into the business some years ago by the previous owner.

In connection with Wiltshire Creative I attended the Island Life exhibition at the Arts Centre which continues until 3pm this Saturday.

And in partnership with Wiltshire Creative, Wiltshire Council Housing, Salisbury City Council Communities Team Event on the Green – (Pinewood Field) Beach Party.

8 local media interviews

Fun in the park to inspire children into gardening projects in Victoria Gardens and the unveiling of the plaque to mark the Queen's Canopy in Victoria Gardens and Hudson's Field.

I spent a wonderful few days doing a tour for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations with my Mayoress and with the permission of the Lieutenancy, Deputy Lieutenant Dr Phil Harding. In all we attended 23 events over the four days. We tried to fit in as many events as we could around our prearranged visits as Mayor. We took the time at each event to express our gratitude and support on behalf of the City and for the Queen as communities did what she had asked – which was for communities to come together a point she felt was all the more important after the last two years of Covid. She of course had also asked for the planting of trees!

I have no idea just how many people we were able to speak to over the four days, but we met so many lovely people enjoying coming together in their respective communities and I really wanted to reflect that to you all.

It was also a real pleasure to see so many former Councillors, Mayors and serving Councillors playing active roles in the various community events, so thank you to everyone here who was able to do so.

One very special moment for me was the build up of the Beacon Lighting, with Salisbury City Band of the Royal British Legion Band playing to the massed audience in the inner fort of Old Sarum, Dr Phil Harding and myself went through a dry run of the Beacon Lighting high up on the edge of the parapet just as the sun was shining bright orange as it lowered onto the north western horizon. A truly splendid moment that I wished I could have invited the others present to witness.

Whilst I thanked the Salisbury City Council staff and English Heritage staff for the well run and successful event on the night, I would like to also place on public record my thanks to them and also to our Town Crier, the City Beadle and Mace Bearers, the Armed Forces Breakfast Club who set up a mobile camp kitchen and the 10 members of the Salisbury City Band of the Royal British Legion who played magnificently to help set a truly wonderful and memorable scene.

Of the 23 events, they included 9 street parties and 12 community events of various sizes in parks, open spaces, community halls, a care home and for those keeping count we also attended the lovely Thanksgiving service held at Salisbury Cathedral.

I would also like to place on public record my thanks to the residents of Empire Road who on hearing of my chosen charity, Children's Chance, kindly did a whip round collection. It was totally unexpected by me and I am very grateful for the spontaneous generosity that was shown.

I have as Mayor had the wonderful opportunity to start our civic reconnection with our twinned Cities when a tour from Xanten arrived. A few years ago the former Mayor of Salisbury Andrew Roberts had the pleasure of witnessing the street name "Salisbury" in Xanten. I had the joy of celebrating our twinned status with the street naming of Xanten Way, in St. Peter's Place, for those not in the know it is the road to the Primary school first turning on the right from the first main roundabout. We made our connections with the school, its children and the City and later in the evening I joined them for buffet meal. They were keen to learn the effects of Brexit and much keener to see a delegation from Salisbury attend Xanten next June including myself with a bit of planning and good grace.

I had a very enjoyable Saturday evening in Salisbury Cathedral as I had the privilege of attending Salisbury Musical Society's Performance of Mozart's Coronation Mass Exsultate, Jubilate Vespers with Salisbury Symphony Orchestra and Tenor, Cllr Rimmer as one of the main performers. Well done Ed!

Along with colleagues who came to show support I had the pleasure of accompanying Colonel Gary McDade, South West Commander for our Armed

Forces Day event yesterday which I thought was very successful with a good variety of activities and job roles represented and reinforced the City's close relationship with our veterans.

And finally yesterday I was invited to talk at a Mindfulness event held in Dinton which had many local businesses represented and as someone who is leading a pretty hectic life, certainly gave me a useful insight into the benefit of bringing meditation into ones life as well as other Mindfulness and wellbeing activities.

Vice Chair's Announcements

I'm grateful to mayor for give me the opportunity to represent him on the events to he couldn't attend.

- My first engagement was the mayor making in Bath. The new Mayor is Cllr Rob Appleyard
- The opening of the international art festival in the close, hosted by Wiltshire creative director Sebastian who is also the new Deputy Lord Lieutenant.
- I attended my First Citizen ceremony on the 8th of June where 10 different nationals from Fiji to Ghana to Hungary took the oath.
- Golden oldies Charity who arrange a get together for over 50's once a month for some sing and dance.
- Commemoration of the Falkland war in Boscombe Down Aviation collection on 14th June followed by laying the wreath on the war memorial on guildhall square in the evening
- Finally, I've attended this fantastic Jubilee event on the market square arrangements by few brave Cllrs. Who I believed managed raise after expense £1900 which will be distributed among three Charities. Encircle, silver Salisbury and we felt generous to include our Mayor charity.

Agenda Item Eight

Administration Group Leaders Report

Here's a report covering the key activities of your city council over the last three months.

A special event was held at the Guildhall in April for victims of the Salisbury Rail Crash and as a thank you to the emergency services who attended or were involved with the incident.

An extraordinary full council meeting with a single motion was held at the beginning of May to update the council structure, consolidating the previous working groups into revised committees (and one sub-committee) which means now that all but sensitive 'exempt' business will be fully minuted and open to the public, providing more transparency for our parish council - the motion was passed unanimously.

The first full Mayor Making weekend since 2019 (post-pandemic) was also held in May, electing Cllr Tom Corbin as the 761st Mayor of the City of Salisbury and Cllr Atiqul Hoque as Deputy Mayor.

The council leadership met again with the Wiltshire PCC Philip Wilkinson, discussing issues including the continuing search for a suitable site for the new Salisbury police station, the new Wiltshire mobile police stations which will hopefully come online later in the summer and how policing levels are likely to look with the newly graduated PCs.

Wiltshire's first Town and Parish Council Conference was held at County Hall in Trowbridge on Friday 27th May. I attended to represent the council leadership with the Clerk, Annie Child, who delivered a presentation about lessons learned from the asset transfer process. This was a very useful opportunity to speak face to face with Wiltshire Council officers and other parish councillors, many of whom don't have the close links we have with the unitary authority.

To celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a whole host of events supported by the council, local communities and local businesses were held over the long bank holiday weekend, including the lighting of a beacon at Old Sarum Castle.

The council continues with its green initiatives, including starting to replace old petrol-powered tools with rechargeable ones. In addition, a grant has been secured for the installation and management of new recycling bins for the city centre, the details of which will be presented to the new Environment and Climate Committee in due course.

The work on the New Depot continues with the loan required now having been approved.

As you are probably aware, the resignation of Paul Cunningham from the City Council means that there will be a By-election on Thursday 14th July for the vacant seat in Harnham West.

And last but certainly not least, community volunteers, with the assistance of city councillors, have continued to finalise their work on the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will now come to an extraordinary full council meeting to approve the Regulation 14 documents for consultation - this is not about the actual content of the plan, just to approve the public consultation process.