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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 26 June 2023
Meeting held : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr A Hoque Vice Chair: S Hocking

Cllrs: A Bayliss, L Blackwood, J Bolwell, S Charleston, V Charleston, C Corbin, T Corbin, B Dalton, J King, P Sample, A Riddle, E Rimmer, R Rogers, C Stanway, I Tomes, J Wells and E Wills.

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty, Marc Read, Joanna Wood, Tracy Adams and Sarah Gregson.

1233. Apologies:

- 1233.1. Cllr J Broom gave her apologies
- 1233.2. Cllr C Hibbert gave her apologies.
- 1233.3. Cllr C McGrath gave his apologies.
- 1233.4. Cllr M Mewse gave his apologies.
- 1233.5. Cllr J Nettle gave his apologies.

1234. Public Questions/Statement Time:

- 1234.1. A public statement was submitted by Mr Gutherie- Andrews. The statement was read out by the City Clerk on behalf of the Chairman, and can be found at the end of these minutes.

1235. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

- 1235.1. A councillor statement was provided by Cllr R Rogers Chairman of the Mayoral Working Group. The Mayors Appeal bank account is now open.

Cllr Rogers has provided a £100 to open the account. Now it has a bank account Cllr Rogers will be applying for as a charity status. The Chairman thanked Cllr Rogers for his work and support of the Mayor's Appeal.

1235.2. Cllr P Sample provided a statement about a civic photo opportunity with the Giant and Hobnob. The proposal was supported by many councillors. The statement can be found at the end of these minutes.

1236. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The council considered the minutes from the last meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr A Hoque

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved that:

1236.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 6 March 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1237. Declaration of Interest:

1237.1. There were no declarations of interest

1238. Dispensations:

1238.1. No dispensations were requested.

1239. Chairman's Announcements:

1239.1. The Chairman thanked the previous Mayor, Cllr T Corbin for his contrition during his time as mayor and hopes to follow on from his good work.

1239.2. The Chairman provided an update on some of the 33 engagements he has attended since being Mayor. A copy of the Chairman's announcement can be found at the end of these minutes.

1239.3. The Chairman also announced that from this meeting onwards that the name of the proposer and seconder of motions will be recorded routinely in the minutes of all meetings, with the exception of the Planning and Development Committee for planning applications. This is to aid transparency over decision making.

1240. Administration Leaders Announcements:

1240.1. Cllr Annie Riddle provided an update from Administration Leaders'. A copy of the update can be found at the end of these minutes.

1241. Referral of Minutes:

Minutes taken place since the last Full Council meeting were considered.

Proposed by: Cllr A Hoque

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

1241.1. Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

Environment and Climate	13 March 2023
Parish Meeting	15 March 2023
Planning and Development	20 March 2023
Extraordinary Events, Markets & Grants Sub-Committee	22 March 2023
Community Services	3 April 2023
Annual Parish Meeting	17 April 2023
Planning and Development	24 April 2023
Personnel	25 April 2023
Events, Markets & Grants Sub-Committee	9 May 2023
Planning and Development	22 May 2023

1242. Committee Reports:

Chairman were invited to report on the activities of their committees, where appropriate.

1242.1. Cllr T Corbin, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee encouraged members to attend the meetings.

1242.2. Cllr S Charleston, Chairman of the Events, Markets and Grants Sub Committee noted that there have been two meetings since the last Full Council. Many great events were mentioned in the Chairman and Leaders' reports. The committee has awarded most of this year's grant funding and the Grants Policy has been updated.

1242.3. Cllr C Corbin, Chairman of the Community Services Committee noted that the team delivered events for the Coronation, including the Big Help Out.

1242.4. Cllr J Wells, Chairman of the Environment and Climate Committee thanked Marc Read and team for all their hard work and a full update will follow at next week's E&C meeting.

1242.5. Cllr A Bayliss, Chairman of the Finance and Governance Committee, noted that there hasn't been a meeting since the last Full Council. The next meeting will take place on Mon 31 July 2023.

1243. Outside Representatives:

The following Outside Representatives gave an update:

1243.1. Cllr C Stanway provided an update from the Salisbury Allotments Association (SAA) noting that lots of work up has taken place since the

winter. The Environment Agency and SCC have allowed the Salisbury Allotment Association to use hard standing for a temporary container. SAA have applied for grant funding for 3 new containers. SAA are also looking for volunteers to help with site move which will hopefully be in working order by end of August 2023.

1244. Annual Governance Statement 2022/23:

The City Clerk presented the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022/23 report. Councillors considered Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

Proposed by: Cllr A Hoque

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved that:

1244.1. The Council followed the order of business in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, and agreed the Annual Governance Statement's assertions and the Council's adherence to them.

1245. Accounting Statement for 2022/23:

The Council considered the Accounting Statements 2022/23.

Proposed by: Cllr A Hoque

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved that:

1245.1. The Council noted the opinion of the internal auditor and considered the accounting statements as a whole, and that Councillors approve the statements by resolution.

1246. Strategic Plan 2022-2025 Report on Progress:

Councillors considered the Strategic Plan for 2022 -2025 and action plan report. Members asked questions regarding actions and their progress.

Proposed by: Cllr A Hoque

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved to:

1246.1. To note the Strategic Plan Report Against Action Plan as of June 2023.

1247. Accessibility and Inclusion Task Group Report:

Cllr J Bolwell, Chairman of the Accessibility and Inclusion Task Group (AITG) provided a verbal update. Cllr Bolwell and an officer will attend the (Disability Interest Group Salisbury) DIGS meeting on 21 July 2023. Kez Adey (DIGS) has provided a play park assessment template. Cllr V Charleston will circulate to all councillors. The next meeting will of the AITG be held on Tue 25 July 2023 at the Bemerton Heath Centre. All future AITG meetings will take place at the Bemerton Heath Centre.

1248. Market Place Stage Task Group Report:

Cllr J King, Chairman of the Market Place Stage Task Group provided a verbal update. Cllr King has been looking into having a temporary stage up for a couple of months over the summer and November and Christmas. Currently looking at costs to hire a stage and then trying to find funding for the hire. Cllr King reported that there is still lots of enthusiasm and positive feedback to have a stage.

1249. Standing Orders:

The City Clerk, Annie Child presented the V14 of the Standing Orders. The council considered the updated Standing and Orders.

Proposed by: Cllr A Hoque

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved to:

1249.1. Approve Standing Orders V14.

1250. Members Annual Reports 2022/23:

The council considered the Members Committee Attendance Report. Members discussed whether substitutions should be recorded or not.

Proposed by: Cllr Hocking

Seconded by: Cllr V Charleston

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved that:

- 1250.1. An amendment should be made to include when Cllr Blackwood became a member.
- 1250.2. Cllr J King requested that her Planning and Development committee attendance is checked.
- 1250.3. All Group leaders will review the way in which members committee attendance is reported, and the decision will come back to a meeting of the Council in due course.

The council also considered the Members Basic Parish and Travelling & Subsistence Allowance Report and it was:

Resolved to:

- 1250.4. Note the report.

1251. Order of Precedence 2023/24:

The council received the order of precedence for 2023-24. It was:

Resolved that:

- 1251.1. Note the order of precedence for 2023-24.

1252. Committee Membership:

The council reviewed committee memberships for 2023-24. It was:

Resolved to:

- 1252.1. Agree the committee memberships for 2023-24.
- 1252.2. Note the Planning and Development Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been agreed since the report was published.

1253. Code of Conduct:

The City Clerk, Annie Child presented the report and revised Code of Conduct.

Proposed by: Cllr V Charleston

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved that:

- 1253.1.4.1. The Council approve the revised Code of Conduct (Doc 90634).

1254. Civility and Respect Pledge:

The City Clerk, Annie Child presented the report. The council considered the pledge.

Proposed by: Cllr A Bayliss

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved that:

1254.1.4.1. The Council agree to sign up to the SLCC and NALC Civility and Respect Pledge and agree the statements shown in the report.

1255. Safety at Night - Police and Crime Commissioner Campaign (PCC):

The City Clerk, Annie Child presented the report. The council considered the campaign which is led by the PCC and noted the actions already being undertaken by the council in relation to the Safety at Night pledges.

Proposed by: Cllr A Hoque

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**; therefore, it was:

Resolved that:

1255.1. The Council agree to sign up to the PCC's Safety at Night Charter.

1255.2. Defer for all Group Leaders for further consideration, the nomination a Safety at Night Councillor Champion(s).

1255.3.4.3. The Council note the actions and activity being undertaken by SCC in relation to safety at night.

1256. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be discussed as a matter of urgency for information only. Please note that the Council cannot lawfully consider or determine any matter which is not specified on the Agenda of this summons.

No matter were arising.

**There were 6 members of the public and 1 member of the press present.
The meeting closed at 7.53pm.**

Public Statement

Mr Gutherie- Andrews

There is a consistent attempt to de-legitimise trans people. First there is a dodgy claim that science shows there are only 2 sexes. There have always been intersex people whose external genitals don't match their internal organs or hormones.

And of course testosterone levels are used to decide if a ciswoman or transwoman can compete as a woman in athletics.

Bible

Anti trans activists use the bible (Genesis 1 v 27) "male and female He created them". They ignore St Paul's egalitarian pronouncement to the Galatians "There is no male or female; since you are all one in Christ".

Transpeople's Lived Experience

The LGB divorce advocates expunge the trans history.

Probably the first recorded person who knew he was born in the wrong body was the emperor Heliogabalus (died 222 CE). He married a man and was referred to as "doma" instead of the male "dominus". He wanted a sex change so that he could have a vagina.

Some argue trans people have "a mental illness that denies biology".

This was shown to be false by Dr Magnus Hirschfield who was known throughout Europe and America as "the Einstein of Sex". He produced, and appeared in, the first gay film.

He published the first scientific investigation of gender nonconformity, with his 1910 "Transvestites: The Erotic Drive to Cross Dress (New Concepts in Human Sexuality). On it he argued

"Transvestites are women and men who feel reluctant and even refuse to dress in the clothing of their own sex. For them, the inherent drive to cross-dress is often more powerful than sexual drive itself.

Transvestites have been subjected not only to discrimination but also to criminal prosecution for following what, for them, was an inborn inclination".

He also introduced the term transgender in 1923. He helped in the world's first surgical transitioning of a medically declared man into her correct sex.

His "Institute for Sexual Science" was the world's premier research facility for education and counselling on transgender and gay-sexual function and psychology.

The Institute was a "must-see" stop for visiting celebrities like novelist Christopher Isherwood, whose insights are best known in the musical "Cabaret".

It became a gathering place for Berlin's thriving subculture of homosexuals, social cross dressers and true transgender people.

He showed that transvestism is a firmly rooted sexual-psychological phenomenon and cultural tradition, in spite of religious, legal and social sanctions. His book still is the most comprehensive treatise on the subject of transvestism.

Hirschfeld persuaded the Berlin police that some people knew that they were born in the wrong body. They were not "cross dressing", to endanger public morals, which was illegal, but dressing appropriately to their actual sex.

The police agreed.

Those holding a "transvestite certificate" signed by a doctor would not therefore be charged with public indecency.

The first LGBTQ+ organisation in America was based on Dr Hirschfeld's pro-trans organisation, with the addition of concern for the homeless.

The advocates of a LGB divorce deliberately overlook the trans element of the birth of to the LGBTQ+ Movement, the Stonewall riot.

The police didn't raid the mafia controlled Stonewall pub to stop them illegally selling liquor, since they received kickbacks. Neither did they arrest dancing homosexuals. They arrested cross dressers, including trans cross dressers as this was illegal. Where cross dressing was in dispute a lady police officer took the person into the loo and examined their genitals.

It was this abuse of the trans people that started the riot, and the movement that the anti gender LGB now want to leave to their own devices.

I thank you for listening.

Councillor Statement

Cllr Paul Sample

Salisbury Museum is undergoing major refurbishment during the weekend of 5th and 6th August it is planned that the Giant and Hon Nob will be moved from the Museum to Salisbury Guildhall for a short time.

The provided Salisbury City Council to have a formal photograph taken with the civic party including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Salisbury City Council, Lieutenant Deputy, Beadles and City Clerk. Something that has not taken place in living memory. Can I ask that the council officers work with Salisbury Museum to facilitate the taking of that photograph.

Chairmans Announcements

Cllr Atiqul Hoque

Before I do... I'd like to thank our pass mayor Tom Corbin for his excellent work over the past year and we have a little gift for him which will be presented at a committee soon.

The joy of being a Mayor, since 13th May I have had 33 engagements...

Kicking off with choosing a top Dog from that moment I thought to myself I'm on to a good Ah ... I might be the Top.... Mayor

Other engagements have included visiting Brain Injury survivors, attending 4 mayor making events in Calne, Malmesbury, Chippenham, and Bath.

Many radio interviews - BBC Wiltshire - Gloucester - Radio Odstock ,

Had the opportunity to welcome German Ambassador, same evening attending a talk arranged by Arundells.

It doesn't stop here, I attend 3 Garden Fete at the Cathedral Organised by friends of Cathedral, silver Salisbury and Neil McMillan Opportunity centre.

So far I've attended 2 Citizenship Ceremonies, where people took Oath from all walks of life, including from Fiji to Jamaica to Germany to Nepal.

I attended 3 restaurant openings including at Restaurants Solution in London, garden expansion of Cafe Diwali and relaunch of Allium restaurant which goes to show there's still plenty of life in Salisbury.

I was also very pleased to address everyone in a Friday prayer at Muslim Association of Salisbury as the Mayor as normally I would as the secretary.

I attend 3 similar events remembering our heroes in June, D- Day, Falkland war and the recent SCC hosted Armed Forces Day event in the Market Place.

Have attended many fund-raising events which I'm very happy to support.

Also attended the very popular Car event in the Market Place which was very successful and packed with people.

I could go on, and not counting the private invite to the new Everyman Cinema and visiting local businesses, including our very own market store holders to say hello.

Administration Leaders Announcements

Cllr Annie Riddle

The City Council were delighted to see our beautiful Churchill Gardens used to such good effect as a backdrop for Wiltshire Creative's stunning production of The Tempest.

Our first grass cutting round of the season took 30 working days to complete.

The spring weather was ideal for grass to grow quickly, and we have had new team members to train, various bank holidays and some staff vacancies to contend with.

But our team are aiming for 5 grass cuts this year, whereas under the old idVerde contract there were three, so that's good news.

On the events front, following a busy Coronation weekend, our themed street sellers' markets continue to be very successful, offering family fun without the need to spend a lot of money. The dog show-themed event was particularly popular, dinosaurs are also proving to be perennial favourites, and we've got farm animals coming up next on July 9.

The Motor Show, featuring more than 100 vehicles of all ages, attracted a lot of attention, while this weekend we celebrated Armed Forces Day. Our staff work extremely hard over the summer weekends to put on such a range of events and we are very grateful for their professionalism and enthusiasm.

Our accessibility and inclusion task group is off to a great start, working in conjunction with Wiltshire highways officers on identifying where metal barriers across pathways can make life difficult for wheelchair users and parents with buggies, so that these obstacles can be removed or made more easily negotiable. Some councillors, working with the disability group DIGS, have undertaken disability access audits of our parks and open spaces, and there's more work to do on this.

The council leaders have begun a conversation with the Conservative group about consultation over future budgets, and survey materials are being prepared to engage with the public. Simultaneously we have been trialling the recording of meetings.

The city now has to meet the bill for the Parish Poll, which was just under £40,000.

The leaders have had a positive conversation with the Police & Crime Commissioner about anti-social behaviour issues. We were pleased to hear that the city will have 10 new officers by September, and that recruitment of PCSOs is continuing. The location of the new policing hub has still not been resolved, and an application to site it at High Post, as part of an industrial development, has just been turned down.

We continue to build relationships with our neighbouring parishes and to participate in the Place Partnership, looking forward to the impact of Bradbeers and Primark on the city's economy in October, and hoping customers will not be deterred by a combination of ongoing parking issues and Fisherton Street improvement works. The mural on the hoarding outside Debenhams will be re-used within the city.

A contract has been signed for work on our new depot to meet the needs of our teams.

A new contractor has also been signed up to work on our Christmas lights.

We have taken part in two consultation events organised by Wiltshire Council about how the planning system is working (or not) for parishes.

Our own Neighbourhood Plan is progressing more slowly than we had hoped. It is currently with a designer, being prepared for submission to Wiltshire Council in the form they require before we can receive their further comments.