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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 18 January 2021
Meeting held : via Microsoft Teams
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Walsh

Vice Chair: Cllr C Corbin

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

Officers: Annie Child, Estelle Sherry, Harlan Hughes and Yaroslav Pustarnakov.

1010. Apologies:

1010.1. Cllr A Foster and Cllr J Farquhar gave their apologies.

1011. Public Questions/Statement Time:

1011.1. Mr Chris Hewitt was invited by the Chairman to read his statement concerning the addition of names to the War Memorial to remember those who died in World War II. A copy of the statement is attached at the end of this minutes.

1011.2. The Chairman thanked Mr Hewitt for his statement, and invited Councillors to make comments. Following a discussion, the Chairman noted that the Council is facing challenges relating to time, the ability to conduct public consultation, and the need for planning consent which would be required for this scheme. The Chairman therefore proposed that the matter is deferred until after the local government elections due to held in May 2021.

1013. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

1013.1. There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

1014. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1014.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 14 December 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1015. Declarations of Interest:

1015.1. There were no declarations of interest.

1016. Dispensations:

1016.1. No dispensations were requested.

1017. Referral of Minutes:

Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below

Services	7 December 2020
Planning	21 December 2020
Finance and Governance	11 January 2020

1018. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcement:

1018.1. The Mayor is hosting a virtual fundraising event for South Wilts Mencap on Sat 23 Jan 2021. All the proceeds will go towards people with learning disabilities.

1018.2. The Chairman was pleased to inform Council that there will be a virtual Charter Sunday Service on Sun 31 Jan 2021. The details about the proceedings can be found on the SCC website or by contacting the Corporate Services Department.

1019. Presentation on Wiltshire Council's Central Area Framework:

Salisbury City Councillors received a detailed presentation from David Milton and Parvis Khansari from Wiltshire Council (WC) on the Central Area Framework. Councillors thanked the WC officers for their presentation, and questions were asked and answered.

1020. Nominations for Mayor Elect 2021/2022 and Deputy Mayor Elect 2021/2022:

The Chairman called for nominations for the Mayor Elect & Deputy Mayor Elect for 2021/22. It was

Resolved that:

- 1020.1. Cllr Caroline Corbin be nominated as the Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2021/2022.
Cllr Jackson nominated Cllr C Corbin to be Mayor Elect for 2021/2022 and this was seconded by Cllr Tomes.
- 1020.2. Cllr Tom Corbin be nominated as the Deputy Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2021/2022.
Cllr Osment nominated Cllr T Corbin to be Deputy Mayor Elect in 2021/2022 and this was seconded by Cllr Hoque.

1021. Leader's Report:

The Leader made the following announcements:

- 1021.1. Wiltshire Council Salisbury Area Board is holding a meeting on Thu 21 Jan 2021, which will provide an update on the Future High Street Fund. Details of the meeting can be found by [following this link](#).
- 1021.2. Salisbury City Council is excited to announce that the much anticipated Salisbury City Community Lottery was launched on Mon 11 Jan 2021 at a virtual Good Causes event that was well attended. Details regarding the Community Lottery can be found by [following this link](#).

1022. Update from Outside Representatives:

There were no updates from Outside Representatives.

1023. Update on Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNDP):

- 1023.1. The Chairman of the Steering Group, Cllr Farquhar, could not provide an update on the SNDP because he was absent from the meeting due to technical difficulties.
- 1023.2. The Council was informed that Cllr Farquhar will distribute the SNDP presentation to all Councillors, and provide an update at the next Full Council meeting.

1024. First Interim Internal Audit Report:

Councillors received the First Interim Internal Audit report from the Responsible

Financial Officer, and it was:

Resolved that:

1024.1.Full Council noted the First Interim Internal Audit review, its findings and recommendation, and the management action in respect of this recommendation.

1025. Charitable Trusts:

Councillors received a Charitable Trusts report from the Responsible Financial Officer, and it was:

Resolved that:

1025.1.Full Council noted the report and authorised the Responsible Financial Officer to submit dissolution forms in respect of the three charities.

1026. Budget 2021/2022:

Councillors considered Council's precept and budget, and it was:

Resolved to:

1026.1.Full Council approved the proposed revenue and capital budgets and fees and charges for 2021/22 as set out in the report and its appendices.

1026.2.Full Council approved a precept of £3,050,792.

1027. Financial Regulations:

Councillors considered a change to the Salisbury City Council's Financial Regulations, and it was:

Resolved that:

1027.1.Full Council agreed a change to the Salisbury City Council's Financial Regulations – namely to change Para 3.6 to read “The RFO shall maintain a minimum reserve equivalent to two **and a half months**’ gross expenditure”.

1028. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency

There were 5 members of the public and 1 member of the press present.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Public Questions and Statements

Salisbury World War 2 Memorial

As many Councillors will be aware, the current War Memorial in the Guildhall Square contains only the names of the 460 men from the city who died in World War 1. There is a plaque in the middle which states it is also a memorial to those who died in World War 2 and subsequent conflicts, but there are no names.

When Bobbie Chettleburgh was Mayor in 2003-4 she raised money through her Mayor's Appeal for a Book of Remembrance listing all those who had died since 1914. This was dedicated in 2005 and placed in St Thomas Church where it is available for all to consult. In 2011 the Chettleburghs made a formal proposal to the City Council for a proper memorial to those who had died since 1918, but nothing came of it.

It seems to me wrong that the City formally recognises by name in a public place all those who died in WW1 but not those who made the same sacrifice in WW2. My proposal is therefore that the City Council commissions 3 bronze plaques with up to 80 names on each to be fixed to the rear of the current memorial. These would match the 6 bronze plaques on the front of the memorial and there would also need to be a title plaque stating 1939-1945. To those who might object that we should not be placing plaques on the back of the memorial, I would point out that many memorials have multiple faces, they would actually be facing the Guildhall and that there is already a 4 foot wide raised plinth around the back of the memorial.

The estimated costs of the project based on the attached quotation from Fitzpatrick Woolmer of Rochester are £13,816.80. There are very few companies in the country who can do this type of work in bronze, particularly as 2 of the plaques need to have a convex curve. If approved I request that the Council fund the project, but that if a public appeal is needed, the council will undertake to make up any shortfall.

It would be appropriate if the Council approved the project now, 75 years from the end of WW2, and when it might still be possible to trace a small number of living local men who served in WW2 and who could be invited to the dedication ceremony.

C W Hewitt
Project Proposer