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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 4 September 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, J Broom, S Charleston, V Charleston, C Corbin, T Corbin, C Hibbert, J King, M Mewse, J Nettle, P Sample, A Riddle, E Rimmer, R Rogers, C Stanway, I Tomes and J Wells.

Officers: Annie Child, Janine Whitty and Joanna Wood

1268. Apologies:

- 1268.1.Cllr C McGrath gave his apologies.
- 1268.2.Cllr B Dalton gave his apologies.

1269. Public Questions/Statement Time:

- 1269.1.No public questions or statements were submitted.

1270. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

- 1270.1.A councillor question was submitted by Cllr Nettle concerning the lack of distribution to date by the Royal Mail of next year's financial consultation survey. Joanna Wood, Business and Communications Manager, replied to confirm that she has liaised with Royal Mail who believe they have delivered all the leaflets as instructed to SP1 and SP2 addresses. Cllr Riddle has already raised her concerns with officers and therefore has

drafted a letter due to be published in The Journal this week. Copies of the leaflet are still available for the Salisbury Information Centre.

1271. 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:

1271.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on Extraordinary Full Council on 18 July 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1272. Declaration of Interest:

1272.1. Cllr L Blackwood declared an interest in item 14 of the agenda as a member of the Inclusion Advisory Board for Salisbury Museum.

1273. Dispensations:

1273.1. No dispensations were requested.

1274. Chairman's Announcements:

1274.1. The Chairman noted the recent resignation of Eleanor Wills.

1274.2. The Chairman also gave his best wishes to the Clerk, Annie Child as she will be leaving the council later this month.

1274.3. The Chairman provided an updated on some of the events he has attended as Mayor since the last Full Council meeting. A copy of the update can be found at the end of these minutes.

1275. Administration Leaders Announcements:

1275.1. Cllr Victoria Charleston provided an update from Administration Leaders' update. A copy of the points included can be found at the end of these minutes.

1275.2. Cllr S Hocking, Interim Leader of the Conservative Group also provided his feedback from attending the consultations events.

1276. 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:

1276.1. Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

Events, Markets and Grants Committee	17 July 2023
Planning and Development	24 July 2023
Finance and Governance	31 July 2023

1277. Staffing Changes:

The Chairman invited the Clerk, Annie Child to provide a verbal update. The Clerk noted that “As Councillors will be aware, I have formally submitted my resignation to the Leaders of the Council. I have accepted a position as the Chief Executive Officer of the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments. The SAAA, a national body, is the sector-led limited company appointed by the Government to procure, appoint and manage external auditors to smaller authorities in England. My last day in office will be Thu 21 Sep 2023. The Council has appointed an Interim City Clerk. This will be Joanna Wood, who is currently the Council’s Business and Communications Manager. She starts as interim today alongside me for a handover period. A cross party task group has been established to oversee the appointment of a permanent clerk. The council should also note the temporary appointment of Kalpesh Patel as the RFO.”

The Mayor gave his thanks to Annie for her service to the council. There were also many thanks and best wishes provided by councillors present.

1278. BID Ballot:

Robin McGowan, Chief Executive and Suzy Mason, Director of Salisbury BID provided a presentation ahead of the forthcoming BID ballot in 2024. A copy of this presentation can be found [here](#). Council members thanked the BID for their work, provided feedback and asked questions.

Proposed by: Cllr T Corbin

Seconded by: Cllr S Hocking

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

Resolved that:

1278.1. The Council continue to support the BID and instruct the Clerk to vote Yes in the rebalot. The vote was unanimous.

1279. Wiltshire Council and Highways England Major Schemes In Salisbury:

Paul Shaddock, Engineer for Traffic Engineering at Wiltshire Council provided a presentation regarding the current and forthcoming works to Fisherton Street and the Station Forecourt. A copy of this presentation can be found [here](#).

A presentation was also provided regarding proposals for the Harnham Gyrotory and Wiltshire Councils work with Highways England. A copy of this presentation can be found [here](#).

The Council thanked Paul for his work, provided comments and asked questions about the schemes. Harnham resident Darren Jennings provided public comments also.

Chris Hilldrup and Paul Warner from National Highways then provided a presentation regarding the A36 College Street roundabout to Petersfinger Road signal junction. The Council provided comments and feedback. There were also comments to National Highways from a residents present regarding the condition and littering of the ring roads around Salisbury.

9.30pm The Chairman requested to extend the meeting.

In accordance with Standing Order para 3x, Cllr T Corbin proposed to extend the meeting by a further 30 minutes, this was seconded by Cllr S Hocking. A vote was held and this was agreed.

Following further discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

1279.1. Note the presentations.

1280. Land and Milford Hollow:

The Council considered the report regarding a lease or licence of land at Milford Hollow to the Milford Area Preservation Group. David Lovibond, Chairman of the MAGP attended the meeting and provided some background information was present and it was:

Proposed by: Cllr P Sample

Seconded by: Cllr A Hoque

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

Resolved to:

1280.1. Thank the MAGP for their dedication which has improved this area of the city for local residents.

1280.2. Agree in principle that this land can be leased or licensed to MAGP and delegate the details of the agreement, which are to be in line with para 4

above, to the Clerk, in consultation with the Leaders of the Council if required.

1281. Special Delegation – Supplementary Grants in 2022/2023 to Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum:

The Council considered the special delegation form, and it was:

Resolved to:

1281.1. Note the Special Delegation Form.

1282. Appointment of the new Honorary Recorder for the City:

The Council considered the appointment of a new Honorary Recorder for the city and, it was:

Proposed by: Cllr A Hoque

Seconded by: Cllr A Riddle

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

Resolved to:

1282.1. Thank His Honour Judge Andrew Barnett KC for his service and commitment as Honorary Recorder to the city since 2010.

1282.2. Approve the appointment of His Honour Judge Tim Mousley KC as the new Honorary Recorder for the City of Salisbury

1282.3. Request officers to arrange a Mayoral Reception to mark the appointment of the new Recorder and to commission an embroidered girdle for the new Honorary Recorder

1283. Motion – Cllr Sample:

The Council considered and discussed Cllr Sample's motion. It was:

Resolved that:

1283.1. The Council requests that the Officers now open negotiations with Wiltshire Council to ascertain the proposed terms and conditions upon which a transfer of Salisbury City Hall from Wiltshire Council to Salisbury City Council could be achieved and to report back to members.

Proposed by: Cllr P Sample

Seconded by: Cllr A Riddle

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**.

1284. 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 matters were arising.

**There were 18 members of the public and 1 member of the press present.
The meeting closed at 10.06pm.**

Chairmans Announcements

Since, last full council 18th July I've attended further 22 events which totals 64 official engagements so far. I will just highlight few.

On 20th July Opening of Salisbury Manor care home in Shapland Wilton Road, fantastic transformation.

Later Same afternoon I had the pleasure joining young students at St Joseph School in Laverstock for a Colour run Diversity Celebration where all students took part to show unity for whatever their gender identity.

21st July I was Honoured to have a red carpet welcome by Pembroke Park Primary School at theirs speech day to year 6 leavers, where I had to deliver a motivational speech.

Same day it was opening launch of Fayre in the square this year its been a great setup specially the colourful Buntings

On 23rd July joined radio odstock 70th Birthday celebration.

29th July Community Team fun day Harnham wonderful to see community coming together with lots of activity and SCC participation, with Sarah Gregson.

Thursday 3rd August It was Annual south wilts mencap summer BBQ. Great seeing so many special needs adults having fun, had the opportunity dance with them they loved the shiny chain.

Sunday 6th August 8:30pm something we signed up to. Attending

Candlelight at the Fisherton Bridge. Salisbury CNDs (campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) organising the Annual Remembrance of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Saturday 19th august Great event seeing the fruits of their labour at the Allotment & Garden Association Salisbury Annual summer horticultural show, at the reformed church on Fisherton street.

23rd August Mayors interfaith event first of its kind at the Cathedral Similarity between Islam and Christianity. Over 300 people attended, speakers were Imam Hussain MBE from Oxford and Rev Richard Sudworth OBE from Birmingham.

24th August Ukrainian Independence Day supported by SCC and arranged by Jane Ebel and Ukrainian community.

Administration Leaders Announcements

Cllr Victoria Charleston Update

- Fayre on the Square
 - Sponsorship has been a huge success
 - Extended for another week
- Progress on Depot
 - Continued work
- Budget consultation
 - Leaflet to all house - we know that there have been some issues with this
 - Survey open to ask residents their thoughts on next year, part of the plan to consult widely.
- Live streaming of meetings now
 - Again, to make the council more transparent
- Local plan
 - Discussions begun
 - Neighbouring Partnership meeting this week and it will be the focus of discussion
- Cultural strategy + tourism
 - Place Partnership
- Change in Clerk has been a focus, thank the current clerk for all her commitment and hard work over the last few years and her particular support for this administration.