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Minutes

Meeting of : Environment and Climate Committee
Date : 09 October 2023
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Wells Vice Chair: A Riddle

Cllrs: A Bayliss, J Bolwell, C Hibbert, S Hocking, J Nettle and C Stanway.

Cllrs also present: Cllr P Sample

Officers: Joanna Wood, Marc Read and Andrew Hunt

82. Apologies:

82.1. Cllr V Charleston gave her apologies and was substituted by Cllr A Bayliss

82.2. Cllr A Hoque gave his apologies and was substituted by Cllr J Nettle

83. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

84. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors

85. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of Services Committee held on 3 July 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

86. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

87. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

88. Chairman's Announcements:

Chairman has no announcements

89. High Street Fund – 47 Blue Boar Row:

The Committee received a verbal update from Interim City Clerk Joanna Wood on 47 Blue Boar Row. The committee asked questions and it was:

Resolved to:

89.1. Commence the procedure to sell 47 Blue Boar Row in light of the financial burdens the property maintenance imposes on the council. It was advised that Wiltshire Council should be informed of this decision

Proposed by: Cllr S Hocking

Seconded by: Cllr Nettle

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

90. Environmental Services Update:

The Committee received a verbal update from Marc Reed, Environmental Services Manager, in relation to service updates of Streetscene, Facilities, CCTV, Crematorium & Cemeteries, and Parks.

The committee requested a meeting with Wiltshire Council & Salisbury City Council officers to discuss the areas within Salisbury parish that fall under the jurisdiction of Salisbury city council and those that are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.

91. Environmental Policy Action Plan:

Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager provided an Environmental Policy Action Plan update. The committee provided comments and asked questions.

92. Wyndham Park Wall:

The Committee received a report from Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager, to consider options to adopt for Wyndham Park Wall. Following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

- 92.1. Seek public input via a consultation process to determine suitable options, whilst also providing information on costs, with the understanding that the final decision rests with Finance and Governance.
- 92.2. Recommend to the next Finance & Governance Committee that funding be identified for these urgent works.

Proposed by: Cllr J Nettle

Seconded by: Cllr J Bolwell

Voted For: J Bolwell, Bayliss, J Nettle, C Stanway and J Wells.

Voted Against: S Hocking and A Riddle

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

93. Gilbert the Dragon:

The Committee received a report from Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager, to consider a options for Gilbert the dragon. Following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

93.1. The decision on which option would be best suited should undergo a public vote, conducted via social media and in person at the Guildhall.

Proposed by: Cllr Bayliss

Seconded by: Cllr Stanway

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

94. EV Charging Points:

The Committee received a report from Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager, to consider revised options for EV Charging Points at City Council Car Parks. Following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to: move ahead with EVC

94.1. Agreed EV charging points should be installed via EVC as a fully funded option with a 20 year contract.

94.2. The ESM will proceed to the contract stage and review.

Proposed by: Cllr S Hocking

Seconded by: Cllr Bayliss

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

95. Tree Policy Review:

The Committee received a report from Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager, to consider recommendations for amendments to the Tree Policy. The Committee discussed the policy and, it was:

Resolved to:

95.1. The Committee approve the adoption of the revised policy apart from Section 6

95.2. To investigate the variance between the statistics of tree coverage between Salisbury City Councils report and a report brought forward by Cllr Hibbert who will share this detail with the ESM.

Proposed by: Cllr Hibbert

Seconded by: Cllr Riddle

96. CCTV Policy:

The Committee received a report from Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager, detailing officer recommendations for amendments to the CCTV Policy. Following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

96.1. The Committee approve the adoption of the policy.

Proposed by: Cllr Nettle

Seconded by: Cllr Stanway

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

97. Pinewood Way Accessibility Audit:

The Committee received a report from Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager, to consider costs to implement the recommendations of the access audit for Pinewood Way. Following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

97.1. Agree the recommendations in this report when setting its capital budget programme for 2024/25.

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

98. Glyphosate – Invasive Species:

The Committee received a report from Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager, to consider the use of glyphosate on invasive species. Following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

98.1. Agree a revised use of glyphosate in connection with the control and eradication of invasive species in extreme circumstances, where non-glyphosate products are not effective.

Proposed by: Cllr Riddle

Seconded by: Cllr Wells

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

99. 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.

There were 3 members of the public, 1 member of the press present.

The meeting closed at 9:31pm