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## Minutes

**Meeting of** : Full Council  
**Date** : 13 November 2023  
**Meeting held** : The Guildhall  
**Commencing at** : 6:30pm

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Present:

Chair: Cllr A Hoque Vice Chair: S Hocking

Cllrs: A Bayliss, L Blackwood, J Bolwell, J Broom, S Charleston, V Charleston, C Hibbert, J King, T Last, M Mewse, C McGrath, J Nettle, P Sample, A Riddle, E Rimmer, R Rogers, C Stanway, I Tomes and J Wells.

Officers: Joanna Wood and Janine Whitty

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**Before the meeting began the Chairman announced that a minute silence would be held at the meeting in recognition of innocent Israelis, Palestinians and others who have lost their lives, been taken hostage or affected by the Israel Gaza war.**

### **1285. Apologies:**

- 1285.1. Cllr T Corbin gave his apologies.
- 1285.2. Cllr C Corbin gave her apologies.
- 1285.3. Cllr B Dalton gave his apologies.

### **1286. Public Questions/Statement Time:**

- 1286.1. No public questions or statements were submitted.

### **1287. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:**

- 1287.1. A councillor statement read by newly elected Cllr Ted Last. The full statement can be found at the end of these minutes.

1287.2. Councillor questions were submitted by Cllr S Hocking and Cllr C McGrath.  
Full questions and answers can be found at the end of these minutes.

**1288. 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:**

1288.1. The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council on 4 September 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**1289. Declaration of Interest:**

1289.1. There were no declarations of interest.

**1290. Dispensations:**

1290.1. No dispensations were requested.

**1291. Chairman's Announcements:**

1291.1. The Chairman provided an update on some of the 33 engagements he has attended as Mayor since the last Full Council meeting, with a very busy September and October.

1291.2. Events included Citizenship ceremony, Older Peoples Lunch, Bangladesh visit, Royal visit for interfaith lunch and tree planting, Foodie Sunday, Charter Fair, Poppy Appeal Launch, Armistice and Remembrance.

1291.3. A copy of the update can be found at the end of these minutes.

**1292. Administration Leaders Announcements:**

1292.1. Cllr Ian Tomes provided an update from Administration Group Leaders, points included as follows;

1292.2. Cllr Tomes welcomed Cllr T Last to the council and Cllr L Blackwood to the Labour Party.

1292.3. Following this election committee places to be updated to reflect.

1292.4. Thank you to those that attended Armistice and Remembrance and noted the addition of the new plaques on the war memorial.

1292.5. Thank you for the hard work from Interim City Clerk Joanna Wood and Interim RFO Steve Mansfield who have brought fresh eyes to things. Well done to Jo and Steve.

- 1292.6. The Administration Group Leaders have spent a lot of time on budget setting for 2024/25 and have now shared a draft budget with the Conservative Group.
- 1292.7. There will be a budget meeting for the public to attend on 4 December. Cllrs are also welcome to attend.
- 1292.8. Recently met with Neighbouring Parishes and Wiltshire Council Officers to discussed transport etc in and around the city.
- 1292.9. Leaders also met with the PCC and BID meetings.
- 1292.10. Cllr Riddle has been doing lots of work on SCC response to the Local Plan review Local Plan Review, with Planning consultant Andrea Pellegram. The council response to the plan will be agreed at the Planning and Development Committee on 20 November, and Cllr Tomes asked Cllrs to please attend if they wish.
- 1292.11. Tollgate Road depot works are moving on and hope that it will be operationally used by SCC by Christmas. SCC are now also letting one area of the depot.
- 1292.12. EVC points are to be installed at various SCC owned car parks as agreed a E&C.
- 1292.13. Public meeting has been regarding Wyndham Park wall.
- 1292.14. Central car park toilets to be painted with murals a part of River Park project.
- 1292.15. Cllr J Nettle queried the councils work on transport. Cllr Riddle provided update on the Local Plan progress, which includes lots of transport comments. Once Local Plan Review and NDP Reg 15 has been submitted council could try to focus more on transport.

### 1293. **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:

1293.1. Councillors reviewed and noted the minutes as listed below:

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| Community Services         | 18 September 2023  |
| Planning and Development   | 25 September 2023  |
| Events, Markets and Grants | 2 October 2023   |
| Environment & Climate      | 9 October 2023 – Cllr Hibbert to be added to Cllr attendance.                            |
| Personnel                  | 16 October 2023  |
| Planning and Development   | 23 October 2023 – Cllrs requested more details regarding applications in future minutes. |
| Finance and Governance     | 30 October 2023  |

**1294. Financial Regulations:**

To council considered changes to the Financial Regulations.

**Proposed by:** Cllr A Hoque

**Seconded by:** Cllr J Nettle

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

**Resolved that:**

1294.1. The council agree the amendments to the Financial Regulations v17.

**1295. Motion – Cllr S Charleston:**

Cllr S Charleston discussed the motion which was then considered by the council, and it was:

**Resolved that:**

1295.1. The Council requests that Councillors on the Environment & Climate committee and Cllr S Charleston investigate options to replace the defunct car and bike sharing schemes run by Co-Cars, and to report back to members.

**Proposed by:** P Sample

**Seconded:** J Nettle

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

**1296. Motion – Cllr P Sample:**

Cllr P Sample presented his motion. The council discussed the requests and thanked Cllr Sample for his work. It was requested that the Town Crier be included in this motion, and it was:

**Resolved that:**

1296.1. The Council agreed the following;

1296.2. 1. To formally recognise the role of Morris Dancing, the Salisbury Giant Hob-Nob and The Whifflers and the Town Crier, as an important part of the cultural life of the City of Salisbury since at least mid-1500s.

1296.3. 2. To grant “Freedom of Entry” to Sarum Morris and The Whifflers as an affirmation of the bond between them, the City Council and the citizenry.

1296.4. 3. If requested, to provide permanent safe and dry storage indefinitely for the replica Giant, Christopher III, Hob-Nob, The Whifflers and Town Crier - and their equipment - on Council premises at a peppercorn rent.

- 1296.5. 4. To request the presence, weather permitting, and subject to their availability, of Sarum Morris, Hob-Nob, Salisbury Giant and The Whiffers, and Town Crier on the following days of civic celebration:
- (a) Charter Sunday (on or around the first Sunday in March);
  - (b) St George's Day Celebrations (on or around 23rd April each year);
  - (c) Mayor Making (in early May each year);
  - (d) and any other civic events or celebrations (eg: coronations, proclamations and feasts) as may be requested by Salisbury City Council.
- 1296.6. 5. To formally recognise two annual events that are of significance to Sarum Morris, namely:
- (a) "Dance at Dawn" (usually held at Old Sarum on the May Day each year);
  - (b) "Sarum Day of Dance" (usually held on or around mid July each year).
- 1296.7. 6. To ensure that Salisbury City Council include the above on its public liability and contents insurance so that Sarum Morris and The Whiffers are not liable in the event of the loss, damage or injury in the event of an accident or loss and provide a copy of their Insurance Certificate to Sarum Morris.
- 1296.8. 7. To encourage Salisbury BID - and others - to investigate ways in which the above events could generate significant additional footfall to the City from visitors, tourists and shoppers.
- 1296.9. 8. To liaise with Salisbury Museum, Sarum Morris and Wiltshire Creative in engaging with local residents – especially children – about these ancient elements of the City's heritage.
- 1296.10. 9. The financial implications of this resolution are one peppercorn per year.

**Proposed by:** Cllr P Sample

**Seconded by:** Cllr R Rogers

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

**1297. 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 3 members of the public and no members of the press present. The meeting closed at 8.05pm.**

## **Councillor Questions and Statements**

### **Statement from Cllr T Last**

I would like to thank the voters of West Harnham for showing their faith in me by electing me as their representative on the council.

I look forward to working with all my fellow councillors, administrators, and workers to enhance our wonderful city further.

Following a considerable number of conversations with Harnham residents as I work with my fellow councillors in the desire to make improvements, it was made clear to me that while we need to make improvements it is essential that our workers are appropriately paid and that the administration is both effective and economical.

### **Questions from Cllr S Hocking**

Q1 – At the last E & C Committee it was agreed that this Council has recently instructed Middleton & Major to put 47 Blue Boar Row on the market as the Council wish to dispose of the asset. There are now also two proposals from private investor who have expressed an interest in acquiring the site. Please can the Council provide a progress update.

#### **Answer from the Interim City Clerk**

**I can confirm that the Council is actively working on the sale of 47 Blue Boar Row and is currently exploring all options.**

Q2 – At the last E & C Committee it was agreed that EV charging points should be installed via EVC as a fully funded option with a 20 year contract and that the ESM will proceed to the contract stage and review. Please can the council provide a progress update.

#### **Answer from the Interim City Clerk**

**EVC have met with the Administration Group Leaders, have provided further detail around the installations and have submitted suitable references. The contract has been signed and we will now begin discussions around installation plans.**

### **Question from Cllr C McGrath**

Q3 - How much does Salisbury City Council intend to spend on compiling a legal challenge to the proposed residential development at Old Sarum airfield, sitting outside the city boundaries, and from which budget line will this be funded?

#### **Answer from the Interim City Clerk**

**Salisbury City Council's planning committee has objected to the planning application to the proposed residential development at Old Sarum airfield. There are no current plans to mount a legal challenge or spend budget on this.**

## **Chairmans Announcements**

### **Cllr A Hoque**

Since last Full council 4th September till today I've covered further 33 official engagements totalling 98 so far. It's been a very busy 2 months and lots of excitement. I will just highlight a few as follows;

Starting with citizen ceremony

Unveiling a blue plaque for Dr Maria Seabright OBE at the old infirmary on Fisherton street Pembroke house.

7th September- first time free Mayors Senior Citizens lunch to appreciate their contribution I was lucky help of officers we managed to get sponsored by Platinum Skies. One of the best smile I've seen it was all worth it. We counted around 4200 years of experience.

On 13th September I was invited by commonwealth chairman our very own Lord Marland to Bangladesh via Qatar I think this is the furthest mayor chain went. Ive met Bangladesh Prime Minister conveying our friendship with Salisbury with Sir Edward Heath, I'm hopeful she will visit Salisbury.

On 14th HRH Duchess of Edinburgh visited to celebrate the diversity and inter faith a tree was dedicated and now planted on Elizabeth garden.

St Mark's fete at St Mark's church (London Road roundabout)

15th September I was delighted to cut the cake for children chance 25th Birthday it was great to see cathedral school children taking part and the money they raised.

As I couldn't be at the opening I was later invited by the regional manager Christopher to have guided tour of newly open Primark.

21st September Bishop Wordsworth and South wilts prize given

28th farewell ) ceremony in honour of His Honour Judge Andrew Barnett The Honorary Recorder of Salisbury,

1st October foodie Sunday it's been fantastic arrangement this year with so many different food outlets

5th October Mayors recognition award, it's a new initiative to acknowledge young pupils achievement and their hard work. 2 category High achiever and active contribution. School participation

Pembroke park primary, Sarum Academy, South wilts Grammar, St Joseph, and Bishop Wordsworth. I really hope future Mayors will follow suit.

15th October on the afternoon opening of our historic Charter fair happens every 3rd Sunday since 1227. Good Cllrs turnout.

18th October 1:40 invited to meeting the Prime Minister Rishi

27th October 8:30 delighted to attended launch of Bradbeers department store opened by our Mp John Glen.

28th October 9:30 RBL Poppy Appeal Launch event

9th November Bollywood night at Old rail way Traven in Porton ( sold out event )

Over £1000 raised totalling so far around £17,000

Finally, finishing off with Armistice day and Remembrance Sunday thank you for everyone who attended. It was an honour to deliver a speech first time an Arabic word was used after 762 years. Thank you to officers and RBL to put up a great show.