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Minutes

Meeting of : Community Services
Date : 8 April 2024
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: C Corbin Vice Chair: S Charleston

Cllrs: S Charleston, C Corbin, T Corbin, J King, and C Stanway

Officers: Asa Thorpe, Tom Simpkins, Beth George and Sarah Gregson

1037. Apologies:

- 1037.1. Cllr J Bolwell substituted for Cllr L Blackwood.
- 1037.2. Cllr J Nettle substituted for Cllr J Broom.
- 1037.3. Cllr A Bayliss sent his apologies.
- 1037.4. Cllr C McGrath was absent.

1038. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

1039. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

1040. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 5 February 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1041. Declarations of Interest:

1041.1. Cllr J Nettle declared a non-pecuniary interest in Salisbury Pantry in that he is a trustee for the company who own the lease.

1041.2. Cllr C Corbin declared a non-pecuniary interest in Salisbury Pantry in that she is a trustee for the company who own the lease.

1041.3. Cllr C Corbin declared an interest in Salisbury District Hospital.

1042. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

1043. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman began by expressing her gratitude to Sarah Gregson for all the impressive work her and her team have been doing.

She spoke about the Sarum Inclusion Project which had recently come to Bemerton Heath at St Michael's Church and needs support. The project was a multi-award-winning innovative initiative that promotes a healthy, social and active lifestyle for adults with Learning Disabilities including, but not limited to: ADHD; Asperger and Autism Spectrum Disorder; Cerebral Palsy; Down Syndrome; Epilepsy; Fragile X; Global Development Delay; Williams Syndrome, and more.

She summarised by sharing with the committee that she and Cllr Tom Corbin had represented SCC at the inauguration of Dr Chapple as the High Sheriff of Wiltshire in Bishopstone at the weekend. She urged the community to contact Dr Chapple's office if they would like her to attend their community events and shared her confidence in Dr Chapple's fundraising abilities.

1044. Community Teams Update

The committee received an update from Sarah Gregson, Head of Community Services, on the work undertaken by the Salisbury City Council Communities Team. She covered the impact inconsistent staffing has had, the Engagement Data, the impact of Salisbury Pantry, the Wellbeing Snapshot, volunteers, future partnerships, structure, and 2024/25 plans.

The committee thanked the Head of Community Services, provided comments and asked questions. The committee also discussed the potential need for further analysis of the data to establish causation without assumptions. They discussed collaborating more with other services. The CEO noted the significant impact Salisbury Pantry was having on offsetting CO2 emissions. It was,

Resolved to:

1044.1. Note the report.

1045. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

Karen Linaker, Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager for Salisbury, Southern and Southwest Wiltshire's Leisure, Culture & Communities Department at Wiltshire Council gave a presentation on Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Councillors were shown data collected by the Salisbury Area Board and invited to ask questions. There was a short discussion on the importance of this data and how it will be used in future budget setting for 2025/26 and future committee reports. Councillors were encouraged to circulate the survey and data to residents. You can take the survey by clicking this [link](#). It was,

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There was 1 member of the public who was presenting, and no members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 19:52.