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# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Community Services  
**Date** : 10 June 2024  
**Meeting held in** : The Guildhall, Salisbury  
**Commencing at** : 6.30pm

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Present:

Chair: Cllr C Corbin                      Vice Chair: Cllr C Stanway

Cllrs: S Charleston, T Corbin, J King, J Broom and A Riddle

Officers: Tom Simpkins, Penny Muxworthy and Sarah Gregson

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## **1046 Election of Chairman:**

Cllr Corbin expressed an interest in being re-elected and was nominated by Cllr Broom; seconded by Cllr S Charleston; and approved by all present. No other nominations were made, therefore it was;

### **Resolved that:**

- 1046.1 Cllr Caroline Corbin is elected as Chairman of the Community Services Committee

## **1047 Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Cllr C Stanway expressed an interest in being re-elected and was nominated by Cllr C Corbin; seconded by Cllr King; and approved by all present. No other nominations were received, therefore it was;

### **Resolved that:**

1047.1 Cllr C Stanway is elected as Vice Chairman of the Community Services Committee

**1048 Apologies:**

1048.1 Cllr L Blackwood sent apologies and was substituted by Cllr A Riddle.

1048.2 Cllr C McGrath sent his apologies

**1049 Public Questions/Statement Time:**

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

**1050 Councillor Questions/Statement Time:**

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

**1051 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 8 April 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**1052 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**1053 Dispensations:**

No dispensations were requested.

**1054 Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman confirmed her attendance, with the Mayor, at the morning D-Day-80 event, along with the Mayor and fellow councillors at the evening event. The events were well received.

The Chairman highlighted that the new planters, outside the Guildhall, will need moving slightly for a Sunset Parade.

**1055 Community Teams Update**

The committee received an update presentation from Sarah Gregson, Head of Community Services, on the work undertaken and being planned for, by the Salisbury City Council Communities Team, this included (see this link: [Communities Team update - June 2024](#)):

- Additionally, Sarah Gregson was pleased to announce that following re-structuring and successful recruitment campaigns the Communities Team are now fully staffed in all posts including Sam Johnson as Community Centres & Programme Manager. This will lead to resilience and consistency, including cover for leave, appropriate staff-to-client ratios, and enabling more

community development from that team. A new team member has been recruited for Bemerton Heath Centre, which she already knows very well.

- Cllrs asked questions and Sarah Gregson confirmed the Bemerton Heath Centre has good community-wide use, although some days (particularly Fridays) have available space, with good uptake in classes and courses, including from those off-estate, which leads to feeling of community wellbeing.
- Friary Garden Project.
- YOU Network – (See this link: [YOU Network update - June 2024](#)). Cllrs commended the Community Services Team for this fantastic initiative. Lots of children are excited about it, and Safer Streets have been sharing around the city.
- Adults and older people.
- Active Lifestyles.  
Cllrs highlighted a Football for Fatties scheme in Eastleigh, which includes advice on diet as well as fitness, and suggested this might be something SCC could consider in partnership with a football club, which Sarah Gregson agreed to look into.
- Pantry.
- People-led Projects.  
Cllrs confirmed that they still signpost young people via schools.
- Safer and Supportive.
- Friary Young Artists Exhibition. Additionally, Sarah Gregson said that all participants received a year's free museum pass for themselves and their families; and the 5-Rivers exhibition space has been booked for later this year.  
Cllrs commented that the art exhibition was excellent and suggested displaying somewhere, which Sarah Gregson is investigating.
- Summer 2024.  
Cllrs would like to see more diversity of faith, backgrounds and communities at these events so everyone can learn from each other.

Cllrs thanked Sarah Gregson and all the Communities Team staff for all their work and support and congratulated the team on being fully staffed. Both the young and older communities appreciate the projects and work.

**Resolved to:**

1055.1 Note the report.

**1056 Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:**

1056.1 There were none.

There were 0 members of the public and no members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 19:13.

