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Minutes

Meeting of : Community Services
Date : 5 February 2024
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: C Corbin Vice Chair: C Stanway

Cllrs: S Charleston, A Hoque, J King, and J Wells

Officers: Joanna Wood, Janine Whitty and Sarah Gregson

1026. **Apologies:**

- 1026.1. Cllr T Corbin gave his apologies and was substituted by Cllr J Wells.
- 1026.2. Cllr C McGrath was substituted by Cllr A Hoque.
- 1026.3. Cllr J Broom sent her apologies.
- 1026.4. Cllr A Bayliss gave his apologies.

1027. **Public Questions/Statement Time:**

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

1028. **Councillor Questions/Statement Time:**

There were no questions or statements submitted by the Councillors.

1029. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 12 June 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1030. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

1031. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

1032. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman announced the recent sad news that the King has been diagnosed with cancer. The Chairman gave her thanks to Sarah Gregson and Joanna Wood for their activities within the Communities and Business and Communications teams.

1033. Community Conversations Bemerton Heath Update:

The Communities Manager introduced the Transformation Consultant for Wiltshire Council, Adele Owens. A presentation was provided by Adele regarding the community conversations work being undertaken in Wiltshire, including Salisbury. A copy of this presentation can be found [here](#). The committee thanked Adele for her presentation and work.

1034. Communities Team Update:

The Communities Manager provided an [update](#) on the work undertaken by the SCC Communities Team. The report includes community participation statistics, work with adults and older people, children and families, young people plus the Our Community Café, active lifestyles and Pantry. The Chairman and committee members thanked the Communities Manager and team for their work, and it was:

Resolved to:

1034.1. Note the report.

1035. Business and Communications Team Update:

The Business and Communications Manager provided an [update](#) regarding the events, markets, Guildhall, communications, Information Centre and Shopmobility activities undertaken by the Business and Communications Team in 2023. The report also looked at the challenges ahead within the team for 2024/25. An update was also provided regarding a new partnership agreement to have a craft fair in the Guildhall Square this coming Christmas. The committee thanked the Business and Communications Manager, provided comments and asked questions. The committee also discussed the potential need for further community engagement and feedback regarding the councils events. The

Chairman also noted the low attendance of Cllrs at the yesterday's Charter Sunday civic event, and it was:

Resolved to:

1035.1. Note the report.

1036. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

No matters were raised.

There were 4 members of the public and no members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm