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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 22 January 2018
Meeting held in : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30 pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Lindley

Vice Chair: Cllr M Osment

Cllrs: J Baber MBE, S Berry, J Broom, D Brown OBE, C Corbin, T Corbin, B Dalton, K Daley, M Dean, A Foster, S Hocking, A Hoque, S Jackson, Dr M McClelland, F Moody, J Nettle, L Sirman, C Rogers OBE, I Tomes and J Walsh.

Officers: Annie Child, Estelle Sherry, Cathy Titcombe and Lauren Laidlaw

783. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr J Farquhar.

784. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions submitted by the public.

785. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

785.1. Cllr S Hocking made the following statement:

The Salisbury City Stewards are contracted by SCC and are currently engaged in the City centre for 80 hours per week spread over seven days, singly on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and in pairs on days when the council have events including markets and bookings for the Guildhall Square currently Tuesday, Friday and Saturdays. Their remit has grown since the original requirement of reducing street drinking, antisocial behaviour and signposting rough sleepers and homeless people to the agencies that offer support and now includes general monitoring of greater parts of the City to include open spaces, parks, toilets and other areas of the City Councils estate.

The Stewards provide information and intelligence to SCC officers, the Police and partner agencies around a number of issues. In December the recorded incidences and frequencies of said issues (shown in brackets) are as follows, street drinking and alcohol related incidences (40) drug dealing and misuse (31), begging (12), homelessness (2), public disorder (8), parking issues (16), young people (skateboarding on the War Memorial and Guildhall Steps) (22) and other issues to include street trading licences, poaching, helping the elderly find their way around, locating missing persons, helping lost children find their parents and so on (40). In December the total number recorded incidences were 171 of which 88 were from known individuals.

The Stewards have assisted in helping a number of individuals into drug and alcohol rehabilitation and are in constant contact with those individuals who are in need but struggling to take the final step toward the help on offer and thus to a safe, secure facility where they can get cleaned up, eat a decent meal and sleep in a proper bed. They are and have provided evidence of criminal activity to the police which has aided their case building processes and I quote two written communications from one of our police officers recently "The information they have shared with us has been invaluable" and "Their presence in the City has reduced that amount of street drinkers and complaints to us about them". As an example of how they help SCC look after our estate, one of the more unsavoury tasks carried out is collecting and dealing with needles and other drug paraphernalia which are found on almost a daily basis in our disabled toilets both in the City and in our parks, of which one incidence was that of a needle left on the baby change table at the Coach Station. We will continue to monitor the operation of the City Stewards and will update Members again at either Service Committee, Full Council or both if Members would prefer.

786. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 6 December 2017 were approved and signed by the Chair.

787. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

788. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

789. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made the following announcements:

789.1. A reminder to all members about Charter Sunday this coming weekend on 28 January to celebrate the signing of the Charter in 1227 and the contribution of councillors to civic and community life in Salisbury. Please meet in the Guildhall at 9:45am to robe and prepare to process.

789.2. The Chairman announced there will be a Mayor's Ball in aid of the Alzheimer's Society to be held in the Guildhall on the Sat 14 April 2018.

Ticket will be £55 per person and this will include a three course meal. The dress code will be smart evening wear, with a colour theme of Forget-Me-Not blue. Cllr Broom will be happy to answer any questions about this event

789.3. The Chairman briefed the Council on events he had attended before Christmas and those that have taken place this January.

790. Referred Minutes from Other Committees:

The minutes of the committee meetings shown below were noted and no questions were asked on them.

- 790.1. Planning and Transportation – 8 January 2018
- 790.2. HR Sub – 18 December 2017
- 790.3. Services – 16 October 2017
- 790.4. Planning and Transportation – 11 December 2017
- 790.5. Policy and Resources – 30 October 2017

791. Leaders Report:

The Leader gave the following report:

- 791.1. Mr Robert Key has sent a thank you letter to the Council for awarding him the Freedom of the City, he was extremely appreciative.
- 791.2. One of the key concerns faced by the city at the moment is tackling street litter. New bins are now in place and cleaning rounds have improved and are under constant scrutiny by the Parks Manager and his team. There will be a meeting with officers, Wiltshire Council and local businesses to discuss this issue further and Cllr Dean will update members in due course.
- 791.3. The Leader has already met with Motorcycle Action Group and is planning to hold a meeting with the Fisherton Street Traders shortly to discuss potential council support for these events.
- 791.4. The Leader was pleased to report that the new tenant at Warner House is planning a major high standard refurbishment of the building creating new office pods which will be a welcome addition in this prime location.
- 791.5. The City Clerk and the Council Leader attended a meeting last week with *Wiltshire Creative*, where those present emphasised a commitment to a full list of future cultural events at all Salisbury's arts venues.
- 791.6. The first Neighbourhood Planning meeting will be taking place Monday 29 of January at 1700 and will be facilitated by a consultant. The Leader is keen to see many local public and business members in attendance and listen to their views about the future of Salisbury City.

792. Report from Outside Representatives:

No reports were received from outside representatives.

793. Nominations for Mayor 2018/19 and Deputy Mayor 2018/19:

The Chairman called for nominations for the Mayor Elect & Deputy Mayor Elect for 2018/19.

- 793.1. Cllr Tomes nominated Cllr Mike Osment to be Mayor in 2018/19, this was seconded by Cllr Dean. There were no further nominations. Councillor Mike

Osment's nomination to serve as Mayor for the municipal year 2018/19 was unanimously approved.

- 793.2. Cllr C Corbin nominated Cllr John Walsh to be Deputy Mayor in 2018/19, this was seconded by Cllr Nettle. There were no further nominations. Councillor John Walsh's nomination to serve as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2018/19 was unanimously approved.

794. Calendar of Meetings 2018/19:

An amendment to the report was agreed – Full Council on Monday 20 May 2019 was moved to Saturday 18 May 2019. This was agreed and it was

Resolved to:

- 794.1. Agree the calendar of meetings for 2018/19 as shown in the report with the amendment shown above.

795. Budget & Precept setting 2018/19:

The Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee introduced the draft budget as previously considered by the Policy and Resources Committee. There followed a debate considering many aspects of budget proposed and the context in which the budget was developed, including the value for money of the City Steward scheme, the impact of the Asset Transfer and national issues affecting local conditions. It was recognised by all those who spoke that the Asset Transfer had had a significant impact on the budget.

Cllr Jackson, in closing and summarising the debate, noted he, and his committee, will continue to monitor the budget throughout the year and will remain open to any further proposals in year. Therefore, it was

Resolved to:

- 795.1. Approve the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to note the capital and revenue budget proposals.
795.2. Approve the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to approve the revenue and capital base budgets for 2018/19.
795.3. Approve the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to agree a precept for 2018/19 of £3,014,336 (this equates to a precept of £208 per Band D Property) to enable the council to deliver its programme of service commitments whilst maintaining a prudent level of reserves.

796. Financial Regulations:

Estelle Sherry, Responsible Finance Officer, give a short brief on the proposed Reserves Policy which is part of the Financial Regulations. The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Cllr Jackson, noted that holding the right minimum level of reserves is essential to allow good financial management of the council services and projects. It was

Resolved to

- 796.1. To approve the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee (minute 484.1 refers)

The meeting moved into exempt business at 19:36

797. Exempt Information:

In view of the confidential or sensitive nature of the matters to be considered, the Full Council will consider excluding the press and public from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 16 on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of 'exempt information' as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 where the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in favour of disclosure the information explained below:

Agenda Item 16: Proposed Sale of Land

Paragraph 2 namely: Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

Paragraph 3 namely: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.

799. 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 was 4 member of the public and 1 member of the press present

The meeting closed at 19:53