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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 23 January 2017
Meeting held in : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30 pm

Present:

Chair: Not present

Vice Chair: Cllr J Lindley

Cllrs: G Alexander, J Broom, C Corbin, T Corbin, J Collier, B Dalton, M Dean, C Froude, S Hocking, A Hoque, M Pope, M Osment, A Roberts, Dr J Robertson, C Rogers OBE, M Timbrell, I Tomes and M Willmot.

Officers: Reg Williams, Annie Child, Estelle Sherry, Beth George and Cathy Titcombe

The Chair reminded all present that proceedings may be recorded

675. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Brown, P Brown and J Walsh.

676. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions submitted by the public.

677. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions submitted by Councillors.

678. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 16 January 2017 were not approved by the Committee because they had not yet been circulated. They will be signed at the next Full Council on 13 March 2017.

679. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

680. Dispensations:

No dispensations were received.

681. Chairman's Announcements:

The Vice Chairman made the following announcements:

681.1. Charter Sunday will be held on 12 February 2017 in St Thomas' Church. Members are reminded to send their RSVPs to the Corporate Support Officer asap.

682. State Pension:

Cllr M Osment read out and proposed his Notice of Motion as shown on the Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Cllr C Corbin.

Mrs Anderson, a member of the *Women Against State Pension Inequality* (WASPI) group in Salisbury was invited to address the committee. It is recorded that there are 90 local members of this group and Mrs Anderson spoke passionately of her and other women's experiences.

Although all those present were fully sympathetic to the situation it was noted that if the Government do reconsider the transitional arrangements this would be a tremendous financial commitment on money that, in the view of some, should be used on those more vulnerable. Mrs Anderson responded to this by reiterating it was not about the age increase, it was the failure to notify the women prior to the changes. After a vote of 11 for and 7 abstentions, it was

Resolved that:

682.1. The Motion be supported that Members support the action to request the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951.

683. Referred Minutes from Other Committees:

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

683.1. Services	5 December 2016
683.2. Planning and Transportation	12 December 2016
683.3. Policy and Resources	9 January 2017
683.4. Planning and Transportation	16 January 2017

684. Leaders Report:

The Leader gave the following report:

- 684.1. The top priority for SCC at the moment is to approve the Budget which was being discussed and considered later on the agenda.
- 684.2. The Asset Transfer is progressing and more of the legal paperwork has now been signed. Several comments have been received from members of the public that the Market Square looks much cleaner since SCC have been involved in the servicing of it.

685. Wiltshire Councillor's Report:

Cllr Dalton gave the following report:

In response to a letter that had been sent to Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Chair of the Southern Area Planning Committee (SAPC) he wished to confirm that it had been noted at a recent meeting of that committee that a representative from the SCC Planning and Transportation Committee should attend to reiterate the opinion of SCC regarding local planning applications. Cllr Froude responded that the letter had been sent because it was felt that SCC had been publicly and unjustifiably criticised by the SAPC and he had urged Cllr Westmoreland to request that officers contact the parish before they write negative comments.

There was a short discussion and it was largely agreed that SCC's comments were occasionally not considered despite being submitted to the planning officers. They debated whether there was a need for a representative at the meetings or if the SAPC should just accept the reasons for a support or object verdict as submitted by SCC. There was general agreement that something must change in order for SCC to have more input on planning decisions being made in the city. Cllr Froude agreed to raise this issue at the next Planning & Transport committee meeting of SCC.

686. Report from Outside Representatives:

Reports were received from the following outside representatives:

- 686.1. Cllr Wilmott reported from the Air Quality Management Group. There was a special meeting on 19 January 2017 when a representative from Salisbury Reds provided an update on the current state of bus technology in use on the Salisbury fleet. Wiltshire Council have received grant funding from the Clean Bus Technology Fund and there are various options for how this might be used to fund cleaner engine technologies which will help to improve air quality.
- 686.2. Cllr Froude reported that the Salisbury Crime & Community Safety Group had its first meeting on the 18th January under the chairmanship of Wiltshire Cllr Atiqul Hoque. The new group has taken on the former role of the Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group and expanded its remit as well as community representation. Police priorities are still discussed: both Operation Enumerate and Operation Sensitive Let are on-going while action at Culver Street Car Park has proved successful and will no longer be a priority. Issues at the Maltings Car Park will once again be a Police priority.

Wiltshire Police are urging everyone to sign up to Community Messaging on www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk. For those on Facebook they have an active page at 'Salisbury Police' www.facebook.com/salisburypolice. The new Police Cadet programme has been running for 9 weeks and is proving both popular and successful; the intention is to expand up to 40 cadets.

- 686.3. Cllr Froude reported that The Cycle Liaison Panel had no major announcements as the works programme will not be finalised until February. Design planning of Harnham Phase 2 and the Cow Lane link is underway.
- 686.4. Salisbury Area Greenspace continues to be very active pushing to fix the holes in our green infrastructure and campaigning on several issues.
- 686.5. Cllr Froude reported that SCC Flood Warden training has been completed for a number of volunteers. Regrettably, some who volunteered for training failed to turn up at the training session which means that there is still a shortfall in the numbers needed to fully operate the Flood Plan.
- 686.6. Cllr M Pope reported from the Safer Salisbury meeting where the Dementia Alliance Group proposed for Salisbury to be more dementia friendly. In the future, SCC may be asked to be a Dementia Friendly Institution.

687. Nominations for Mayor 2017/18:

The Chair called for nominations for the Mayor Elect for 2017/18.

- 687.1. Cllr M Dean nominated Cllr John Lindley to be Mayor in 2017/18, this was seconded by Cllr C Corbin. There were no further nominations and the submission of Councillor John Lindley's nomination to serve as Mayor for the municipal year 2017/18 to the Mayor Making meeting to be held on 13 May 2017 was unanimously approved.

688. Calendar of Meetings:

There was very little discussion on the draft calendar of meetings. It was mentioned that the calendar would need to be reviewed after the election as the format of some meetings may need to change to reflect the assets SCC is taking on. In a unanimous vote, it was

Resolved to:

- 688.1. Agree the calendar of meetings for 2017/18

689. Budget Setting 2017/18:

The Leader of the Council introduced the report, reminding Members that a £750,000 loan will fund the capital programme. Although the new administration will have some challenges to face after the election, he believes these will be overcome. This budget proposes an additional increase to the Adult Cremation fee of £7 compared to the budget that was presented at last week's extraordinary meeting.

The budget was proposed and seconded. It was noted that this may come

under review in May after the elections. In a vote of 11 for and 7 abstentions, it was

Resolved to:

689.1. Agree the budget for 2017/18 as proposed in the report

After the decision was made it was discussed that using a consensus model of decision making for the budget next year may be beneficial. The Leader explained that it would be possible next year but the process had been hampered this year with the complexities posed by the Asset Transfer and other issues.

A vote of thanks was noted for the dedicated work of the Responsible Finance Officer and Deputy City Clerk on the Budget Setting for 2017/18.

690. 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 6 members of the public present

The meeting closed at 19:23