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# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Full Council  
**Date** : 13 March 2017  
**Meeting held in** : The Guildhall  
**Commencing at** : 6:30 pm

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*Present:*

Chair: Cllr D Brown OBE

Vice Chair: Cllr J Lindley

Cllrs: J Broom, P Brown, C Corbin, T Corbin, J Collier, B Dalton, M Dean, P Podger, C Froude, S Hocking, A Hoque, M Pope, M Osment, Dr J Robertson, C Rogers OBE, I Tomes, J Walsh and M Willmot.

Officers: Reg Williams, Annie Child and Cathy Titcombe

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The Chair reminded all present that proceedings may be recorded

**691. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Alexander and M Timbrell. Cllr Andrew Roberts gave his apologies as he is still unwell and unable to attend this evening but is fortunately on the mend.

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

There were no questions submitted by the public.

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

There were no questions submitted by Councillors.

**694. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the last two meetings of the Full Council held on 16 and 23 January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**695. Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations of interest were received.

**696. Dispensations:**

No dispensations were received.

**697. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

697.1. Item 12, Counter Terrorism will be brought forwards on the agenda and be heard immediately after these announcements.

697.2. The last few weeks have been a busy time as Mayor, I was especially pleased that the budget was finally agreed following really tough debates where some hard decisions were made. I have been delighted to attend many functions including: the annual Charter Service at St Thomas's; Pancake Day races; a Lions Club black tie dinner; The Annual Parish meeting whereby Cllr Osment (Deputy Leader) stepped in for Cllr Roberts at short notice and spoke about the years achievements; plus a cream tea with the Fairtrade Group held at the Quaker House.

697.3. I was especially delighted to attend an event to celebrate W. Carter & Son as being the oldest family business in Salisbury, still trading at the same location from when the business began back in 1817. They kindly presented a carriage clock to The City to commemorate the day which will be engraved with the words *Presented to The City of Salisbury By Carter & Son Ltd on the occasion of their 200th Anniversary 10th March 1817 – 2017* and displayed in the Guildhall.

**698. Counter Terrorism:**

The Chair introduced Louise Stapleton and Nick Snow who are Counter Terrorism Awareness Advisors with Avon and Somerset Constabulary. They gave a short presentation and were able to respond to various questions such as

698.1. What environmental terrorism is? The example given was criminal damage caused at a fracking site.

698.2. What is being done about grooming young people in the city? This would come under the heading of prevention and the police work with schools on matters such as safeguarding young people.

698.3. SCC hold several large scale public events and also work with partners and volunteer groups who are increasingly asked to provide significant numbers of stewards and SIA Licenced Security Officers? This is because of the increase in national security alert and the reduction of police resources. Event organisers submit their plans to the police and all events are assessed for their potential to attract terrorists. Those that are deemed as higher risk will not receive permission to proceed without the additional personnel and other stipulations.

698.4. How many arrests involve the use of CCTV? It is a good deterrent and an invaluable resource in detecting crime.

- 698.5. Will the exit from the EU help with stopping undesirables entering the country? Yes, it will help with cross border operations and it is a definite advantage being an island.
- 698.6. What is the warning system for attacks? We continue to brief groups such as this one and often find that one session will lead to another invitation to present.
- 698.7. Salisbury has a large army presence surrounding it, does this make us more or less vulnerable? As a division of the counter terrorism team we are in constant contact with local army personnel.
- 698.8. It has been reported that there was an increase to national funding for counter terrorism, are we seeing the benefits for this? Yes, there has been a national re-organisation where all 43 forces are centrally controlled on this matter and we are interacting on a daily basis.

The Chairman thanked the officers for the presentation and suggested they return later this year to present to the new administration.

#### **699. Referred Minutes from Other Committees:**

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

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| 699.1. Planning and Transportation | – 6 February 2017  |
| 699.2. Services                    | – 13 February 2017 |
| 699.3. Policy and Resources        | – 20 February 2017 |
| 699.4. Planning and Transportation | – 27 February 2017 |

#### **700. Leaders Report:**

As Cllr Roberts had been unable to attend he had given the following report to the City Clerk to read out:

He apologised for his absence, only the second in four years and he thanked those members who have wished him a speedy recovery. Today we have received a draft version of the final asset transfer document, which will be commented on before it is signed off. The key feature of my report is to thank all members and officers for their work for the council over the last four years, reflect on the many good things that we have achieved together to improve our City for the benefit of its citizens, generally with cross party support, say thanks and farewell to those members who are retiring and good luck to those who are standing again. Finally, thanks to those who elected me as the Leader of the Council. I trust that I have done the job well, but the verdict on that is of course for others to decide.

The Deputy Leader, Cllr Mike Osment added that he knew Cllr Roberts had wanted to be here this evening to thank all those who had supported him and that largely we have worked together to improve things for the residents. There are challenging times ahead with the transfer of assets from Wiltshire Council but this is what the public have indicated they want, greater control at local level.

The Chair added that he wanted to acknowledge the recent opening of the Harnham Bunker providing a wonderful music venue and service for young people. He thoroughly recommended anyone who had not visited it to do so.

Cllr Dean wished to add his own thanks to both Cllr Roberts and Osment on behalf of the Conservative Group. We have worked hard and achieved a great deal over the last four years and the new administration should have the confidence to continue this.

Cllr Dean added his congratulations to The Sound Emporium on the opening of the Bunker saying that after a considerable amount of money had been spent why anyone wouldn't want it to be successful. Cllr Robertson said that he understood that over 300 young people had already visited the facility.

**701. Wiltshire Councillor's Report:**

Councillor Walsh gave the following report on CATG (Community Area Transport Group). He was pleased to report that funding had been agreed for several areas of yellow lines that had been requested by residents, some as much as four years ago.

Councillor Dalton reported that the Area Board had had a lively debate on '*Whether Salisbury was ready for 24 hour businesses*'. No conclusion had been reached but it had been an interesting discussion.

Councillor Hoque spoke about the imminent announcement of new operational days for the dustcarts and an increase in the opening hours of the recycling centre. This was clarified as the centre opening earlier one day a week.

Councillor Tomes wished to note that the funds spent on the Bunker project had been from developer's contribution payments specifically to be spent on community projects in Harnham.

**702. Report from Outside Representatives:**

Reports were received from the following outside representatives:

702.1. Cllr Froude gave the following report from the Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group (NTG) which has now been formally absorbed into to a new 'Crime & Community Safety Tasking Group'. Under the auspices of the Salisbury Area Board with a Wiltshire Councillor as Chair. Representatives of the community, (including councillors, BID, young people, churches, schools, council officers, youth leaders, Neighbourhood Watch, Streetwatch, street pastors, BME, older people reps, etc) will meet with community police officers on a quarterly cycle to discuss issues and priorities relating to crime and community safety in all divisions of Salisbury. With a wider remit than the old NTG all attendees are requested to treat the discussions as in confidence so there will no longer be a formal report to Full Council.

702.2. Cllr Froude gave the following report from the CCTV Community Interest Company. They are meeting monthly as it works towards the switch on of the new CCTV system. Although Cllr Froude will not be standing for re-election as a councillor I am a board director so will continue working with the other board members while the new City Council decides how it wishes to proceed.

**703. Neighbourhood Planning Workshop:**

Following the recent neighbourhood planning workshop attended by members and officers it was

**Resolved that:**

703.1. Members note the principle of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan for Salisbury but that further work be held over until the outcome of the elections in May are known.

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

704.1. As this is the last Full Council meeting of this administration the Chair reiterated the Leaders comments and thanked members for the work done over the last four years and for the staff who have so ably supported them.

There were 3 members of the public and 1 member of the press present

The meeting closed at 7:27pm