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# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Full Council  
**Date** : 17 July 2017  
**Meeting held in** : The Guildhall  
**Commencing at** : 6:30 pm

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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, K Daley, M Dean, J Farquhar, 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: Reg Williams, Annie Child, Cathy Titcombe and Beth George

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The Chair reminded all present that proceedings may be recorded

## 728. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr B Dalton.

## 729. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions submitted by the public.

## 730. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions submitted by Councillors.

## 731. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 5 June 2017 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**732. Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations of interest were received.

**733. Dispensations:**

No dispensations were received.

**734. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

734.1. Councillors were reminded about the consultation on the Draft Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan. The P & T Committee will be submitting a formal response which will be agreed at the committee meeting on 14 August. Councillors are reminded that there will be a public drop in session held in the Guildhall on Wednesday 19 July 2017 to look at the plans and ask questions.

734.2. Street Food Sunday will be held in the Market Place on Sunday 30 July from 11am to 4pm.

734.3. The Chairman informed members of the some of the events he has been to recently as Mayor including the reopening of the Greyfisher Pub and meeting HRH the Prince of Wales at the Cathedral to celebrate the Army Air Corps 60th Anniversary Jubilee Parade and Service.

**735. Referred Minutes from Other Committees:**

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

735.1. Planning and Transportation – 19 June 2017

735.2. Services – 26 June 2017

735.3. Planning and Transportation – 3 July 2017

735.4. Policy and Resources – 10 July 2017

**736. Leaders Report:**

The leader invited Cllr Hocking to give an update on recent activity on the Market and Guildhall Squares:

736.1. Following a discussion around future management plans of the Market Place and Guildhall Square at the Services Committee in June, officers employed a local security company for a period of two weeks to gain an insight into anti-social behaviour on the Market Place & Guildhall Squares.

The two week project commenced on 13 July and concludes this evening. Two SIA security guards have patrolled at different times over the last 14 day period and collated a large amount of data that will now be used by the Council to identify a longer more sustainable course of action.

The project has identified the following key points:

- 736.1.1. Anti-social behaviour on the square includes street drinking, theft, drug offences and prolific begging.
  - 736.1.2. Traffic management issues have also come to light including abuse of delivery times to the Market Place and abuse of Blue Badge Regulations and the impact of misuse of loading bays and the detrimental effect that has on businesses taking deliveries.
- 736.2. The project has been very successful and has already seen a very positive decrease in the recorded incidents on the Market Place. A further trial period will now begin over the next weeks when different working patterns will be tried out. Full details and further reports will be presented for discussion at the Services Committee in August.

The Leader gave the following report:

- 736.3. There are various events happening around Salisbury over the next few weeks including Music in the Park on Sunday 23 July 2017 and the Vintage Market on 28 July 2017.
- 736.4. Street cleansing in Salisbury is underway with additional cleaning operations being carried out within the city centre.
- 736.5. The Memorial Safety Policy is now approved and available for feedback.
- 736.6. The Annual Report has been published and copies are available in the Guildhall foyer and Tourist Information Centre.

#### **737. Report from Outside Representatives:**

Reports were received from the following outside representatives:

- 737.1. Cllr A Foster reported from the Salisbury CIC of which she and Cllr J Baber are Directors. The installation of the external CCTV equipment is well underway with the office at Bourne Hill almost complete. The next meeting of the CIC is planned for 10 August 2017 when she hopes to be able to report further progress.

#### **738. Dementia Friendly Communities:**

Andrew Day, Tim Mason and Alison Millar from the Alzheimer's Society gave a presentation on the importance of Dementia Friendly Communities and how they support those suffering from Dementia, of which there are 1,500 in Salisbury. Andrew explained the strain this can have on the NHS and the isolation it can cause patients and carers.

The main emphasis was on how councillors can make small changes in their own wards such as identifying local people who may have had similar life experiences and would be able to sit and talk to a person with dementia. It was also suggested that when SCC are refurbishing the public toilets it is considered using contrasting colours which enables a person to feel less unsure about unfamiliar surroundings.

Representatives from the Alzheimer's Society will be invited back in the spring 2018 to report any progress of Salisbury being a Dementia Friendly city.

### **739. Local Policing Changes:**

Inspector Pete Sparrow reported to behalf of Wiltshire Police on what has been happening in Salisbury with regards to policing. He noted it was nice to see the Guildhall Square being used for its intended purpose and attracting lots of visitors.

He welcomes the impending return of the CCTV in Salisbury as it is a very important investigative tool. There has been a 7.8% increase in crime in Salisbury since it was switched off by Wiltshire Council but this is low compared to the national increase of 12%. Although he is very eager for the CCTV to return, Insp Sparrow was complimentary of the work done by Wiltshire Police and the residents of Salisbury to keep the increase below national average despite having no CCTV.

Those charged with being responsible for the recent spate of graffiti in the city are due to appear in court on 21 July 2017. Insp Sparrow reported that it would be beneficial to have a designated area for graffiti artists to spray but it was later confirmed that Salisbury does have such areas, albeit that these are unofficial. These will be better publicised in the future and PCSO's will be made aware of them in order to inform residents.

The terrorist threat is still severe. Although Salisbury is not at immediate risk of an attack, members of the public are reminded that there is a threat around large crowds of people and tourist hotspots. If anyone sees anything suspicious they are urged to call the Anti-Terror Hotline on 0800 789 321. Any immediate risk to life should be reported on 999.

Operation Karine has just come to a head resulting in 25 arrests in Salisbury. The operation focused on so called 'cuckooing', where prolific drug dealers from larger urban areas target vulnerable drug users in smaller towns and cities and use their homes as a base to sell drugs from. Since the bust the amount of drugs circulating the city has decreased as well as violent crime. The police have inferred this to mean that violent crime was largely committed between drug gangs.

A question was asked about the mental health of the people who were victims of the cuckooing and if there is something in place to help them. Insp Sparrow answered that there were 24/7 mental health nurses currently operating from the station should anyone need them.

Inspector Sparrow concluded by reminding the committee and the press to be positive about Salisbury because it is a safe and vibrant place to live and we should not be advertising it as anything other than that. He will return in the New Year to give another update.

### **740. SCC Strategic Plan 2017-2021:**

The strategic plan was introduced by the Leader of the Council. There was some concern that the document did not include enough content about how the council were going to achieve its aims.

It was noted that it is intended as a very high level document and would be added to throughout the year with supplementary documents adding to the level of details required. There was a short debate and after a vote, it was

**Resolved to:**

740.1. Adopt the SCC Strategic Plan 2017-2021.

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

742.1. Cllr T Corbin informed the committee that there will be disruption on the Salisbury to Waterloo line between the 5th and 28th August 2017, and he advised those present to avoid routes to London Waterloo where possible.

There were 8 members of the public and 1 member of the press present

The meeting closed at 20:23