

Minutes

Meeting of : The Council
Meeting held in : The Auditorium, City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury
Date : Monday 08 September 2008

Present

Councillor I D McLennan - **Chairman**
Councillor C G Mills - **Vice-Chairman**

Councillors: R A Beattie, R Britton, Ms J V Broom, D W Brown, Mrs E A Chettleburgh, P M Clegg, R J Clewer, I C Curr, B E Dalton, Mrs S L Dennis, C Devine, P D Edge, Mrs M I Evans, S R Fear, Mrs C R Hill, J Holt, G E Jeans, J P King, Ms J F Launchbury, M D Lee, D J Luther, Mrs C J M Morrison, W R Moss, J C Noeken, M J Osment, D O Parker, L Randall, A C Roberts, J C Robertson, B M Rycroft, P W L Sample, J F Smale, Mrs C A Spencer, J R G Spencer, A A P Thorpe, I R Tomes, Miss M A Tomlinson, C R Vincent, I C West, F Westmoreland, K C Wren, G Wright and J M Walsh

Apologies: were received from K A Cardy, J A Cole-Morgan, E R Draper, J M English, M G Fowler, Mrs J A Green, M A Hewitt, S J Howarth, Mrs H McKeown and I M Mitchell

Officers:

Manjeet Gill (Chief Executive), Stewart Agland and Paul Trenell (Democratic Services), Alan Osborne (Head of Financial Services), Jane Ferguson (Legal and Property Services)

162. Presentation from the Primary Care Trust:

The Council received a presentation on the NHS in Wiltshire from the Chairman of Wiltshire Primary Care Trust, Tony Barron, and the Director of Public Health, Maggie Rae. This was followed by a question and answer session. The Chairman thanked Mr Barron and Mrs Rae for their attendance.

163. Declarations of Interest:

Jane Ferguson (Principal Solicitor) declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter set out under minute 173 below (Urgent Business: Monitoring Officer). She left the room during consideration of this item.

164. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

165. Minutes:

Resolved – that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 23 June 2008 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



166. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman announced that John Crawford and Simon Howarth were both seriously ill. Councillor Sample intended to visit them both in the near future and deliver a book on behalf of the council, which members were asked to sign.

The Chairman gave details of some of his recent engagements which included promoting Salisbury's Fairtrade City status, prize-giving at Salisbury Area Junior Sports, the unveiling of a Blue Plaque for William Pitt, prize-giving at the Cathedral School, a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the rebuilt St Andrew's Church in Laverstock, receipt of a Silver award for Salisbury City in the Britain in Bloom competition and the raising of the Olympic Flag above the Guildhall.

The Chairman announced that Stewart Agland would be leaving Salisbury District Council to join Portsmouth City Council at the end of September. He wished him every success in his new job and thanked him for his loyalty, commitment and support to Salisbury District Council over the last 17 years.

167. Statutory Determinations for Capital and Treasury Management: Councillor Roberts

The Council considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Financial Services.

Resolved – that

- (1) the Statutory Determinations in respect of 2007-08 as set out in 1.1 – 1.6 of the report be approved; and
- (2) the Treasury Management Performance as set out at 2.1 – 3.4 of the report be noted.

168. Questions on Cabinet Decisions taken since the last Council Meeting:

Members asked questions in connection with those matters that had been considered by the Cabinet on 15 July and 3 September 2008.

- 13) Councillor Westmoreland raised the fact that the Forward Plan was sparsely populated and therefore of limited use in determining the future business of the Council. Councillor Sample attributed this to the decline in staff resources and undertook to provide a full written reply to Councillor Westmoreland within 10 working days.
- 20) Councillor Westmoreland raised a question relating to BVP109 (turnaround time on major planning applications). He noted that a number of major applications at Solstice Park in Amesbury had been subject to long waiting periods before being determined. He asked for the Portfolio Holder's assurance that improvements would be made and economic development in the district would continue to be promoted. Councillor Clegg undertook to provide a full written reply to Councillor Westmoreland within 10 working days.

169. Project and Policy Progress Reports:

There were no project or policy progress reports to consider.

170. Reports of other Committees/Panels on which questions were asked:

Southern Area Committee - Minute 157: Councillor Launchbury noted that the Southern Area Committee resolved that the community area, not just the committee, should be named the Southern Area.

Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Minute 88: Councillor Westmoreland stated that the Cabinet reports which the Panel requested were not made available to them in advance of the publication of the Cabinet agenda.

Nb – Democratic Services' response to Cllr Westmoreland is attached at appendix 2.

171. Call In Matters:

There were none.

172. Questions to the Council Chairman, Cabinet Member, Chairman of any Committee - on any matters not on the agenda in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the District:

There were none.

173. Urgent Items:

Monitoring Officer: Councillor Thorpe

The Council considered the previously circulated report of the Chief Executive.

Resolved – that the role of the Monitoring Officer be undertaken jointly by Jane Ferguson and Gianina Newell, Joint Principal Solicitors, Legal Services in accordance with Article 12.01 (c) of the constitution.

City Status: Councillor Clegg/Dalton/Sample

The Council considered the previously circulated report of the Principal Solicitor.

Resolved – that:

- (1) Salisbury District Council takes the necessary steps to ensure that city status is preserved, including a joint application from the Implementation Executive, Salisbury District Council and the Charter Trustees to the Ministry of Justice for preservation of the royal prerogative to maintain the city status of Salisbury;
- (2) Salisbury District Council officers work with officers from Wiltshire County Council to ensure that the Department of Communities and Local Government puts in place regulations to maintain city status when the Parish Council is formed.

174. Exempt Business:

Since there were no questions arising it was not necessary to move into exempt business.

The meeting finished at: 8.00 pm

Members of the public: 4

Appendix 1

From: Tim Revell
Sent: 10 September 2008 15:47
To: CLLR_Fred Westmoreland
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Subject: Resources OSP 14.7.08 - minute 88

Dear Cllr Westmoreland

At the council meeting on Monday evening you raised a query about whether the action requested in this minute had been carried out.

First, it is now envisaged that the report on the future of the Guildhall will be subsumed in future reports on Salisbury Vision. Secondly the report on Salisbury Vision was circulated to all members as soon as it was ready although this was not until after the main dispatch of the cabinet agenda for the meeting on 3.9.08. It was therefore taken as an urgent item. Finally the report on the Maltings and Central Car Park has not yet been finalised but should be submitted to a cabinet meeting later this year.

I hope that this is helpful. I have copied this message to the OSP Chairman, Cllr Britton and the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Roberts.

Regards

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