

Minutes

Meeting of : The Council
Meeting held in : The Auditorium, City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury
Date : Monday 08 December 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, K A Cardy, Mrs E A Chettleburgh, R J Clewer, J A Cole-Morgan, I C Curr, B E Dalton, Mrs S L Dennis, C Devine, E R Draper, P D Edge, J M English, Mrs M I Evans, S R Fear, M G Fowler, Mrs J A Green, M A Hewitt, Mrs C R Hill, J Holt, G E Jeans, J P King, M D Lee, D J Luther, Mrs H McKeown, I M Mitchell, Mrs C J M Morrison, W R Moss, 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, , K C Wren, G Wright and J M Walsh

Apologies: were received from Councillors P M Clegg, Ms J F Launchbury, J C Noeken and F Westmoreland

Officers:

Manjeet Gill (Chief Executive), Tim Revell and Tom Bray (Democratic Services), Alan Osborne (Head of Financial Services), Deborah Holmes (Legal and Property Services)

175. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor West declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 part 4 (272 (01 10 08) Regional Spatial Strategy) as he is a member of the South West Regional Assembly.

176. Public Questions/Statement Time:

Mr C Duller addressed the meeting regarding the Salisbury Vision and his contribution to the project between 1995 and 1999 (letter attached at annex 1). Councillor Edge acknowledged the work done by previous councillors and undertook to reply to Mr Duller's statement in full within 10 working days.

177. Minutes:

Resolved – that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 08 September 2008 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

178. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman stated that Jane Fry MBE of the Tourist Information Centre would be attending the next meeting in February to receive congratulations on her recent MBE award.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



The Chairman announced that in memory of Councillor Simon Howarth his parents had arranged for a seat to be installed at Elizabeth Gardens and the date would be confirmed in due course.

The Chairman reminded members that the SDC Staff Christmas Party would be taking place on Saturday 13th December at the City Hall.

The Chairman also noted that he was due to attend a fair trade trolley dash on Thursday in aid of Salisbury Trust for the Homeless.

The Chairman gave details of some of his recent engagements which included the presenting of allotments and community awards and the Best Kept Village awards to Dinton and Compton Chamberlayne in separate categories. He had opened the Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre, the Charter Fair and attended remembrance services.

The Chairman announced that he would be circulating electronic Christmas cards this year and the savings from not sending real cards would be donated to Morning Star to support the Banquet Run scheme. Update: A sum of £405 was presented to the Charity at the Poultry Cross on Thursday 11 December, where the Chairman met the organisers and some of the beneficiaries.

The Chairman announced that he had received a card from Stewart Agland and read out the message.

179. Standards Committee Training for Hearings: Councillor Mills

The Council considered the recommendations of the Standards Committee and the previously circulated report of the Interim Head of Democratic Services. The motion was moved by Councillor Mills and seconded by Councillor Britton and subsequently debated.

Resolved – that the recommendations be not adopted.

180. 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 01 October, 05 November and 3 December 2008.

Regarding the matter set out under item (2) 'minute 270 (01 10 08) 30 Year HRA Business Plan' Councillor Britton and Councillor Clewer raised questions over the contingency plans behind the HRA Business Plan. Councillor Tomes answered these questions stating that in a period of 30 years government policy could change dramatically if the past 30 years were anything to go by and therefore setting an accurate contingency plan would be difficult.

Regarding the matter set out under item (9) 'minute 277 (01 10 08) Successes of the Council' Councillor Parker raised a question as to why it is taking so long to launch a promotional DVD prepared for the council leisure facilities specifically referring to Tisbury Sports Centre. Councillor Sample agreed to convene a meeting between himself, Councillor Parker and Councillor Dalton to resolve the issue.

Regarding the matter set out under item (10) 'minute 278 (01 10 08) Upgrade on Petersfinger Park and Ride' Councillor Moss asked for the estimated cost of running the Petersfinger Park and Ride. Councillor McKeown stated that the figures would be sent to Councillor Moss.

Regarding the matter set out under item (10) 'minute 278 (01 10 08) Salisbury Vision Update on Current Projects' Councillor Holt congratulated the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development for bringing forward the enhancement at Wilton Market Place. Councillor Holt also questioned whether the Wiltshire County Council contribution to the Vision project was still available to which Councillor Edge stated that discussions were ongoing over the funding. Under the same item Councillor King outlined the need for more disabled parking at Wilton Market Place and that the parking facilities at Michael Herbert Hall should be better signposted. Councillor Edge agreed to look into the signage issue and explained that there are two parking bays allocated in front of the health centre for disabled parking.

Regarding the matter set out under item (18) 'minute 290 (05 11 08) Unitary Update' Councillor Parker directed questions regarding the area boards pilot phase to the Chief Executive. He expressed concern that attendances at the pilots fluctuate and that there is a lack of communication between the different area pilots. The Chief Executive stated that this was a Wiltshire County

Council project but it was being managed by Steve Milton who had been seconded to the county. Along with Councillor Hewitt, Chairman of the Scrutiny Task Group looking at Area Boards, the Chief Executive undertook to speak to Steve Milton regarding the concerns raised.

Regarding the matter set out under item (19) 'minute 291 (01 10 08) Successes of the Council' Councillor West raised the issue of the future of R2 funding under the unitary authority. It was confirmed that current arrangements are unlikely to be changed in the near future as the arrangements are set out in the current Local Plan and it can only be altered through the LDF process.

Regarding the matter set out under item (28) 'minute 304 (03 12 08) Legal LGR Issues' the recommendations from Cabinet were discussed along with wider issues regarding local government reorganisation.

Resolved – that the Cabinet recommendations be approved together with the nominations as set out below:

1. 15 members are nominated to the Implementation Executive to serve on the new authority's temporary planning committee for the Salisbury area in a proportion which reflects the balance between the administration and opposition groups on the council;

Nominations as follows:

Liberal Democrats (5): Dalton, Edge, Hill, Sample, West

Labour (3): McLennan, Roberts, Walsh

Conservatives (6): TBC

Independents (1): TBC

2. Subject to the Implementation Executive adopting similar proposals for the licensing function members be nominated to serve on the new authority's temporary licensing committee for the Salisbury area in a proportion which reflects the balance between the administration and opposition groups on the council;

Nominations as follows:

Liberal Democrats (5): Chettleburgh, Curr, Edge, Holt, Mills

Labour (3): TBC

Conservatives (6): TBC

Independents (1): TBC

3. No action be taken to confer the title of honorary alderman on existing district members.

181. Project and Policy Progress Reports:

There were no project or policy progress reports to consider.

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

There were no questions asked.

183. Call In Matters:

There were none.

184. 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.

185. Notice of Motion:

Councillor Cole-Morgan was in attendance therefore the notice of motion was withdrawn.

186. 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*