

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 11 September 2017 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs J Greaves (Mayor), Mrs J Allsopp, R Awty, Mrs D Baker, Mrs G Boyle, J Brooks, B Cocksey, D Dundas, I Eadie, C Greatorex, P Hitchman, Mrs S James, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, J McGrath, B McMullan, P Ray, D Smedley, A Smith, C Spruce, A Thompson, and R Yardley.

APOLOGIES: Councillors B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs J Eagland, T Matthews, Mrs L Warfield and M Warfield.

36 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on a number of recent civic and other engagements attended including; accompanying the Britain in Bloom judges on their tour of Lichfield (the results of which are to be announced on Thursday, 14 September), the Mayor At Home, the Allotment Society Summer Show, the Mercian 10th Anniversary Dinner in the Cathedral, Proms In The Park and the Sheriff's Ride. The Mayor offered her congratulations to the Sheriff on completing the entire ride.

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs G Boyle declared an interest under Appendix 'A' in Item 14, land south of Wordsworth Close as she resides on London Road. Councillor Mrs Boyle left the meeting during the discussion of this item and voting thereon.

38 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 July 2017 (Nos 26-35) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

39 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20 July 2017 be received.*

40 OFFICERS' REPORT

The Mayor took each item from the Officers' Report in turn. Councillor D Smedley congratulated the Civic Officer, Sarah Wallace, for her efforts in organising the Sheriff's Ride, and the City Council staff for their continued efforts following the death of the Town Clerk. Councillor R Awty noted that the visitor numbers were again increasing at the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum and thanked the Museum and Heritage Officer and her staff for their efforts.

RESOLVED: *That the Report as contained in Agenda Appendix 1 be received, and that officers be commended for their informative report.*

41 FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT – 1 APRIL to 31 JULY 2017

Members considered the financial progress report for the first four months of the 2017/18 financial year.

RESOLVED: *That the Financial Progress Report (Agenda Appendix 2) be noted.*

42 NALC LARGER COUNCILS CONFERENCE

The Council noted the theme to be discussed at the annual NALC Larger Councils Conference to be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at Coram Street, Bloomsbury, London.

RESOLVED: That Councillor C Greatorex attend the NALC Larger Councils Conference on 13 December 2017; and that the Council meet the costs of the conference fee and related subsistence and travel expenses.

43 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed in Agenda Appendix 3 for the periods:

- a. 1 June 2017 to 30 June 2017 in the sum of £83,273.24 General Account, and £1,397.40 Imprest Account.***
- b. 1 July 2017 to 31 July 2017 in the sum of £75,480.44 General Account, and £993.69 Imprest Account.***

44 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To Resolve: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business next to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the Meeting.

45 STAFFING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes and Recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 28 July 2017 (Agenda Appendix 4) be adopted.

46. LAND SOUTH OF WORDSWORTH CLOSE, LICHFIELD

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's confidential report. Councillor D Dundas proposed an amendment to the order of the recommendations contained therein. Councillor J McGrath seconded the proposal and it was duly put to the vote which was declared lost.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk's report (Agenda Appendix 5) be noted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.00 PM

MAYOR