

## **Lichfield City Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 6.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs S James (Mayor) Mrs J Allsopp, R Awty, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs D Baker, Mrs G Boyle, J Brooks, B Cocksey, D Dundas, Mrs J Greaves, P Hitchman, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, T Matthews, D Smedley, C Spruce, M Thompson, Mrs L Warfield, M Warfield and R Yardley.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors I Eadie, Mrs J Eagland (CD), C Greatorex, B McMullan, P Ray, A Smith and A Thompson.

***The Mayor conveyed the condolences of the City Council to Councillor Mrs J Allsopp on the recent death of her husband, Mr Basil Allsopp.***

#### **45 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on a number of recent civic and other engagements attended; including the Annual Summer show at Curborough Community Centre on 20 August; the first meeting of the Business Cocktail Club on 23 August; the 'Thank You' tea at the Mansion House in London, where the City of Lichfield was formally thanked for its donation in 1666 of £239 18s towards the rebuilding of London following the Great Fire; and the Sheriff's Ride on 10 September.

#### **46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **47 COUNCIL MINUTES**

***RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 July 2016 (nos. 32-44) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.***

#### **48 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

***RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 21 July and 11 August 2016 be received.***

#### **49 OFFICERS' REPORT**

Councillor D Dundas commended officers for a concise, informative and well-presented report, noting in particular the success of the Sheriff's Ride, the welcome appointment of Nick Burton to the position of Open Spaces Officer on a permanent basis, the update on the income levels from the Market and the continued importance of Twinning following the vote to leave the EU.

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

#### **50 FREEDOM OF THE CITY – DMS WHITTINGTON**

Councillor D Smedley provided an update to the City Council on the arrangements being made to grant the Freedom of the City to Defence Medical Services Whittington on 28 September 2016.

***RESOLVED: That the report be noted.***

#### **51 REPAIR AND RENOVATION PROGRAMME 2016/17 – PROGRESS REPORT**

Councillor D Smedley provided an overview of the report, confirming that scheduled repairs were proceeding well, noting in particular the repair and associated cleaning of the stained glass window and the completion of the cleaning of the stonework to the front of the Guildhall.

***RESOLVED: That the report as contained in Agenda Appendix 2 be noted.***

#### **52 FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT – 1 APRIL to 31 JULY 2016**

Councillor D Smedley provided an overview of the report. Councillor C Spruce asked that an additional column detailing projected spend be provided for future reports of this nature.

**RESOLVED: That the report be noted.**

**53 MARKET TRADERS' LIAISON MEETINGS**

The City Council thanked Councillor B Bacon for chairing the Market Traders' Liaison Committee. Councillor P Hitchman was nominated as the new Chair of the Committee.

**RESOLVED: That the thanks of the City Council are extended to Cllr B Bacon for his tenure as Chair of the Market traders' Liaison Committee, and that Councillor P Hitchman be appointed as his successor.**

**54 NALC LARGER COUNCILS CONFERENCE**

The Council noted the theme to be discussed at the annual NALC Larger Councils Conference to be held on Wednesday 30 November 2016 at the Royal National Hotel, London.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor A Thompson attend the NALC Larger Councils Conference on 30 November 2016; and that the Council meet the costs of the conference fee and related subsistence and travel expenses.**

**55 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed:**

- a) For the period 1 June 2016 to 30 June 2016 in the sum of £54,630.74 General Account, and £1,038.66 Imprest Account.**
- b) For the period 1 July 2016 to 31 July 2016 in the sum of £116,966.70 General Account, and £2,160.37 Imprest Account.**

**56 LEASE OF FORMER CANAL LAND AT TAMWORTH ROAD TO THE LICHFIELD AND HATHERTON CANALS RESTORATION TRUST LIMITED**

The Council considered the formal approach from the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust (LHCRT) to lease a further area of public open space between Cricket Lane and the London Road Bridge, as shown on Agenda Appendix 5.

The Council noted the significant progress made by LHCRT in regard to the area along Tamworth Road to the East of Cricket Lane, which was leased to the Trust by the Council in 2006, and expressed its continued support for their endeavours.

A 40 year lease was discussed on terms to be agreed between the Council and the Trust, but at no less detailed than those already in existence in the current lease. This would allow both the existing and proposed lease to run concurrently and then coincide at an expiry date in 2056.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, and the General Disposal Consent 2003, the Council advertise its proposals to grant a 40 year lease to the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust for the purposes of restoring the former canal on land south of Tamworth Road (between Cricket Lane and London Road) as shaded on the plan at Agenda Appendix 5.**
- 2. That the Council consider any objections received following public advertisement prior to any decision confirming the lease of the land.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.58 PM**

**MAYOR**