

## Lichfield City Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 24 April 2017 at 6.30 pm

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, I Eadie, Mrs J Eagland, Miss J Marks, T Matthews and Mrs L Warfield.

#### 109 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on a number of recent civic and other engagements attended; including the Lichfield Operatic Society production of "Annie"; the rededication of the Staffordshire Regimental Monument; Probus Lunch; and the St George's Day Parade which included beavers, cubs, scouts and venture scouts and pupils from Saxon Hill School.

#### 110 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Leytham, A Thompson, M Warfield and R Yardley declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council Code of Conduct with respect to Minute 118 (St Mary's Request for a Licence to use part of the Market Square).

#### 111 COUNCIL MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** *That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 March 2017 (Nos 98-108) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

#### 112 DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT

Further to Minute No. 104, it was proposed by Councillor D Smedley, seconded by Councillor B Cocksey and

**RESOLVED:** *That Councillor David Leytham be nominated Deputy Mayor Elect for 2017/18.*

#### 113 PLANNING COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED:** *That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 23 February and 16 March 2017 be received.*

#### 114 AUDIT COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the Minutes and recommendations of the Audit Committee held on 9 March 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

1. *That the Minutes and recommendations of the Audit Committee held on 9 March 2017 be approved.*
2. *That the Report and recommendations of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2017, as circulated with the agenda, be adopted.*

#### 115 JOHNSON BIRTHPLACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the Minutes and recommendations of the Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee held on 23 March 2017.

**RESOLVED:** *That the Minutes and recommendations of the Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee meeting held on 23 March 2017 (including the Museum Forward Plan), be adopted, subject to the inclusion of Councillor A Thompson in the list of those present.*

**116 REPAIR AND RENOVATION PROGRAMME 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the Report on the Repair and Renovation Programme for 2017/18.

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

**117 OFFICERS' REPORT**

Councillor M Warfield noted the very successful Schools Speaking Competition; the charity Fashion Show; and the Entertainment and Tea event for the elderly. Councillor C Greatorex also commended the Mayor and Sheriff's Charity Event in Whittington.

**RESOLVED:** *That the Report as contained in Agenda Appendix 3 be received, and that officers be commended for their informative report.*

**118 THE GUILD OF ST. MARY'S – REQUEST FOR A LICENCE TO USE PART OF THE MARKET SQUARE DURING THE CONTRACT PERIOD**

Members considered a request from the Guild of St. Mary's to use a small area of the Market Square, immediately in front of the entrance doors to the former Tourist Information Centre, as part of the contractors' compound for the duration of the works.

**RESOLVED:**

*a) That a temporary licence be granted to the Guild of St Mary's for the use of approximately 10m<sup>2</sup> at the corner of the Market Square adjacent to the current Tourist Information Centre entrance, as shown cross-hatched on the sketch plan at APPENDIX 4; to enclose and use as part of the compound for these works for the duration of the contract, expected to be from mid-June 2017 to the end of March 2018.*

*b) That the licence be subject to an undertaking by the Guild of St Mary's to repair any damage caused to the Square, its fixtures and blockwork, or reinstate the same immediately on completion of the scheme, to the satisfaction of the City Council.*

**119 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVED:** *That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 February 2017 to 28 February 2017 in the sum of £80,547.44 General Account, and £1,352.55 Imprest Account.*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.55 PM**

**MAYOR**