

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in Guildhall, Lichfield on Monday 17 April 2023 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors J Checkland (Mayor), J Anketell, H Ashton, C Ball, G Boyle, J Eagland, M Field, C Greateorex, J Greaves, R Harrison, I Jackson, P Jones, A Lax, J Marks, T Matthews, P McDermott, C Rapley, P Ray, D Robertson, A Smith, J Smith, M Trent, M Warfield and R Yardley.

APOLOGIES: Councillors D Baker, D Dundas and C Spruce.

112 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on the engagements he attended in recent weeks including meeting the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Johnson Society AGM, the unveiling of the Barber plaque at Cruck House and the Easter Sunday service at the Cathedral. The Mayor also took the opportunity to reflect on some of the memorable moments during his year in office such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the commonwealth games and the proclamation of the King.

The Mayor also took the opportunity to thank all Councillors for their time and commitment in serving the Council and wished those who were standing for re-election well. He also thanked Officers for their guidance, the Sheriff, Sheriff's consort and Mayoress their support throughout his year in office.

113 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Councillor C Ball declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council's Code of Conduct in relation to agenda item 8 (minute 117) as a member Lichfield and District Allotment Society. Cllr Ball left the room during discussion of this item and voting thereon.

Councillor H Ashton declared an interest under Appendix A of the City Council's Code of Conduct in relation to agenda item 9 (minute 118) as a member of the Enabling Group of Churches Together in Lichfield. Cllr Ashton left the room during discussion of this item and voting thereon.

114 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 March 2023 (Nos 98-111), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

115 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor P McDermott enquired who the Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect would now be in view of Councillor P Jones recent deselection for the forthcoming elections in May. The Town Clerk responded that legally the resolution passed by Council on 13 March 2023 will still stand until the Annual Council meeting on 15 May 2023.

116 PLANNING COMMITTEE (DELEGATED AUTHORITY)

RESOLVED: *That comments submitted to Lichfield District Council for the period 2 March 2023 to 30 March 2023 and made in the name of LCC via delegated authority, be received.*

117 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING PARTY

Members considered the minutes and recommendation of the NPIWP meeting held on 4 April 2023, including the recommendation that £27,500 of CIL be allocated to Lichfield and District Allotment Society for improvements to access roads and other infrastructure improvements within the allotment sites, and £11,200 of CIL be allocated to Boley Park Pre School as a contribution toward the improvement of the children's play area.

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the NPIWP held on 4 April 2023 be adopted.

118 GRANT APPLICATION – CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD

Members considered a grant application from 'Churches Together in Lichfield' who had applied for a grant from the City Council in the sum of £500.00 to provide a Christmas dinner for approximately 50 elderly, lonely and disabled residents in Lichfield. The grant would be used to fund the food and gifts, the event being run by volunteers.

RESOLVED: That a grant in the sum of £500.00 be awarded to Churches Together in Lichfield to fund the Christmas meal and gifts as detailed in the application.

119 GRANT APPLICATION – LICHFIELD PRIDE

Members considered a grant application from Lichfield Pride who had applied for a grant in the sum of £500.00 to hire the Market Square and Pool Walk for the Pride march, and also to contribute to seating/entertainment provision on the day.

RESOLVED: That a grant in the sum of £500.00 be awarded to Lichfield Pride to fund as detailed in the application.

120 OFFICERS' REPORT

Councillor J Eagland thanked the Civic Officer for the organisation of recent Civic events and the warm welcome guests received on Easter Sunday. Councillor C Greatorex commended Officers for their achievements at the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, and improvements in the Markets and Public Open Spaces. Councillor C Ball commented on the recent unveiling of the Barber plaque at Cruck house noting how moving the event was and asked that the minutes record special commendation to the MHO for her efforts in this regard. Councillor A Lax gave sincere thanks to all those facilitating the new flower bed on the Friary Remains for Ukrainian families. Cllr R Harrison asked that the contribution of Lichfield Litter Legends to the Ukraine flower display be formally recorded in the minutes.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

121 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

- ***1 January 2023 to 31 January 2023 in the sum of £124,776.06 General Account, and £817.24 Imprest Account.***
- ***1 February to 28 February 2023 in the sum of £84,971.71 General Account and £996.54 Imprest Account.***

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 18.57 PM

MAYOR