

## **Lichfield City Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 14 May 2018 at 6.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors, R Awty, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs D Baker, Mrs G Boyle, J Brooks, B Cocksey, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, C Greateorex, Mrs J Greaves, P Hitchman, Mrs S James, Mrs A Lax, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, T Matthews, B McMullan, A Smith, C Spruce, Mrs L Warfield, M Warfield and R Yardley.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors I Eadie, J Grange, P Ray and A Thompson.

#### **1 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Eagland, seconded by Councillor D Dundas, and

**RESOLVED: That Councillor David John Leytham be elected Mayor of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2019.**

The Mayor was invested with the Mayoral Chain, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor then took the Oath of Allegiance and occupied the Chair.

#### **2 COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 23 April 2018 (104 – 120) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

#### **3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor C Greateorex, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Lax, and

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Peter Leonard Hitchman be appointed Deputy Mayor to hold office until the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2019.**

The Deputy Mayor was invested with the badge of office, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### **4 ELECTION OF SHERIFF**

It was proposed by Councillor M Warfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Warfield, and

**RESOLVED: That Mr Michael Mullarkey be elected Sheriff of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2019.**

The Sheriff was invested with the Chain of Office, and took the Oath of Fealty to the Crown.

#### **5 EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Sheriff each returned thanks for their election.

#### **6 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor announced that Reverend Linda Collins would be his Chaplain.

#### **7 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADET**

The Mayor announced that Cadet Corporal Chloe Wright would be his Cadet and presented her with her Badge of Office. By prior arrangement with her commanding officer, Corporal Wright was promoted to Cadet Sergeant during the presentation.

**8 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs G Boyle, seconded by Councillor Mrs D Baker, and

***RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Mrs Janice Greaves for her valuable and outstanding services as Mayor during 2017/18.***

Councillor Mrs Janice Greaves responded in suitable terms and paid tribute to members of the Council for their support during her term of office.

**9 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING SHERIFF**

It was proposed by Councillor R Awty, seconded by Councillor C Spruce, and

***RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Andrew Smith for his valuable and outstanding services as Sheriff during 2017/18.***

Councillor Andrew Smith responded in suitable terms and paid tribute to members of the Council for their support during his term of office.

**10 PRESENTATION OF BADGES OF OFFICE**

The Mayor presented Badges of Office to the Mayoress, Deputy Mayoress and Sheriff's Lady.

**11 REPLICA BADGES OF OFFICE**

The retiring Mayor and Consort, and the retiring Sheriff and Sheriff's Lady were presented with replica badges of office by the Mayor.

**12 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor A Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs S James, and

***RESOLVED: That Councillor B Cocksey be appointed Leader of Council for the ensuing year.***

**13 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Eagland, seconded by Councillor Mrs D Baker, and

***RESOLVED: That Councillor M Warfield be appointed Deputy Leader of Council for the ensuing year.***

**14 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, PANELS, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

***RESOLVED: That membership of Committees, Panels, and Advisory Committees be as follows:***

a) ***Planning Committee (All members of Council)***

Chairman: Councillor R Yardley      Vice Chairman: Mrs A Lax

b) ***Audit Committee (6 members)***

5 Majority Group – Councillors: B Cocksey, J Grange, Mrs J Greaves, D Leytham, C Spruce

1 Minority Groups – Councillor J Brooks

Chairman: Councillor B Cocksey      Vice Chairman: Councillor C Spruce

- c) **Grants Advisory Committee (9 members)**  
8 Majority Group – Councillors: R Awty, B Bacon, B Cocksey, Mrs D Baker, Mrs J Greaves, Miss J Marks, M Warfield, R Yardley  
1 Minority Groups – Councillor P Ray  
Chairman: Councillor D. Baker Vice Chairman: Councillor M Warfield
- d) **Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee (6 members + 1 representative member)**  
6 Majority Group – Councillors: R Awty, G Boyle, Mrs S James, C Spruce, A Thompson, R Yardley  
1 Minority Groups – Councillor J Brooks  
1 Johnson Society (appointed by Society)  
Chairman: Councillor R Awty Vice Chairman: Councillor A Thompson
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Working Party (6 members)**  
5 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs D Baker, D Dundas, Mrs S James, Miss J Marks, A Thompson  
1 Minority Group – Councillor P Ray  
Chairman: Councillor D Dundas Vice Chairman: Councillor Mrs D Baker
- f) **Staffing Committee (10 members)**  
9 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs N Bacon, B Cocksey, Mrs J Eagland, Mrs S James, Mrs A Lax, Miss J Marks, T Matthews, A Thompson, M Warfield  
1 Minority Groups – Councillor J Brooks  
Chairman: Councillor B Cocksey Vice Chairman: M Warfield
- g) **Tenders Committee (5 members)**  
*Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council Leader, Deputy Leader, plus 1 Minority Group (Cllr P Ray)*  
Chairman: Leader of Council Vice Chairman: Deputy Leader of Council
- h) **Twinning Grants and Youth Grants Award Panel (3 members)**  
*Leader of Council, Deputy Leader, plus 1 Minority Group (Cllr P Ray)*
- i) **Complaints Panel (4 members)**  
*Councillors: B Bacon, B Cocksey, Mrs D Baker, Mrs A Lax.*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
 THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.21 PM**

**MAYOR**