

## Lichfield City Council

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 13 May 2019 at 6.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors, H Ashton, J Anketell, Mrs D Baker, C Ball, Mrs G Boyle, J Checkland, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, M Field, C Greatorex, Mrs J Greaves, I Jackson, P Jones, Mrs A Lax, Miss J Marks, T Matthews, P McDermott, S Pritchard, R Rathbone, P Ray, D Robertson, A Smith, C Spruce, M Trent, M Warfield and R Yardley.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors C Rapley and J Smith

#### 1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs G Boyle, seconded by Councillor T Matthews, and

**RESOLVED:** *That Councillor Deborah Frances Baker be elected Mayor of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2020.*

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 2019 (nos. 116 – 129) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

#### 3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Eagland, seconded by Councillor M Warfield, and

**RESOLVED:** *That Councillor Robert Paul Yardley be appointed Deputy Mayor to hold office until the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2020.*

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 C Spruce, seconded by Councillor M Warfield, and

**RESOLVED:** *That Mr Daryl John Brown be elected Sheriff of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2020.*

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 Nest Bateman would be her Chaplain.

#### 7 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor announced that Police Cadet Benjamin Dodds would be his Cadet and presented her with her Badge of Office.

**8 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

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

***RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor David Leytham for his valuable and outstanding services as Mayor during 2018/19.***

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

**9 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING SHERIFF**

It was proposed by Councillor M Warfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Eagland, and

***RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Mr Michael Mullarkey for his valuable and outstanding services as Sheriff during 2018/19.***

Mr Mullarkey responded in suitable terms and paid tribute to members of the Council and City Council staff for their support during his term of office.

**10 PRESENTATION OF BADGES OF OFFICE**

The Mayor presented Badges of Office to the Mayor's Consort and Deputy Mayoress.

**11 REPLICA BADGES OF OFFICE**

The retiring Mayor and Mayoress, 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 C Spruce, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Greaves, and

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

**13 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs A Lax, seconded by Councillor A Smith, and

***RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs G Boyle 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: Mrs A Lax

Vice Chairman: R Yardley

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

5 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs J Greaves, Mrs A Lax, A Smith, C Spruce, M Warfield

1 Minority Group – Councillor I Jackson (LD)

Chairman: M Warfield

Vice Chairman: C Spruce

- c) **Grants Advisory Committee (9 members)**  
6 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs D Baker, Mrs J Greaves, P Jones, Miss J Marks, M Warfield, R Yardley  
3 Minority Groups – Councillors: R Rathbone (LD), M Field (Labour), J Anketell (Ind)  
Chairman: Mrs D Baker                      Vice Chairman: M Warfield
- d) **Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee (6 members + 1 representative member)**  
6 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs G Boyle, D Dundas, Mrs J Greaves, T Matthews, C Spruce, R Yardley  
1 Minority Group – Councillor C Rapley (LD)  
1 Johnson Society (appointed by Society)  
Chairman: Mrs G Boyle                      Vice Chairman: C Spruce
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Working Party (6 members)**  
5 Majority Group – Councillors: J Checkland, P Jones, D Dundas, Mrs G Boyle, Mrs S Pritchard  
1 Minority Group – Councillor M Trent (LD)  
Chairman: D Dundas                      Vice Chairman: Mrs G Boyle
- f) **Staffing Committee (7 members)**  
6 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs J England, Mrs J Greaves, Mrs A Lax, T Matthews, Miss J Marks, M Warfield  
1 Minority Group – Councillor P McDermott (LD)  
Chairman: M Warfield                      Vice Chairman: Miss J Marks
- g) **Tenders Committee (6 members)**  
Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council Leader, Deputy Leader, Councillors J Smith (LD)  
C Ball (Labour)  
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 Councillor H Ashton (LD)
- i) **Complaints Panel (4 members)**  
Councillors: Mrs D Baker, Mrs A Lax, C Spruce, M Warfield

**15 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Town Clerk advised the Mayor that two declarations of acceptance of office had not yet been received.

**RESOLVED: That an extension of time be granted to allow the remaining members to submit their declarations to the Town Clerk.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.20 PM**

**MAYOR**