

## **Lichfield City Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Tuesday 30 July 2019 at 6.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs D Baker (Mayor), J Anketell, H Ashton, C Ball, Mrs G Boyle, J Checkland, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, M Field, Mrs J Greaves, Mrs A Lax, Miss J Marks, , P McDermott, C Rapley, R Rathbone, P Robertson, A Smith, J Smith, C Spruce and R Yardley.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors C Greateorex, I Jackson, T Matthews, P Ray, M Trent & M Warfield.

#### **33 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on several recent engagements which she had attended including meeting the judges for the Lichfield in Bloom competition, and the charity indoor Street Party at the Guildhall. She also reminded members of the forthcoming charity barn dance.

#### **34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor's Checkland, A Smith, Mrs A Lax and Mrs J Eagland declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council Code of Conduct with respect to agenda item 7, to answer questions under Standing Order 8(2)

Councillor M Field and P Jones declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council Code of Conduct with respect to agenda item 8, Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Working Party

Councillor Spruce declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council Code of Conduct with respect to agenda item 16, Tenders Committee.

#### **35 COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** *That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 June 2019 (Nos 16-32) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

#### **36 MATTERS ARISING**

None

#### **37 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** *That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 May and 27 June 2019 be received.*

#### **38 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8(2)**

Members considered the question submitted by Councillor D Robertson regarding the closure of the Friary Grange Leisure Centre and it was;

**RESOLVED:** *That the Deputy Leader would write to the Leader of Staffordshire County Council, Leader of Lichfield District Council and the Head of the Friary School on behalf of the City Council to express concern at the closure of the Friary Grange Leisure Centre and ask that the decision be reconsidered.*

**THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC FORUM**

A member of the public addressed the Council regarding arrangements for Market Square Refuse Disposal as outlined in the Town Clerk's report at Agenda Appendix 4

## **THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED**

### **39 ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARKET SQUARE REFUSE DISPOSAL**

With the agreement of the Council, the Mayor brought forward Agenda item 12 to enable it to be considered immediately following the representations during public forum. The matter was discussed by members and it was

***RESOLVED: That the City Council would maintain its current arrangement for the disposal of refuse on the Market Square***

### **40 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING PARTY(NPIWP)**

Councillor Dundas drew members attention to the minutes of the NPIWP at Agenda Appendix 1 and the recommendations therein and it was

***RESOLVED:***

***a) the sum of £837.24 be allocated from the City Council's CIL funds to contribute towards the additional cost of the replacement outer doors at Curborough Community Centre***

***b) the terms of reference of the NPIWP be expanded to include corresponding with relevant bodies to advise of the issues raised by the U3A Street Survey, to request action is taken to resolve such issues and to collate responses.***

***c) approximately £2,350.00 of CIL monies be allocated to cover the costs of the quoted work to the 'Welcome to Lichfield' signage.***

***d) a sum of £1,870.00 be allocated from the City Council's CIL funds to contribute towards the cost of the restoration of 11 City Centre plaques; and that the work be managed by City Council Officers in consultation with the Civic Society.***

### **41 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2019/20**

Members considered the revised memberships included at Agenda Appendix 2 and it was

***RESOLVED: That the memberships as listed at Agenda Appendix 2 be adopted and supersede the document adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13 May 2109.***

### **42 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members received nominations for the three remaining vacancies on Outside bodies. The appointments of Cllr Rathbone as the City Council's representative on the Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks Group and Cllr Ashton as the City Council's representative on the Twinning Association were suitably proposed and seconded. No nominations were received for the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, the position therefore remains vacant.

***RESOLVED:***

***a) That Cllr Rathbone be appointed as the City Council's representative on the Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks Group***

***b) That Cllr Ashton be appointed as the City Council's representative on the Twinning Association***

**43 OFFICERS' REPORT**

The Mayor took each item from the Officers' Report in turn. The Mayor thanked all those who supported the recent Swinfen Broun bowls match. Cllr Mrs G Boyle commended the Officers and staff of the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum for all the activities and outreach programmes that the museum has held over recent months.

***RESOLVED: That the Report as contained in Agenda Appendix 3 be noted***

**44 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

***RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed in Agenda Appendix 5***

- a) For the period 1 April 2019 to 30 April 2019 in the sum of £137,410.59 General Account and £870.87 Imprest Account.***
- b) For the period 1 May 2019 to 31 May 2019 in the sum of £98,757.65 General Account and £1036.94 Imprest Account***

**45 STAFFING COMMITTEE**

Members considered the confidential minutes and recommendations therein at Agenda Appendix 6 of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 3 July 2019.

***RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations as contained in the Town Clerk's confidential report be adopted.***

**46 TENDERS COMMITTEE**

Members considered the minutes and recommendations of the tenders Committee meeting held on 25 July 2019 relating to receipt of tenders for the provision of Christmas illuminations from 2019 -2024 and the repair and renovation of the interior of the Main Hall, Guildhall.

***RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Tenders Committee meeting be adopted.***

**47 BAD DEBT WRITE OFF**

Members considered the Town Clerk's confidential report at Agenda Appendix 8.

***RESOLVED: That debts totalling £1950 be 'written off' as irrecoverable.***

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.12PM**

**MAYOR**