

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Tuesday, 11 September 2012 at 6.32 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J M Eagland (Mayor), and Councillors, R J Awty, B F Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M G Boyle, J R Brooks, B D Diggle, T V Finn, C P Greateorex, Mrs J A Greaves, P L Hitchman, I A Jackson, Mrs S A James, A F Smith, C J Spruce, Mrs S E Strachan, M A Warfield and J N Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, Mrs V A Diggle, D P A Dundas, I M Eadie, D Smedley and A D Thompson.

36 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on recent civic and other engagements she had attended, including Lichfield Food Festival and the Sheriff's Ride.

The Mayor and all members also extended their warmest congratulations to Councillor and Mrs J R Brooks on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

Councillors C P Greateorex and C J Spruce declared interests in respect of Minute 45 (Proposed Purchase of Donegal House and Guildhall Complex) by virtue of their positions as Cabinet Members of Lichfield District Council, and left the meeting during the discussion and voting on that item.

In respect of a number of applications for dispensations received the Town Clerk explained that, in granting any dispensation to a member the Council would need to be clear on the reasons for granting the dispensation and that the power should not be overused in order to maintain the standards set out in the Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED: *That the applications for dispensations submitted be not approved.*

38 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 24 July 2012 (25 – 35) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

39 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meeting held on 19 July 2012 be received.*

40 REPORT OF THE MARKETS OFFICER

Consideration was given to the report of the Markets Officer.

RESOLVED: *That the Markets Officer be thanked for her report and the report be received.*

41 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

The Council considered the content of the agenda report which set out proposals to amend the rules for public participation at Planning Application Committee meetings to increase the number of speakers allowed in support and against any application to two.

RESOLVED: *That the procedures for public participation at Planning Application Committee meetings be amended as per agenda Appendix 2.*

42 FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT – 1 APRIL TO 31 JULY 2012

RESOLVED: That the Financial Progress Report for the period 1 April to 31 July 2012 be noted.

43 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 July 2012 in the sum of £54,937.67 General Account, and £587.57 Imprest Account.

44 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 19(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business next to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

45 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF DONEGAL HOUSE AND GUILDHALL COMPLEX

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk's confidential report.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to complete the purchase of Donegal House, Guildhall and courtyard on the basis set out in this report and the report submitted to Council on 24 July 2012.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.08PM