

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 12 May 2014 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, R Awty, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M Bland, Mrs G Boyle, J Brooks, B Diggle, D Dundas, I Eadie, Mrs J Eagland, T Finn, C Greateorex, Mrs J Greaves, I Jackson, Mrs S James, D Smedley, A Smith, Mrs S Strachan, M Taylor, T Thomas, A Thompson and M Warfield.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs V Diggle, P Hitchman, C Spruce and J Wilks.

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

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

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Mrs Norma Bacon be elected Mayor of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2015.*

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 7 April 2014 (99 – 108) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor T Finn, seconded by Councillor I Eadie, and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Andrew Francis Smith be appointed Deputy Mayor to hold office until the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2015.*

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 D Dundas, seconded by Councillor T Thomas, and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Robert Joseph Awty be elected Sheriff of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2015.*

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 her Chaplain.

7 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor announced that Cadet Warrant Officer Thomas Brittain would be her Cadet and presented him with his Badge of Office.

8 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor M Warfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Boyle, and

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Robert Joseph Awty for his valuable and outstanding services as Mayor during 2013/14.

Councillor Awty 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 A Thompson, seconded by Councillor B Bacon, and

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Terence John Thomas for his valuable and outstanding services as Sheriff during 2013/14.

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

10 PRESENTATION OF BADGES OF OFFICE

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

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 A Thompson, seconded by Councillor B Diggle, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor T Finn be appointed Leader of Council for the ensuing year.

13 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL

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

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

14 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That membership of Committees, Working Parties, and Advisory Committees be as follows:

a) Planning Applications Committee

All members of Council

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Greaves

Vice Chairman: Cllr Mrs S James

b) Grants Advisory Committee (9 members)

Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M Bland, B Diggle, P Hitchman, Mrs S James, M Warfield and J Wilks

Chairman: Cllr M Warfield

Vice Chairman: Cllr J Wilks

- c) **Internal Control Working Party (6 members)**
Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, J Bayliss, T Finn, C Spruce, M Taylor and M Warfield
Chairman: Cllr T Finn **Vice Chairman:** Cllr M Warfield
- d) **Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee (6 Council members + 1 representative member)**
Councillors R Awty, Mrs G Boyle, B Diggle, I Jackson, C Spruce and A Thompson
1 Johnson Society (appointed by Society)
Chairman: Cllr A Thompson **Vice Chairman:** Cllr B Diggle
- e) **Staffing Committee (8 members)**
Councillors Mrs N Bacon, J Brooks, I Eadie, T Finn, D Smedley, T Thomas, A Thompson, and M Warfield
Chairman: Cllr T Finn **Vice Chairman:** Cllr M Warfield
- f) **Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee (12 members – 2 from each ward)**
Boley: Councillors Mrs J Eagland and M Warfield
Chadsmead: Councillors Mrs M Bland and T Thomas
Curborough: Councillors Mrs N Bacon and J Brooks
Leomansley: Councillors T Finn and I Jackson
St Johns: Councillors C Spruce and J Wilks
Stowe: Councillors D Smedley and A Thompson
Chairman: Cllr A Thompson **Vice Chairman:** Cllr M Warfield
- g) **Tenders Committee (5 members)**
Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader of Council, Deputy Leader, plus Cllr I Jackson
Chairman: Leader of Council **Vice Chairman:** Deputy Leader of Council
- h) **Twinning Visits Grants Fund Working Group (3 members)**
Leader of Council, Deputy Leader, plus Cllr J Brooks
- i) **Youth Grants Fund Working Group (3 members)**
Leader of Council, Deputy Leader, plus Cllr J Brooks
- j) **Complaints Panel (4 members)**
Councillors Mrs M Bland, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland and Mrs S James

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10 PM**