

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday, 15 October 2012 at 6.32 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J M Eagland (Mayor), and Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, B F Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M P Bland, Mrs M G Boyle, J R Brooks, B D Diggle, Mrs V A Diggle, D P A Dundas, I M Eadie, T V Finn, Mrs J A Greaves, P L Hitchman, I A Jackson, Mrs S A James, D Smedley, A F Smith, C J Spruce, M N Taylor, A D Thompson, M A Warfield and J N Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillors R J Awty, J R Bayliss, C P Greatorex and Mrs S E Strachan.

46 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor extended a welcome to newly elected Councillors, Mrs M P Bland and M N Taylor.

The Mayor then reported on a number of recent civic and other engagements she had attended, including the Heart of England Britain in Bloom Awards ceremony with Richard Lewis, President of Lichfield Chamber of Trade at which a Silver Gilt award was made to the City; and a very enjoyable and successful twinning visit to Limburg over the weekend of 28 September to 1 October. The Mayor also referred to the forthcoming retirement in December of Mrs J Dewhurst, the Council's Twinning Officer after 20 year's service.

Key forthcoming events in the charity fundraising programme were reported to the Council - the Mayor and Sheriff's Fashion Show on 24 October, and the Diamond Gala Dinner Dance on 16 November, both at the Guildhall; and the Mayor also briefly explained the proposals for a Grand Draw.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

None.

48 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 11 September 2012 (36 – 45) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

49 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 23 August, 3 September and 13 September 2012 be received.*

50 REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE OFFICER

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 October 2012 and the report of the Museums and Heritage Officer.

RESOLVED: *i. That the Minutes of the Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee held on 3 October 2011 be received, and the recommendations contained therein, which included the report of the Museums and Heritage Officer, be adopted.*

ii. That the Museums and Heritage Officer be thanked for her excellent report and the report be received.

51 FRIENDS OF LICHFIELD HISTORIC PARKS GROUP – COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The Council noted correspondence from the Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks Group which, now that the Heritage Parks project had been completed, had been reconstituted as an independent organisation.

RESOLVED: i. That the Council appoint a representative to serve on the Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks Group, and that this be an annual appointment, and included in future on the schedule of Council representatives appointed by Council each June.

ii. That for the current year the Council's representative be Councillor R J Awty.

52 STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION AGM

It was noted that the SPCA AGM would take place at County Buildings, Stafford on Saturday, 3 November 2012 and that one voting delegate, and any number of non-voting representatives, could be nominated to attend.

RESOLVED: That Councillors R J Awty and A F Smith be nominated to attend the SPCA Annual General Meeting with Councillor A F Smith being the City Council's voting representative; the Council paying the luncheon cost of both delegates, plus mileage costs when delegates use their own car.

53 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 August 2012 to 31 August 2012 in the sum of £50,230.00 General Account, and £258.64 Imprest Account.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.56PM