

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in Guildhall, Lichfield, on Wednesday, 18 May 2011 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, B F Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, J R Bayliss, Mrs M G Boyle, J R Brooks, B D Diggle, Mrs V A Diggle, D P A Dundas, I M Eadie, Mrs J M Eagland, T V Finn, M J Fryers (Snr), M J Fryers (Jun), C P Greateorex, Mrs J A Greaves, P L Hitchman, I A Jackson, Mrs S A James, D Smedley, A F Smith, C J Spruce, Mrs S E Strachan, A D Thompson, M A Warfield and J N Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillor T J Thomas.

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor M A Warfield, seconded by Councillor D P A Dundas, and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Brian Bacon be elected Mayor of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2012.*

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 11 April 2011 (106 – 115) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor B D Diggle, seconded by Councillor T V Finn, and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Mrs Janet May Eagland be appointed Deputy Mayor to hold office until the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2012.*

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 A D Thompson, seconded by Councillor Mrs M G Boyle, and

RESOLVED: *That Dr Neville Brown be elected Sheriff of the City until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2012.*

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 the Reverend Linda Collins would be his Chaplain.

7 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor A D Thompson, seconded by Councillor R J Awty, and

RESOLVED: *That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Christopher John Spruce for his valuable and outstanding services as Mayor during 2010/11.*

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

8 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING SHERIFF

It was proposed by Councillor J N Wilks, seconded by Councillor Mrs J A Greaves, and

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Colin Greateorex for his valuable and outstanding services as Sheriff during 2010/11.

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

9 PRESENTATION OF BADGES OF OFFICE

The Mayor presented Badges of Office to the Mayoress and Sheriff's Lady.

10 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.

11 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF COUNCIL

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor R J Awty, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Terence Victor Finn be appointed Leader of Council until the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2012.

In accepting the position Councillor Finn paid tribute to his predecessor, Councillor David Smedley for his work on behalf of the City Council.

12 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor C J Spruce, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Bacon, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mark Andrew Warfield be appointed Deputy Leader of Council until the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2012.

13 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 J N Wilks; Vice Chairman to be determined at first Committee meeting

b) Grants Advisory Committee (9 members)

8 Majority Group - Cllrs Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, Mrs N Bacon, B D Diggle, M J Fryers (Snr), T J Thomas, M A Warfield, J N Wilks

1 Labour - Cllr J R Brooks

Chairman Cllr M A Warfield; Vice Chairman to be determined at first Committee meeting

c) Internal Control Working Party (6 members)

5 Majority Group - Cllrs R J Awty, T V Finn, A F Smith, C J Spruce, M A Warfield

1 Liberal Democrat - Cllr I A Jackson

Chairman Cllr T V Finn; Vice Chairman Cllr M A Warfield

d) Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee (6 members)

5 Majority Group - Cllrs Mrs M G Boyle, B D Diggle, Mrs V A Diggle, C J Spruce, A D Thompson

1 Liberal Democrat - Cllr I A Jackson

Also:

1 Johnson Friends (appointed by Friends)

1 Johnson Society (appointed by Society)

Chairman Cllr A D Thompson; Vice Chairman to be determined at first Committee meeting

- e) **Staffing Establishment Working Party (6 members)**
6 Majority Group - Cllrs Mrs N Bacon, I M Eadie, T V Finn, D Smedley, T J Thomas, A D Thompson
Chairman Cllr T V Finn; Vice Chairman to be determined at first Committee meeting
- f) **Darwin Hall Committee (7 members)**
7 Majority Group - Cllrs Mrs J A Allsopp, B F Bacon, I M Eadie, D Smedley, A F Smith, C J Spruce, J N Wilks
1 Liberal Democrat Group - Mrs M P Bland
Chairman Cllr D Smedley; Vice Chairman to be determined at first Committee meeting
- g) **Sheriff's Ride Working Party (7 members)**
7 Majority Group – Cllrs Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M G Boyle, M J Fryers (Snr), D Smedley, J N Wilks
Chairman Cllr D Smedley; Vice Chairman to be determined at first Committee meeting
- h) **Twinning Visits Grants Fund Working Group**
Leader of Council, Deputy Leader
1 Labour – Cllr J R Brooks

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.15 PM