

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 18 May 2015 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, R Awty, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs D Baker, Mrs M Bland, Mrs G Boyle, J Brooks, B Cocksey, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, C Greatorex, Mrs J Greaves, P Hitchman, Mrs S James, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, T Matthews, B McMullan, D Smedley, A Smith, C Spruce, A Thompson, M Thompson, Mrs L Warfield, M Warfield and R Yardley.

APOLOGIES: Councillor I Eadie.

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor R Awty, seconded by Councillor C Spruce, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Andrew Francis Smith be elected Mayor of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2016.

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 20 April 2015 (104 – 117) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Sheelagh Ann James be appointed Deputy Mayor to hold office until the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2016.

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 Mrs J Eagland, seconded by Councillor B Bacon, and

RESOLVED: That Mr Michael Alfred Sheldon be elected Sheriff of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2016.

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 Janet Waterfield would be his Chaplain.

7 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor announced that Cadet Flight Sergeant Alister Daire would be his Cadet and presented him with his Badge of Office.

8 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor A Thompson, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Allsopp, and

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Mrs Norma Bacon for her valuable and outstanding services as Mayor during 2014/15.

Councillor Mrs Bacon responded in suitable terms and paid tribute to members of the Council and City Council staff for their support during her term of office.

9 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING SHERIFF

It was proposed by Councillor C Spruce, seconded by Councillor B Bacon, and

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Robert Awty for his valuable and outstanding services as Sheriff during 2014/15.

Councillor Awty 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 Mayoress, Deputy Mayor's Consort and Sheriff's Lady.

11 REPLICA BADGES OF OFFICE

The retiring Mayor and Consort, 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 M Warfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs N Bacon, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor D Smedley be appointed Leader of Council for the ensuing year.

13 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Allsopp, seconded by Councillor R Yardley, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs N Bacon 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 Committee**

All members of Council

Chairman: Councillor Mrs S James Vice Chairman: Councillor B Cocksey

b) **Audit Committee (6 members)**

5 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs N Bacon, D Leytham, B McMullan, D Smedley, C Spruce

1 Minority Groups – Councillor J Brooks

Chairman: Councillor D Smedley Vice Chairman: Councillor Mrs N Bacon

- c) **Grants Advisory Committee (9 members)**
8 Majority Group – Councillors: R Awty, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs D Baker, Mrs J Greaves, B McMullan, M Warfield, R Yardley
1 Minority Groups – Councillor Mrs M Bland
Chairman: Councillor Mrs N Bacon Vice Chairman: Councillor R Yardley
- d) **Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee**
5 Majority Group – Councillors: R Awty, G Boyle, C Spruce, A Thompson, R Yardley
1 Minority Groups – Councillor J Brooks
1 Johnson Society (appointed by Society)
Chairman: Councillor R Awty Vice Chairman: Councillor A Thompson
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan Committee (12 members)**
10 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs J Allsopp, Mrs D Baker, B Cocksey, D Dundas, I Eadie, D Leytham, Miss J Marks, A Thompson, M Thompson, M Warfield
2 Minority Groups – Councillors: Mrs M Bland and J Brooks
Chairman: Councillor A Thompson Vice Chairman: Councillor D Leytham
- f) **Staffing Committee (8 members)**
7 Majority Group – **Councillors: B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, B Cocksey, Mrs S James, T Matthews, D Smedley, A Thompson**
1 Minority Groups – Councillor J Brooks
Chairman: Councillor D Smedley Vice Chairman: Councillor Mrs N Bacon
- g) **Tenders Committee (5 members)**
Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council Leader, Deputy Leader, plus 1 Minority Group (Cllr Mrs M Bland)
Chairman: Leader of Council Vice Chairman: Deputy Leader of Council
- h) **Twinning Grants and Youth Grants Award Panel (3 members)**
Leader of Council, Deputy Leader, plus 1 Minority Group (Cllr Mrs M Bland)
- i) **Complaints Panel (4 members)**
Councillors: B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs D Baker, Miss J Marks

15 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Town Clerk reported that completed Declarations had been received from all Councillors.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.09 PM**