

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 6.30 pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors T Matthews, J McGrath and P Ray.

A MINUTE'S SILENCE WAS HELD IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER MOULTON, THE TOWN CLERK, WHO DIED SUDDENLY ON 27 JUNE.

26 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor formally thanked the Sheriff who had taken part in a Cycle Ride to Paris, and reported on a number of recent civic and other engagements attended including; the Film Festival at Lichfield Garrick; the Cathedral School Speech Day; Lichfield Cricket Club Vice-Presidents Day; The launch of a community sprinkler project by Staffordshire Fire & Rescue at David Garrick Gardens and the Almshouses opening at St John's and the Sponsored Dog Walk.

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

28 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 June 2017 (Nos 15-25) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

29 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22 June 2017 be received.*

30 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

RESOLVED: *That the Report be noted.*

31 RENAMING OF THE MINSTRELS' GALLERY

Members discussed renaming the Minstrels' Gallery after Christopher Moulton, but decided that it would be more appropriate to rename Committee Room 1 as 'The Moulton Room' as it is more visible to both members of the public and Councillors.

RESOLVED: *That Committee Room 1 be renamed 'The Moulton Room'.*

32 OFFICERS' REPORT

Councillor D Smedley formally thanked the City Council staff for their dedication to their duties following the death of Christopher Moulton. Councillor Mrs S James noted the positivity in the report

and also emphasised the increased stall occupancy at the Farmers' Market, exhibitions at the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum and the approaching Ring Twinning Anniversary. Councillor C Greatorrex echoed the comments regarding City Council staff made by Councillor D Smedley and Councillor Mrs S James. Councillor R Awty thanked the Markets Officers for their 'front line' role in the 'Big Screen' event on the Market Square. Councillor Mrs J Eagland thanked the Open Spaces Officer for his efficiency in securing improvements to Cappers Lane roundabout.

RESOLVED: That the Report as contained in Agenda Appendix 1 be received, and that officers be commended for their informative report.

33 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed in Agenda Appendix 2 for the period 1 May 2017 to 31 May 2017 in the sum of £127,423.06 General Account, and £1,553.98 Imprest Account.

34 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To Resolve: that in accordance with Section 1(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.

35 REPORT OF ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Council considered the Deputy Town Clerk's confidential report (Agenda Appendix 3 for Members). Councillor D Smedley formally thanked the Deputy Town Clerk for preparing the report.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk's confidential report (Appendix 3) be noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.55 PM

MAYOR