

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday, 23 January 2012 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillor B F Bacon (Mayor), and Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, Mrs N Bacon, J R Bayliss, B D Diggle, Mrs V A Diggle, D P A Dundas, Mrs J M Eagland, T V Finn, C Greatorex, Mrs J A Greaves, P L Hitchman, I A Jackson, C J Spruce, T J Thomas, A D Thompson, M A Warfield and J N Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillors R J Awty, Mrs M G Boyle, J R Brooks, I M Eadie, M J Fryers (Snr), M J Fryers (Jnr), Mrs S A James, D Smedley, A F Smith and Mrs S E Strachan.

MEMBERS STOOD IN SILENCE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MR MALCOLM KNIGHT (FORMER SHERIFF AND CITY COUNCILLOR) WHO DIED ON 7 JANUARY 2012

82 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on recent civic and other engagements he had attended including his Carol Service at the Guildhall on 14 December; the Burntwood Carol Service on 23 December; a Civic Service at Wade Street Church on 8 January; and a special assembly at Scotch Orchard Primary School on 13 January.

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs N Bacon, B D Diggle, Mrs J M Eagland, T V Finn, C Greatorex, T J Thomas, A D Thompson, M A Warfield and J N Wilks declared a personal interest in Minute 86 (Sheriff's Ride Working Party) by virtue of them being members of the Shrievalty Association and/or former Sheriffs. Councillor C Greatorex declared a prejudicial interest in respect of Minute 86 (Sheriff's Ride Working Party) since he had been in attendance on behalf of the Shrievalty Association at the preparatory meeting held in advance of the Working Party.

84 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 5 December 2011 (61 – 78), and the Special Meeting held on 19 December 2011 (79 – 81) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

85 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 17 November 2011 and 7 December 2011 be received.*

86 SHERIFF'S RIDE WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Sheriff's Ride Working Party Meeting held on 9 January 2012 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.*

87 REPRESENTATIVES ON ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL TRUSTEES

The Council noted that one of its current appointments to the Trustees, Councillor Mrs J M Eagland, had tendered her resignation, and consideration was given to a new appointment to replace her for the remainder of the current four year term of office.

RESOLVED: *That Councillor C J Spruce be appointed as the Council's nominated representative to St John's Hospital Trustees for the remainder of the current term.*

88 REPORT ON NALC LARGER COUNCILS CONFERENCE

The Council received a report from Councillor A D Thompson from his attendance at the NALC Larger Councils Conference held on 30 November 2011.

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Thompson be thanked for his report and the report be noted.*

89 REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACES OFFICER

Consideration was given to the report of the Open Spaces Officer.

RESOLVED: *That the Open Spaces Officer be thanked for her excellent report and the report be received.*

90 FEES AND CHARGES 2012/13

The Council considered the level of fees and charges to be levied for Markets, the Guildhall and photocopying for 2012/2013.

RESOLVED:

1. *That charges for the Markets per 2.4 metre [8 foot] stall with effect from 1 April 2012 be increased as follows:*
Friday market - £20.50 = £18.50 pitch, plus £2.00 (VAT inclusive) service charge
Saturday market - £21.50 = £19.50 pitch, plus £2.00 (VAT inclusive) service charge
Farmers' market - £21.50 = £19.50 pitch, plus £2.00 (VAT inclusive) service charge
Tuesday market - £11.50 per 2.4 m. frontage stall x 2.1m. depth (minimum charge), plus £1.80 per 50cm extra frontage, and £1.10p per sq m. for additional depth of stall. Includes a £1.00 (VAT inclusive) service charge.
2. *That the Guildhall hire charges with effect from 1 April 2012 be as detailed in Appendix 2 to the agenda.*
3. *That no increase be applied to the current charges for photocopies.*

91 BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012/2013

(INCLUDING FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT 1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER 2011)

Consideration was given to:

- a) Financial Progress Report for the period 1 April to 31 December 2011.
- b) Budget estimates for 2012/2013 financial year.

RESOLVED:

1. *That the Financial Progress Report for the period 1 April to 31 December 2011 be noted.*
2. *That the Council approve:*
 - i) *The Budget Estimates and Report for 2012/2013 financial year as circulated with the agenda.*
 - ii) *A precept for 2012/2013 financial year in the sum of £634,300.*

92 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: *That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed:*

- a) *1 November 2011 to 30 November 2011 in the sum of £57,895.38 General Account, and £1,057.86 Imprest Account.*
- b) *1 December 2011 to 31 December 2011 in the sum of £77,163.56 General Account, and £623.48 Imprest Account.*

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