

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Tuesday, 23 July 2013 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillor R Awty (Mayor), and Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M Bland, J Brooks, B Diggle, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, T Finn, C Greatorex, P Hitchman, I Jackson, Mrs S James, D Smedley, A Smith, T Thomas and M Warfield.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs G Boyle, Mrs V Diggle, I Eadie, Mrs J Greaves, C Spruce, Mrs S Strachan, M Taylor, A Thompson and J Wilks.

26 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on recent civic and other engagements he had attended, including the visits to the Guildhall by children from Chadsmead Primary School; the Installation of the new Archdeacon of Lichfield on 18 July; the Heart of England in Bloom judging on 4 July; the visit by Limburg councillors over the weekend of 28-30 June; the traditional Swinfen Broun Bowls Match which, in traditional fashion, was once again lost by the Mayor's team; and the very well attended Mayoress at Home afternoon tea and entertainment at the Guildhall on 13 July.

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, Mrs N Bacon, D Dundas and T Finn declared interests under Part B of the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Minute 34 (Curborough Community Hall and Cruck House Heating) and took no part in the voting on that item. In addition Councillor T Finn left the meeting during the discussion and voting on that item.

28 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the City Council held on 25 June 2013 (15 - 25) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

29 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 3 June 2013 and 27 June 2013 be received.*

30 REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACES OFFICER

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

RESOLVED: *That the Open Spaces Officer be congratulated on her examination success, and that she be thanked for her report and the report be received.*

31 REPORT OF THE TWINNING OFFICER

Consideration was given to the report of the Twinning Officer.

RESOLVED: *That the Twinning Officer be thanked for her report and the report be received.*

32 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR LICHFIELD CITY

Further to Minute 87 of the meeting held on 12 March 2013 the Council gave consideration to the report detailing the results of investigations into the production of a theme-based Neighbourhood Plan for the City.

RESOLVED:

- 1.** *That the Council confirm that it wishes the area of the Neighbourhood Plan to be the civil parish of Lichfield (as shown in Annex B to the Report) and asks the District Council to approve this as the Plan boundary, and undertake the formal consultation on this proposal.*

2. *That the Council allocate an initial budget of £24,000 (spread over 3 financial years) to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and that approaches be made to selected Planning Consultants to obtain details of the services they could provide, and costs involved.*
3. *That a Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee be established, as a sub-committee of the Planning Applications Committee, comprising of the following two members from each of the six City wards.*

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Councillors</i>
<i>Boley Park</i>	<i>Mrs J Eagland and M Warfield (Vice-Chairman)</i>
<i>Curborough</i>	<i>Mrs N Bacon and J Brooks</i>
<i>Chadsmead</i>	<i>Mrs M Bland and T Thomas</i>
<i>Leomansley</i>	<i>T Finn and I Jackson</i>
<i>St Johns</i>	<i>C Spruce and J Wilks</i>
<i>Stowe</i>	<i>D Smedley and T Thompson (Chairman)</i>

33 CENSUS DATA FOR LICHFIELD CITY

The Council considered the information report showing some of the key data for Lichfield City from the 2011 Census.

RESOLVED: *That the report be noted.*

34 CURBOROUGH COMMUNITY HALL AND CRUCK HOUSE HEATING

Consideration was given to the agenda report detailing a request from Curborough Community Association for financial assistance toward the costs of new boilers at Curborough Community Centre and Cruck House.

RESOLVED: *That in line with the terms of the lease of Curborough Community Centre and Cruck House, no financial assistance be granted towards works to the heating systems, but that professional assistance and advice be given to the Curborough Community Association to ensure that where possible efficient and financially viable works be carried out to the heating system.*

35 USE OF MARKET SQUARE FOR FUNFAIRS

RESOLVED: *That consideration of this matter be deferred to a future meeting.*

36 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

- a) 1 May 2013 to 31 May 2013 in the sum of £123,764.48 General Account, and £1,255.66 Imprest Account.*
- b) 1 June 2013 to 30 June 2013 in the sum of £62,528.01 General Account, and £1,892.08 Imprest Account.*

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