

Lichfield City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield,
on Monday, 25 July 2011 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillor B Bacon (Mayor), and Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, Mrs N Bacon, J R Bayliss, Mrs M G Boyle, B D Diggle, Mrs V A Diggle, D P A Dundas, Mrs J M Eagland, T V Finn, M J Fryers (Snr), M J Fryers (Jnr), C Greatorex, 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, T J Thomas, M A Warfield and J N Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillors J R Brooks, I M Eadie and A D Thompson.

**MEMBERS STOOD IN SILENCE TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO THOSE KILLED
IN THE ATTACKS IN OSLO AND ON THE ISLAND OF UTOYA, NORWAY.**

27 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on recent civic and other engagements he had attended, including the Lichfield District Council Chairman's Civic Sunday Service on 3 July, the visit of Her Majesty the Queen on 20 July, and the opening concert of the Burntwood Wakes on 23 July.

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M G Boyle, B D Diggle, Mrs J M Eagland, T V Finn, C Greatorex, T J Thomas and M A Warfield declared a personal interest in Minute 31 (Sheriff's Ride Working Party) by virtue of them being former holders of the office of Sheriff.

Councillors Mrs J M Eagland and T V Finn declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 35 (Staffordshire County Council Electoral Review) by view of their positions as County Councillors, and left the meeting during the discussion and decision on this item.

Councillor M A Warfield declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 35 (Staffordshire County Council Electoral Review) by view of his position as Clerk to one of the Parish Councils affected by the proposal, and left the meeting during the discussion and decision on this item.

The Town Clerk reported that the District Council's Standards Committee had granted a Dispensation to those City Councillors who were also District Councillors, and who had made application, permitting them to speak and vote at the City Council meeting on the Friary Outer Development and Festival Gardens (Minute 39). These councillors would otherwise be deemed to have a prejudicial interest at City Council meetings by reason of their membership of Lichfield District Council. The Dispensation applied to councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, Mrs M G Boyle, Mrs J M Eagland, C Greatorex, D Smedley, T J Thomas, M A Warfield and J N Wilks.

M J Fryers (Snr), A F Smith and C J Spruce declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 39 (Friary Outer Development and Festival Gardens) by virtue of their positions as members of Lichfield District Council, and left the meeting during the discussion and decision on this item.

Councillors B D Diggle and Mrs V A Diggle declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 39 (Friary Outer Development and Festival Gardens) by virtue of the proximity of their residence to the proposed development, and left the meeting during the discussion and decision on this item.

29 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 27 June 2011 (14 – 26) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

30 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meeting held on 9 June 2011 be received.

31 SHERIFF'S RIDE WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Sheriff's Ride Working Party Meeting held on 5 July 2011 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

32 REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACES OFFICER

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

RESOLVED: That the Council express its appreciation of the excellent work undertaken by the Council's Open Spaces Officer, and the report be received.

33 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: That the following Councillors be appointed as representatives on the bodies indicated:

Boley Park Community Hall Management Committee - Councillor Mrs S A James

Lichfield and District Council for Voluntary Service - Councillor T J Thomas

34 STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION AGM

It was noted that the SPCA AGM would take place at County Buildings, Stafford on Saturday, 5 November 2011 and that up to three voting representatives could be nominated to attend.

RESOLVED: That Councillors R J Awty, A F Smith and A D Thompson be nominated to attend and that luncheon and travel expenses be met by the Council.

35 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Council considered the agenda report which explained that although the Boundary Commission had published its draft recommendations to include the proposal previously put forward by the City Council, there followed a further period of consultation on these recommendations before the final conclusions were published.

RESOLVED: That the proposals and supporting evidence for County Divisions within Lichfield District, as previously agreed by this Council at its meeting on 25 January 2011 (Minute 88) and which avoid splitting the City/District ward of St Johns between two County electoral divisions, be resubmitted to the Boundary Commission for this final stage of consultation.

36 ANNUAL REPORT AND FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report for 2010-11 and the Forward Plan 2011-2014 be adopted.

37 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 June 2011 to 30 June 2011 in the sum of £124,027.50 General Account, and £633.49 Imprest Account.

38 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 19(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.

39 FRIARY OUTER DEVELOPMENT AND FESTIVAL GARDENS

The Council considered the confidential agenda report which detailed the proposed Heads of Terms for an Agreement relating to access to land at the Festival Gardens arising from the Friary Outer development. Following a full debate it was:

RESOLVED: 1. That the Council does not accept the proposed agreement in its present form, due to various concerns such as the proposed removal of bushes on the City Council owned Festival Gardens, the potential use of LCC land for storage of building materials, and potential for additional ongoing maintenance costs.

2. That negotiations take place to resolve these issues as a matter of urgency, due to the impending commencement of works on site, and that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Leader be given delegated authority to resolve these issues.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR
DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.24PM**