

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday, 25 October 2010 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillor C J Spruce (Mayor), and Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, B F Bacon, J R Bayliss, Mrs M P Bland, Mrs M G Boyle, B D Diggle, D P A Dundas, Mrs J M Eagland, Mrs D English, T V Finn, C Greator, I A Jackson, D Smedley, J A Smith, A D Thompson J C Walker, M A Warfield, B S White and J N Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs N Bacon, G Boyle, P L Hitchman, Mrs E C Roe and T J Thomas.

50 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on recent civic and other engagements he had attended, including the Johnson 301st birthday celebrations, the Twinning weekend in Ste Foy and the opening of 'Portraits for Posterity'.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs J M Eagland and T V Finn declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 57 (Electoral Review of Staffordshire) since they were members of Staffordshire County Council, and left the meeting during the discussion and voting on that item.

52 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 13 September 2010 (36 - 49) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 26 August 2010 and 15 September 2010 be received.*

54 JOHNSON BIRTHPLACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes and recommendations of the Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 October 2010 be adopted, but with the recommendation in Minute 6 (Guildhall Cells Display) being amended to the effect that "the works to be carried out this financial year subject to a comparable saving being identified from elsewhere in the Council's budget".*

55 REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS & HERITAGE OFFICER

Consideration was given to the report of the Museums & Heritage Officer.

RESOLVED: *That the Museums & Heritage Officer be thanked for her report and the report be received.*

56 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Mrs J A Allsopp be appointed as the Council's representative on the Boley Park Community Hall Management Committee until June 2011, and also be appointed as a Trustee of the Boley Park Community Hall.*

57 CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY

Members considered the agenda report on a revised Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity.

RESOLVED: *That the report be noted and that the City Council does not submit any response to the Consultation on the proposed revised 'Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity'.*

58 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF STAFFORDSHIRE

Members considered the agenda report on the first stage of the Electoral Review of Staffordshire.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the City Council make no representations at this first stage of the Electoral Review regarding the overall number of councillors for the County.

59 CONTRACT FOR ERECTION/DISMANTLING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Consideration was given to extending the contract for the erection/dismantling of the Christmas Lights for a further 5 years.

RESOLVED: That the 'option to renew' clause in the Contract with Derryford Electrical for erection/dismantling of the Christmas lights be extended for a further period of 5 years from 2010 whereby, with the annual agreement of both parties, the contract sum is subject to a price adjustment each year in line with published RPI, but that at the end of this period the contract be put out to tender.

60 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 September 2010 to 30 September 2010 in the sum of £88,236.79 General Account, and £1,139.63 Imprest Account.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.04PM