

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 27 October 2014 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs N Bacon (Mayor), and Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, R Awty, J Bayliss, Mrs M Bland, Mrs G Boyle, J Brooks, B Diggle, Mrs V Diggle, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, T Finn, C Greateorex, Mrs J Greaves, P Hitchman, I Jackson, Mrs S James, Mrs S Strachan, T Thomas, A Thompson and M Warfield.

APOLOGIES: Councillor B Bacon, I Eadie, D Smedley, A Smith, C Spruce and M Taylor.

52 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on a number of recent civic and other engagements she had attended, including the Samuel Johnson Birthday celebrations on 20 September as part of the Heritage Weekend; and the official Twinning Weekend when guests from twin towns of Limburg an der Lahn and Sainte Foy lès Lyon visited the City over the weekend of 3 to 5 October. In respect of the Twinning Weekend the Mayor placed on record her appreciation for the work of the Council's staff, especially the Twinning Officer Sophie Bishop, in ensuring that the event was a success.

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

54 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the City Council meeting held on 15 September 2014 (37-51) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

55 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 28 August 2014 and 18 September 2014 be received.*

56 JOHNSON BIRTHPLACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 September 2014.

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee held on 30 September 2014 be adopted.*

57 OFFICERS' REPORT

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

58 STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL'S ASSOCIATION AGM

It was noted that the SPCA AGM would be held on Monday 1 December 2014 at the County Buildings in Stafford.

59 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LICHFIELD DISTRICT

The Council noted that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England would now be reporting on its final proposals for the electoral review of Lichfield District on 18 November 2014, with the Order being laid before Parliament on 2 December 2014.

60 DONEGAL HOUSE RAILINGS

The Council discussed the issue of whether to allow local organisations to fix advertising banners to the railings at Donegal House following a number of recent requests.

RESOLVED: That the Council permit temporary banners/notices to be affixed to the railings subject to the following:

- a. *the banners are for advertising city events by non-profit making organisations*
- b. *the banners are erected for a maximum of ten days prior to the commencement of the event and are removed immediately afterwards*
- c. *the organisers are responsible for fixing and removing their banners, and will meet the cost of repairing any damage to the railings arising from the presence of their banners*
- d. *the method of fixing must be submitted to and approved by the Council prior to the banners being erected*
- e. *that organisations using the railings be invited to make a voluntary contribution to the Mayor and Sheriff's charity.*
- f. *that prior written consent is obtained from the Council, and the organisations confirm in writing that they accept the above conditions*

61 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Council noted the completion of the audit of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014 and the unqualified opinion of the external auditor, Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

62 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

- a. **1 August 2014 to 31 August 2014 in the sum of £49,713.29 General Account, and £1,628.43 Imprest Account.**
- b. **1 September 2014 to 30 September 2014 in the sum of £53,961.24 General Account, and £2,560.66 Imprest Account**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.58 PM**