

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday, 28 February 2011 at 6.30 pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J R Bayliss, Mrs M P Bland, G Boyle and Mrs E C Roe.

**MEMBERS STOOD IN SILENCE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MR JOHN RACKHAM (FORMER SHERIFF)
WHO DIED ON 23 FEBRUARY 2011.**

92 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on recent civic and other engagements he had attended, including the annual Beer and Wine Festival organised by the Lichfield Arts Association; a civic service at the Church of St Peter and Paul; and the very successful Mayor and Sheriff's Murder Mystery charity event.

93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors R J Awty, T V Finn, I A Jackson and J A Smith declared a personal interest in Minute 96 (Darwin Hall Committee) as they were directors of Darwin Hall Management Committee.

Councillors Mrs N Bacon, D P A Dundas and T J Thomas declared a personal interest in Minute 102 (North Lichfield Initiative – Trustee) as they were Board members.

Those Councillors who declared interests under Minute 97 (Grants Advisory Committee) are listed under that Minute.

94 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 25 January 2011 (79 – 91) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

95 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 6 January 2011 and 27 January 2011 be received.

96 DARWIN HALL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Darwin Hall Committee meeting held on 27 January 2011 be received.

97 GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee held on 10 February 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2011 be received, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

The following councillors declared a prejudicial interest in the applications from the undermentioned organisations:

<i>Curborough Community Association</i>	T V Finn
<i>Erasmus Darwin House</i>	Mrs M G Boyle
<i>Fairtrade Lichfield</i>	I A Jackson
<i>Lichfield Adventure Playground Association</i>	T V Finn
<i>Lichfield Greenhill Bower</i>	T V Finn
<i>Lichfield Rail Promotion Group</i>	I A Jackson
<i>Lichfield Twinning Association</i>	Mrs M G Boyle, T V Finn
<i>Worshipful Company of Smiths</i>	T V Finn

The following councillors declared a personal interest in the applications from the undermentioned organisations:

<i>City of Lichfield Concert Band</i>	J N Wilks
<i>Curborough Community Association</i>	Mrs J A Allsopp
<i>Johnson Society</i>	Mrs D English, J N Wilks
<i>Lichfield District Arts Association</i>	Mrs D English, J A Smith
<i>Lichfield District Community Transport</i>	J A Smith
<i>Lichfield District Council – Playschemes</i>	Mrs D English
<i>Lichfield Festival Association</i>	Mrs D English, I A Jackson, J A Smith
<i>Lichfield Mysteries</i>	I A Jackson
<i>Lichfield Proms in the Park</i>	Mrs D English, T V Finn, I A Jackson
<i>Lichfield Twinning Association</i>	Mrs D English, J A Smith
<i>Low Carbon Lichfield</i>	I A Jackson
<i>Voluntary Transport for the Disabled</i>	J N Wilks

98 NOMINATIONS FOR CIVIC OFFICE 2011/12

a) Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Councillor M A Warfield, seconded by Councillor D P A Dundas and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Brian Bacon be nominated Mayor Elect for the year 2011/12.

b) Deputy Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Councillor B D Diggle, seconded by Councillor T V Finn and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Janet Eagland be nominated Deputy Mayor Elect for the year 2011/12.

c) Sheriff Elect

It was proposed by Councillor A D Thompson, seconded by Councillor Mrs M G Boyle and

RESOLVED: That Dr Neville Brown be nominated Sheriff Elect for the year 2011/12.

99 REPORT OF THE MARKETS OFFICER

Consideration was given to the report of the Markets Officer.

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

100 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.

101 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2011/2012

RESOLVED: *That the Calendar of Meetings for 2011/2012 be as follows:*

DATE	TIME	MEETING
Wednesday, 18 May	6.30 pm	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Thursday, 19 May	6.30 pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wednesday, 25 May	7.30 pm	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, 9 June	6.30 pm	Planning Applications Committee
<i>Wednesday, 15 June</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Internal Control Working Party</i>
Monday, 27 June	6.30 pm	COUNCIL (Year end accounts)
Thursday, 30 June	6.30 pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 25 July	6.30 pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 28 July	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thursday, 25 August	6.30 pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 12 September	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 15 September	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
<i>Tuesday, 4 October</i>	<i>2.30 pm</i>	<i>Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee</i>
Wednesday, 5 October	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 17 October	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 27 October	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
<i>Thursday, 10 November</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Staffing Establishment Working Party</i>
<i>Wednesday, 16 November</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Internal Control Working Party</i>
Thursday, 17 November	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 5 December	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Wednesday, 7 December	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thursday, 5 January	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 23 January	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 26 January	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
<i>Thursday, 9 February</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Grants Advisory Committee</i>
Wednesday, 15 February	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 5 March	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 8 March	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
<i>Thursday, 15 March</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Internal Control Working Party</i>
<i>Thursday, 29 March</i>	<i>2.30 pm</i>	<i>Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee</i>
Thursday, 29 March	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 16 April	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 19 April	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 14 May	6.30pm	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Thursday, 17 May	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wednesday, 23 May	7.30pm	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

102 NORTH LICHFIELD INITIATIVE - TRUSTEE

The Council noted the Town Clerk's agenda report which explained that the North Lichfield Initiative (NLI) was shortly to adopt a revised constitution that would enable it to become an independent registered charity. Under the terms of the new constitution the current Board members would become trustees of the charity.

RESOLVED: That the Council approves that its annual appointment of a representative to serve on the NLI Board, will (from adoption of the new constitution) be the appointment of a Trustee to the North Lichfield Initiative.

103 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 January 2011 in the sum of £75,072.07 General Account, and £385.50 Imprest Account.

104 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.

105 LAND REGISTRATION ISSUES

The Council considered the confidential agenda report which detailed progress made in registering the Council's land and property holdings with the Land Registry; and proposals for acquiring ownership of other sites which had been maintained over a number of years by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted and the recommendations (Nos. 1 - 6) contained therein be adopted.

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