

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday, 5 March 2012 at 6.35 pm

PRESENT: Councillor B F Bacon (Mayor), and Councillors Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, Mrs N Bacon, B D Diggle, J R Brooks, D P A Dundas, Mrs J M Eagland, C Greateorex, Mrs J A Greaves, P L Hitchman, Mrs S A James, I A Jackson, D Smedley, A F Smith, C J Spruce, Mrs S E Strachan, T J Thomas, A D Thompson, M A Warfield and J N Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs M G Boyle, Mrs V A Diggle, I M Eadie, T V Finn, M J Fryers (Snr) and M J Fryers (Jnr).

93 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on recent civic and other engagements he had attended including the Mayor of Tamworth's Dinner Dance on 17 February; the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester on 19 February; the Shrovetide Pancake Races on 21 February; an informal gathering on 23 February to celebrate the Town Clerk's 25 years in the post; and the annual Schools Speaking Competition at the Guildhall on 24 February.

94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor C Greateorex declared a prejudicial interest in respect of Minute 106 (Funding of North Lichfield Initiative and Community Development Work) by virtue of his position as a Cabinet member of Lichfield District Council with responsibility for community issues, and left the meeting during the discussion and decision on this item.

95 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 23 January 2012 (82 – 92) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

96 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 5 January 2012 and 26 January 2012 be received.*

97 GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee held on 9 February 2012.

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2012 be received, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, subject to the removal of the condition attached to the grant to the Curborough Community Centre.*

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

Curborough Community Association: Mrs N Bacon

Dr Milley's Hospital: Mrs N Bacon

Lichfield District Community Transport: C Greateorex, M A Warfield

Lichfield Greenhill Bower: Mrs N Bacon, Mrs J A Greaves, M A Warfield

Lichfield Rail Promotion Group: I A Jackson

Lichfield Skatepark Association: D P A Dundas

South East Staffs Citizens Advice Bureau: Mrs N Bacon

Speaker's Corner Lichfield: C J Spruce

St Mary's Centre: C J Spruce, T J Thomas, A D Thompson, J N Wilks

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

City of Lichfield Concert Band: J N Wilks

Curborough Community Association: Mrs J A Allsopp, J R Brooks, D P A Dundas

Johnson Society: T J Thomas, A D Thompson, J N Wilks

LDC Community Transport: Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, Mrs N Bacon, T J Thomas, J N Wilks

LDC Playschemes: Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, Mrs N Bacon, T J Thomas, M A Warfield, J N Wilks

Proms in the Park: Mrs J A Allsopp, R J Awty, Mrs N Bacon, T J Thomas, M A Warfield, J N Wilks

Lichfield District Arts Association: Mrs J A Greaves, Mrs S E Strachan

Lichfield Festival: C J Spruce

Lichfield Rail Promotion Group: A D Thompson

Lichfield Twinning Association: Mrs J A Allsopp, B D Diggle, T J Thomas, A D Thompson

Lichfield Mysteries: I A Jackson, C J Spruce

St Michael's Church Choir & Youth Group: J N Wilks

Voluntary Transport for the Disabled: J N Wilks

98 NOMINATIONS FOR CIVIC OFFICE 2012/13

a) Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Councillor M A Warfield, seconded by Councillor B D Diggle and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Janet Eagland be nominated Mayor Elect for the year 2012/13.

b) Deputy Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Councillor J N Wilks, seconded by Councillor C J Spruce and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Robert Awty be nominated Deputy Mayor Elect for the year 2012/13.

c) Sheriff Elect

It was proposed by Councillor T J Thomas, seconded by Councillor A F Smith and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Brian Bacon be nominated Sheriff Elect for the year 2012/13.

99 REPORT OF THE MARKETS OFFICER

Consideration was given to the report of the Markets Officer.

RESOLVED: That the Markets Officer be thanked for her excellent report and the report be received.

100 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2012/2013

RESOLVED: *That the Calendar of Meetings for 2012/2013 be as follows:*

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Mon	14 May 12	6.30pm	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Thu	17 May 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wed	23 May 12	7.30pm	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Thu	07 Jun 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thu	14 Jun 12	6.30pm	Internal Control Working Party
Mon	25 Jun 12	6.30pm	COUNCIL (Year end accounts)
Thu	28 Jun 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thu	19 Jul 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Tue	24 Jul 12	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thu	23 Aug 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Tue	11 Sep 12	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thu	13 Sep 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wed	03 Oct 12	10.30am	Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee
Thu	04 Oct 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Mon	15 Oct 12	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thu	25 Oct 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wed	14 Nov 12	6.30pm	Internal Control Working Party
Thu	15 Nov 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wed	21 Nov 12	6.30pm	Staffing Establishment Working Party
Tue	04 Dec 12	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Wed	05 Dec 12	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thu	03 Jan 13	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wed	23 Jan 13	6.30pm	COUNCIL (Budget)
Thu	24 Jan 13	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wed	13 Feb 13	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thu	28 Feb 13	6.30pm	Grants Advisory Committee
Thu	07 Mar 13	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Tue	12 Mar 13	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thu	21 Mar 13	6.30pm	Internal Control Working Party
Wed	27 Mar 13	10.30am	Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee
Thu	04 Apr 13	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Mon	22 Apr 13	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thu	25 Apr 13	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Mon	13 May 13	6.30pm	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Thu	16 May 13	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wed	22 May 13	7.30pm	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

101 NALC LARGER COUNCILS CONFERENCE, 28 NOVEMBER 2012

The Council considered the agenda report outlining the details of this year's NALC Conference, which would focus on showing how local councils can use the implementation of the Localism Act 2011 to derive benefits for their communities.

RESOLVED: *That the Council appoint Councillor A D Thompson as its representative to attend the NALC Larger Councils' Conference on 28 November 2012; and the Council meet the costs of the conference fee, and related subsistence and travel expenses.*

102 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk's information report which detailed the new powers of Neighbourhood Planning introduced as part of the Localism Act 2011.

A lengthy debate ensued and it was

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that further investigation be made into the options for Neighbourhood Plans.

103 MAYOR'S CADET

The Council considered the agenda report outlining the suggested criteria for the appointment of a Mayor's Cadet. This would be an outstanding cadet, recommended the local cadet services, and would accompany the Mayor at various civic ceremonies and civic functions.

RESOLVED: That the arrangements for appointment of a Mayor's Cadet, as outlined in the agenda report be approved, subject to a requirement that the nominee be a resident of Lichfield City, and that the Sea Cadets be included in the cadet services.

104 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 January 2012 in the sum of £63,458.05 General Account, and £356.80 Imprest Account.

105 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.

106 FUNDING OF NORTH LICHFIELD INITIATIVE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Council considered the confidential agenda report concerning the joint funding arrangements for the north Lichfield Initiative and Community Development Work.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree its element of the joint funding for Community Development Work and direct funding of the NLI as outlined in the letter from the District Council dated 22 February 2012, on condition that the share of ongoing funding provided by the City Council is matched or exceeded by the District Council and Bromford Housing.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.29PM