

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 9 March 2015 at 6.30 pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Smith and C Spruce.

91 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on a number of recent civic and other engagements she had attended, including the highly popular Shrovetide Pancake Races on 17 February which had attracted a large number of children due to the event falling on the half-term school holiday; The Worshipful Company of Smiths Court on 24 February; the Schools Speaking Competition on 27 February; and the John Wilks Memorial Concert on 8 March. She informed members of the sad news of the death of Rolf Dettmann, Leader of Council in the city's twin town of Limburg.

92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors R Awty, N Bacon, Mrs G Boyle, B Diggle, D Dundas, T Finn, Mrs J Greaves, P Hitchman, I Jackson, S James, M Taylor, A Thompson and M Warfield declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council Code of Conduct with respect to Minute 95 (Grants Advisory Committee).

93 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the City Council meeting held on 28 January 2015 (77 - 90) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

94 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 8 January 2015 and 29 January 2015 be received.*

95 GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee held on 9 February 2015.

RESOLVED: *That subject to the addition of Cllr R Awty to the list of members present, the Minutes of the Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2015 be received, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.*

96 NOMINATIONS FOR CIVIC OFFICE 2015/16

a) Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Councillor R Awty, seconded by Councillor C Greatorex and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor A Smith be nominated Mayor Elect for the year 2015/16.*

b) Deputy Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Greaves, seconded by Councillor M Warfield and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Mrs S James be nominated Deputy Mayor Elect for 2015/16.*

c) Sheriff Elect

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Eagland, seconded by Councillor B Bacon and

RESOLVED: *That Mr Michael Sheldon be nominated Sheriff Elect for the year 2015/16.*

97 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2015/2016

RESOLVED: *That the Calendar of Meetings for 2015/2016 be as follows:*

2015

DATE	TIME	MEETING
Monday, 18 May	6.30pm	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Wednesday, 20 May	7.30pm	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, 28 May	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 15 June	6.30pm	Internal Control Working Party
Thursday, 18 June	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wednesday, 24 June	6.30pm	COUNCIL (year-end accounts)
Thursday, 9 July	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 27 July	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 30 July	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thursday, 20 August	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 14 September	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 17 September	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Tuesday, 6 October	10.30am	Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee
Thursday, 8 October	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 26 October	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 29 October	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thursday, 12 November	6.30pm	Staffing Committee
Thursday, 19 November	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 30 November	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 10 December	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee

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Thursday, 7 January	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 25 January	6.30pm	COUNCIL (Budget)
Thursday, 28 January	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 8 February	6.30pm	Grants Advisory Committee
Wednesday, 17 February	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 7 March	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 9 March	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Thursday, 17 March	10.30am	Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee
Wednesday, 23 March	6.30pm	Internal Control Working Party
Thursday, 7 April	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 18 April	6.30pm	COUNCIL
Thursday, 28 April	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Monday, 16 May	6.30pm	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Thursday, 19 May	6.30pm	Planning Applications Committee
Wednesday, 25 May	7.30pm	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

98 OFFICERS' REPORT

RESOLVED: *That the Report as contained in Agenda Appendix 2, be received and that officers be commended for their thorough and informative report.*

99 THE LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The Council considered the Town Clerk's agenda report explaining the 'Local Council Award Scheme' which replaced the former 'Quality Council Scheme' that ended on 31 January 2015.

RESOLVED: *1. That the Council notes that under the transitional arrangements the Council's Quality status no longer operates, but that it has Foundation Award status within the new Local Council Award Scheme for 2015.*

2. That following the appointment of the new Town Clerk, the Council further consider whether it wishes to apply for either the Quality Award or the Quality Gold Award under the new Local Council Award Scheme.

100 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: *That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 January 2015 in the sum of £98,997.81 General Account, and £1,175.03 Imprest Account.*

101 EXCLUSION OF 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 press and public be excluded from the meeting.*

102 LAND AT FRENCHMAN'S WALK

The Council considered the Town Clerk's confidential report concerning a parcel of land at Frenchman's Walk.

RESOLVED: *That the Council agree to sell to Staffordshire County Council some 457 sq. metres of land at Frenchman's Walk, (title number SF560443) at a price not less than that advised by the District Valuer; and that delegated authority be granted to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Leader, to finalise the terms of the sale, and complete the sale.*

103 BAD DEBT WRITE OFF

The Council considered the Town Clerk's confidential report concerning a debt for the hire of rooms at the Guildhall, noting that despite the matter having been pursued through the Courts and a County Court Judgement being issued, the debt had not been paid.

RESOLVED: *That the debt of £67.14 be written off.*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.57 PM**