



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER
ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.00PM**

- PRESENT : The Mayor (Councillor Hughes)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Siggs)
Councillors Apel, Bell, P Dignum, T Dignum, Holman, Plowman, Rankin,
Rees, Scicluna, Shone and Woolley
- APOLOGIES : Councillors Budge, Campling, Chaplin, Evans, French and Smith
- ABSENT : Councillor Macey
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk, Mayor's Chaplain, Administration Manager and Macebearer

62 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 2 January 2014, having been printed and circulated be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

63 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor wished to thank everyone for their support over the past weekend which had been particularly busy with the Freedom of the City to The Reverend Dr Nicholas Frayling, Dean of Chichester, and the Dean's Farewell Evensong at Chichester Cathedral.

64 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public being residents in the City pursuant to Standing Order 27.

65 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(a) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Woolley, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meetings held on 18 December 2013 and 15 January 2014 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Woolley advised that the City Council's Planning Adviser, Mr Tim Paine, would be retiring at the end of March 2014 and would be replaced by Mr David Few. Mr Few had now commenced a period of handover from Mr Paine.

Councillor Woolley commented on the proposed sculpture of John Keats being located on the Northside of Eastgate Square and the proposed development of land between Westhampnett Road and Barnfield Drive.

Councillor Woolley reported that Chichester District Council had advised all parishes that the introduction of the electronic planning scheduled for April 2014 had now been delayed until June 2014.

Councillor Scicluna commented on Minute 114, Old Priest's House, Whyke Road and advised that in Minute 115, redevelopment of the site area of 39-45 Cleveland Road, Chichester, there would not be a Public Hearing but that the matter would be dealt with by written representations.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Woolley, that the Minutes of the meetings held on 18 December 2013 and 15 January 2014 be approved and adopted.

(b) Finance Committee

It was moved by Councillor Plowman, Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2014 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Plowman spoke of the good news received from Chichester District Council that the New Homes Bonus scheme would be repeated with a sum of £172,000 available for Chichester City. Councillor Plowman encouraged Councillors to identify projects in their Wards that may benefit from the New Homes Bonus. Projects would need to be community focused with community benefit and that applications should not exceed £25,000.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Plowman, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2014 be approved and adopted.

(c) Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor Siggs, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 January 2014 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Scicluna advised that in connection with Minute 48, Walled Towns Symposium 2014, the President and Secretary General of the Walled Towns would be visiting Chichester in February to discuss the programme for the Symposium.

Councillor P Dignum reiterated her comments made in Minute 50 in connection with the Whyke Estate Community Building - Feasibility Report.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Siggs, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 January 2014 be approved and adopted.

Members considered the following Recommendations from the Community Affairs Committee :

Minute 51 Street Licensing Activities

To consider the Recommendation to Full Council that the Town Clerk, at his forthcoming meeting with Chichester District Council officers request that the City Council's position in Minute 39 of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on 28 October 2013 be taken forward and given consideration by District Councillors.

Councillor Siggs gave an explanation as to why the Recommendation was before Full Council and wished to add an amendment to the Recommendation that informal meetings be held between the Chief Executives and Leaders of West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council and the Communar from Chichester Cathedral to discuss how the various parties could work together for the benefit of the City.

Councillor Woolley commented that he had spoken to the Town Clerk about the Tourist Information Centre being relocated at the Council House earlier in the week. It was understood that the Chief Executive of the District Council would be contacting the Town Clerk.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk, at his forthcoming meeting with Chichester District Council officers request that the City Council's position in Minute 39 of the Community Affairs Committee meeting held on 28 October 2013 be taken forward and given consideration by District Councillors and further that informal meetings between the Chief Executives and Leaders of West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council and the Communar from Chichester Cathedral to discuss how the various parties could work together for the benefit of the City be arranged.

Minute 52 Chichester in Bloom

To consider the Recommendation to Full Council that Standing Order 71(a)(iv) be waived to enable a quote to be obtained from Ferring Nurseries who have provided and maintained the City Centre floral displays in previous years.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Standing Order 71(a)(iv) be waived to enable a quote to be obtained from Ferring Nurseries who have provided and maintained the City Centre floral displays in previous years. The waiving of the Standing Order was applicable to this matter only and for one year only.

66 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies.

67 WARD REPORTS FROM CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Scicluna, as a South Ward member, reported on the disquiet from residents in St John's Street about West Sussex County Council's plans to divert traffic from Market Road into St John's Street whilst improvements are carried out to the pavement and lay-by in Market Road. The Town Clerk assured members that the Property Manager had had discussions with the County Council on this matter and had brought to the attention of the County Council concerns raised by him and the effect it would have on residential properties in the area.

The Town Clerk would ask the Property Manager to circulate an updated report on the matter as Councillors had previously been emailed the information.

Councillor Apel, as a West Ward member, said she was disappointed that the City Council's Planning Delegation Sub-Committee had raised an objection to the application from Tesco Stores Ltd to retain the hoarding surrounding the land to the north of the Tesco Filling Station in Fishbourne Road East as residents living near to the site had raised concerns that the hoarding was to be retained.

Councillor Plowman, as a West Ward member, spoke on the effect the recent wet weather was having on the roads and was causing more potholes and that the repair work undertaken by the County Council on a piecemeal basis was no longer sufficient.

The Deputy Mayor advised that West Sussex County Council had advised that funding from Reserves would be used to bring all roads up to a good standard as opposed to keep funding repairs to pot holes.

Both Councillors Plowman and Apel, as West Ward members, spoke on the flooding on the fields at Whitehouse Farm.

68 REPORTS FROM CHICHESTER DISTRICT AND WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL'S WARD MEMBERS

Councillor Woolley, as a Chichester District Councillor, reported that he and other District Councillors representing City Wards had attended a meeting to discuss the Novium and it was considered that the meeting had been encouraging.

Councillor Simon Oakley, as a West Sussex County Councillor for the East Ward, reported on the issues being raised in connection with the development at Barnfield Drive. Councillor Oakley commented on the proposed roadworks at the roundabout with New Park Road/Oaklands Way and Spitalfield Lane to lay a new pipe that would hopefully alleviate the flooding in this area and that he encouraged members to report potholes to West Sussex County Council using the email address : omc@westsussex.gov.uk

69 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2014/2015

A copy of the Calendar of Meetings 2014/2015 had been circulated to all members.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Calendar of Meetings 2014/2015 be approved and adopted.

70 QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the Council pursuant to Standing Order 24.

71 COMMON SEAL

RESOLVED that the Common Seal be affixed to any documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.