



**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 15 APRIL 2015 AT 6.00PM**

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

60 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 4 February 2015, having been printed and circulated be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record with the following amendments :

- Under those 'Present' delete Councillor French and add Councillor Macey.

61 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Charter Dinner

The Mayor advised that the Charter Dinner (held every 4 years) would be taking place on Wednesday 6 May 2015 to mark the end of the current administration.

(ii) Retiring Councillors

The Mayor thanked those Councillors who would not be standing for re-election, namely Councillors Campling, P Dignum, Garrett, Rankin, Shone and Smith for their good work over the past administration.

62 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

## 63 PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES

The Mayor presented Grant cheques to the following and a photograph was taken of the Mayor with the recipients :

- Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice Bureau	£1800
- Chichester Chamber Concert	£300
- Chichester City Centre Drop In	£1,000
- Chichester City Tours	£500
- Chichester Information Shop for Young People	£2,500
- Chichester Peace Festival	£400
- Chichester Ship Canal Trust	£1,000
- Chichester Society	£1,000
- Cloth Nappy Library	£498
- Festival of Chichester	£1,833.35
- International Relations '3 Cities' Working Group	£1,200
- Murray Club	£1,000
- Rotary Club of Chichester	£500
- Rotary Club of Chichester Priory	£500
- Sammy Community Transport Ltd	£5,000
- Singing for Health/Lifemusic	£1,000
- West Sussex Mediation Service	£500

Before taking the Minutes of Committees, Councillor Apel and Councillor French thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for representing the City of Chichester so nobly for the past 16 months.

## 64 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

### (a) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Woolley, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2015 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Woolley commented on Application Number CC/14/04301/OUT Whitehouse Farm and said that the determination of this Outline Application had been deferred until the outcome of the Inspector's Report on the Local Plan was known and more information on traffic generation onto Old Broyle Road had been obtained.

Councillor Apel thanked the Planning Advisor for an excellent report on the above planning application.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Woolley, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2015 be approved and adopted.

### (b) Special Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor Apel , as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the special meeting held on 16 February 2015 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Scicluna declared Personal Interests in Minute 46(e), Chichester City Tours, Minute 46(k), Festival of Chichester and Minute 46(m), Murray Club.

It was RESOVLED that the original motion put by Councillor Apel, that the Minutes of the special meeting held on 16 February be approved and adopted.

(c) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Woolley, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Woolley, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015 be approved and adopted.

(d) Finance Committee

It was moved by Councillor Plowman, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2015 be approved and adopted and that the Recommendation in Minute 56 be discussed separately from the Minutes being approved and adopted.

Councillor Plowman thanked his fellow Committee members for their contribution over the past 4 years and in particular thanked his Vice-Chairman, Councillor Campling. The Town Clerk and Finance Officers were also thanked.

Councillor P Dignum commented on Minute 53 and the reference to the Whyke Community Centre and thanked the City Council for their support over the years for a Whyke Community Centre.

Councillor Scicluna declared a Personal Interest in Minute 55, Publication of 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of 'A Chain of Mayors'.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Plowman, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2015 be approved and adopted with the exclusion of the Recommendation in Minute 56.

Councillor Plowman requested consideration be given to the Recommendation in Minute 56.

**Minute 56 Keats Statue at Eastgate Square**

That the Finance Committee recommend to Full Council that as there was support for this project by a majority vote, that full costings would be obtained before the Council Meeting so that further discussions could take place and that the City Council do not enter into any contract before the end of the current administration.

Before any discussion took place the Council were advised that the Keats Statue would cost £30,000 and that so far £2,900 had been raised and that the plan was that the difference would be made up from public subscription. To advertise the public subscription request, Marquettes would be on display in public places, for example at the Chichester Library. The Earl of March had offered £2,500 but with the proviso that the total funds were raised in 18 months.

Councillor Plowman suggested changing the Recommendation and proposed that the City Council approves a sum of up to £30,000 as an earmarked reserve (for 12 months) to underwrite the Keats statue and other expenses such as insurance and maintenance and that the City Council take ownership of the statue as an asset.

A discussion took place between members on the connections that the poet John Keats had with Chichester and whether there was any public interest in the City for such a statue. Members felt that by advertising a public subscription scheme this would become known.

Councillor Woolley commented that any mention of the City Council underwriting the scheme could prohibit contributions to a public subscription fund.

Councillor T Dignum proposed and was duly seconded that

- (i) the City Council supports the idea of a public subscription scheme;
- (ii) consideration be given to underwriting the difference between the cost of the project and the amount raised by public subscription after 15 months; and
- (iii) that no contact be entered into before the end of the current administration.

This proposal was put to the vote and carried.

(e) Business Review Committee

It was moved by Councillor Plowman, as Chairman of the Committee that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2015 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Plowman, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2015 be approved and adopted.

(f) Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor Evans, as Vice-Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2015 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Evans spoke on Minutes 48, Fishbourne Road Railway Crossing, Minute 49(a) General Update from Sussex Police and Minute 54(a)(ii) Chichester District Council Relocation of Market.

Councillor T Dignum, commented on Minute 49(b) Community Wardens, and said that he was concerned there was not a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and District Councils for Community Wardens. The Town Clerk advised that a meeting with Chichester District Council to discuss Community Wardens would be held shortly and this matter would be raised.

Councillor French commented on Minute 53, Charles Avenue Community Hub, and advised that he had been in contact with Chichester District Council on this matter and progress is being made and would be reported at the next Community Affairs Committee meeting.

Councillor Plowman commented on Minute 55, Chichester in Bloom, and said that he hoped the City Council would continue to support this initiative in future years as the City Council were now the sole financial contributors for Chichester in Bloom. Councillor Plowman thanked the Administration Manager for her involvement in this initiative.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Evans, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2015 be approved and adopted.

(g) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Woolley, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2015 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Woolley thanked the Committee members for their support.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Woolley, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2015 be approved and adopted.

65 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Evans, as the City Council's representative on the Chichester District Association of Local Councils (Chichester Sub-District), reported that a number of parishes had attended the recent meeting and the aim of the association was to increase membership and make it more district-wide.

Councillor Budge, as the City Council's representative on the Goodwood Airfield Consultative Committee, advised that the proposed building works were progressing well and that aircraft had been impounded if their flight path had not been the designated flight path into Goodwood Airfield.

66 WARD REPORTS FROM CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Budge, as a North Ward Councillor, reported that the Chichester Rugby Club building works were progressing well.

Councillor Scicluna, as a South Ward Councillor, advised on the proposed works to install a bridge over the A27 next to Whyke Road roundabout and the problems being experienced by residents in the Pallants due to delivery lorries following satellite navigation devices.

Councillor Campling, as a West Ward Councillor, spoke on the subject of the Orchard Avenue bollards which were to deter parking on the green verges and the view of the residents.

Councillor Plowman, as a North Ward Councillor, commented on the newly installed cycleway at Northgate Gyrotory.

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

Chichester District and West Sussex County Councillor, Simon Oakley, spoke on several matters including highway works being carried out in the area, review of parking in Chichester and the County Council's electoral review.

Councillor Bell, speaking as Chairman of Chichester District Council, advised on the unveiling of the Priez Memorial Exhibition at the Novium Museum on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at 6pm and invited all Councillors to attend.

Councillor T Dignum advised that ten of the City Councillors standing for election were also standing for Chichester District Council.

68 QUESTIONS

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

Before the Mayor closed the meeting he wished to thank the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor David Siggs and Margaret Siggs, for their continued support during his mayoralty.

69 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 7.31pm