



**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 9 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6.00PM**

- PRESENT : The Mayor (Councillor P Budge)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tupper)
Councillors Apel, P M Budge, Dignum, M Evans, P Evans, T French,
J French, Galloway, Keyworth, Kilby, Macey, Scicluna and Sharp
- APOLOGIES : Councillors Bell, Dempster and Plowman
- ABSENT : Councillors Holman and Joy
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk, Administration Manager and Macebearer

21 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 24 June 2015 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 15 July 2015, having been printed and circulated be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

22 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Loyal Greetings to HM Queen Elizabeth II

The Mayor informed members that Loyal Greetings would be sent to HM Queen Elizabeth II on becoming the longest-reigning monarch in British history.

(ii) Civic Events

The Mayor reminded members that the annual Procession to the Cathedral would take place on Sunday 4 October 2015 and that confirmation of attendance should be forwarded to the Administration Manager.

The Mayor also reminded members that the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade would take place on Sunday 8 November 2015 and that this would be followed by a lunch and depending on the number of members attending a lunch would be booked at the Ship Hotel.

(iii) Mayoral Engagements

The Mayor said that he had attended many engagements including presenting the Chichester City Stakes Plate at Goodwood, hosting foreign students, meeting members of the Murray family and being involved in the longest rugby ball pass at the Chichester Rugby Club. The Mayor had also signed a wreath on behalf of the citizens of Chichester to be placed at the War Memorial in Priez.

(iv) Staff Related Matters

The Mayor advised that the Property Manager's Assistant had retired from employment with the City Council; the Property Manager had returned to work and one of the Casual Relief Custodians had received their British Citizenship.

23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

24 PRESENTATION OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT CHEQUES

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

- 5 th Chichester Scout Group	£400
- Bognor and Chichester Voice	£1,000
- Chichester Bowls Club	£3,500
- Chichester City Centre Partnership	£3,000
- Chichester Counselling Services	£1,238
- Chichester Players	£500
- Friends of Chartres	£600
- Friends of Wrenford Centre	£3,000
- Homestart Chichester & District	£2,500
- Parents & Carers Support Organisation (PACSO)	£1,500
- St Wilfrid's Hospice	£3,920
- Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester	£2,500

25 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(a) Business Review Committee

It was moved by Councillor Dignum, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015 be approved and adopted and that the Recommendation in Minute 3 be considered separately.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Dignum, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015 be approved and adopted and that the Recommendation in Minute 3 be considered separately.

Councillor Dignum commented on the following Recommendation :

Minute 3 Future of the Business Review Committee
RECOMMENDED to Council that the Business Review Committee be disbanded and the workload be subsumed in to the terms of reference of other Committees.

It was further RESOLVED that the Business Review Committee be disbanded and the workload be subsumed in to the terms of references of other Committees.

(b) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2015 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2015 be approved and adopted.

(c) Special Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor P Evans, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2015 be approved and adopted.

The Mayor and Councillors Apel and Scicluna declared Personal Interests in Minute 15(g), Friends of Chartres.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor P Evans, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2015 be approved and adopted.

(d) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meetings held on 29 July 2015 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2015 be approved and adopted.

(e) Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor P Evans, Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of Meeting held on 3 August 2015 be approved and adopted.

Councillor P Evans commented on the matters that had been discussed at the meeting and gave an update as appropriate. He also expressed thanks to all those involved with the floral displays in the City Centre.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor P Evans, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 August 2015 be approved and adopted.

(f) Finance Committee

It was moved by Councillor Dignum, Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 August 2015 be approved and adopted and that the Recommendations contained within the Minutes be considered separately.

Members commented on Minute 33 Henty Field and officers were thanked for their involvement in the Lease being signed. A press release had been produced and would be issued accordingly. Councillor Scicluna said that the Chichester Conservation Area Advisory Committee would consider the area being included in the Conservation Area.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Dignum, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 August 2015 be approved and adopted and the Recommendations be considered separately.

Councillor Dignum commented on the following Recommendations, and the Recommendations were proposed, seconded and put to the vote.

Minute 23 Facade and Brickwork Cleaning of the Council House

It was RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the cost of the survey work be approved at a cost not to exceed £4,500 + VAT.

It was RESOLVED that the cost of the survey work to the Facade and Brickwork Cleaning of the Council House be approved at a cost not to exceed £4,500 + VAT.

Minute 28 Market Cross

It was RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the cost of the survey work be approved at a cost not to exceed £6,750 + VAT.

It was RESOLVED that the cost of the survey work to be carried out on the Market Cross be approved at a cost not to exceed £6,750 + VAT.

Minute 38 Murray Club Artefacts

It was RECOMMENDED to Full Council that consideration be given to :

- (i) the City Council accepting the bequest of important and valuable artefacts of Admiral Sir George Murray;
- (ii) a budget of £1,000 be allocated for costs involved with insurance of the items and any legal costs incurred in connection with signing the Agreement;
- (iii) the artefacts be on permanent display at the Council House following the closing of the Murray Exhibition at the Novium in December 2016; and
- (iv) discussions on how the artefacts will be displayed, eg, in special display cabinets take place at a later date.

It was RESOLVED that the above Recommendations in connection with the Murray Club Artefacts be approved.

(g) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 August 2015 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby, that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 August 2015 be approved and adopted.

26 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from representatives on Outside Bodies.

27 WARD REPORTS FROM CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

There were no reports from Chichester City Council Members.

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

Councillor Dignum, as Leader of Chichester District Council, advised of the exciting project being undertaken by the District Council on the vision of the future of Chichester City and that many stakeholders, including the City Council, would be involved in this project.

Councillor M Evans, West Sussex County Council member, advised that the next South Chichester Local Committee discussing Community Initiative Funding would be on 22 September 2015.

Councillor Simon Oakley, commented on highway matters including street parking in the City and that estate agents were attaching advertising material to street signs.

29 MINISTRY OF JUSTICE CONSULTATION ON CLOSURE OF CHICHESTER CROWN COURT AND CHICHESTER MAGISTRATES' COURT

The proposals on this consultation had been circulated to all members with the Agenda.

Members debated the consultation document on the closure of the Chichester Crown Court and Chichester Magistrates' Court and were unanimous that it would be a great shame if the courts closed particularly as Chichester was the County City and Courts existed at County towns such as Winchester and Lewes. Members were concerned over the extra time involved in travelling to other courts in the area and the costs (many of which would be peak hour journeys) that would be incurred with this. Also, members were far from convinced that adaptations and redecorating works should be put forward as an obstacle in retaining the Courts in Chichester.

It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk forward the City Council representations to the Ministry of Justice that the Chichester City Council is against the closure of Chichester Crown Court and Chichester Magistrates' Court.

30 QUESTIONS

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

31 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 7.30pm.