



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER
ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016 AT 5.00PM**

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

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Members were requested to consider cancelling the Gala Procession on Saturday 9 July 2016 being held to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday due to the lack of support.

A report had been prepared and circulated to all members with the Agenda which outlined the work that had already been undertaken in arranging a Gala for 2016. The report also commented on previous Galas that had taken place and those Galas which also had to be cancelled due to the lack of support.

The closing date for applications to be submitted for the 2016 Gala was Tuesday 3 May and eight completed application forms had been received; a further two were received after the closing date. These applications consisted of 6 walking groups and 4 vehicles (approximately 200 people). Four organisations had verbally confirmed but had not returned a completed application form.

Reference was made to the conflict the Gala date had with the Graylingwell Summer Party being organised by Chichester Development Trust (CDT). The Town Clerk said he was disappointed to hear some of the comments being made as the City Council had been in dialogue from outset of knowledge of both events taking place on the same date, albeit at different times with CDT. Discussions on various ways in which the two events could benefit each other had already taken place.

Members commented on historic Galas and how the City would come together for such an event but also recognised that times had now changed and that maybe the Gala no longer fitted in with current expectations.

The report highlighted that the proposed Freedom Ceremony for Tim Peake later in the year could recompense for the disappointment caused by the Gala being cancelled and could be a great attraction to people generally.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Gala on Saturday 9 July 2016 be cancelled and that the City Council concentrate their plans on the Tim Peake Freedom Ceremony.

The meeting closed at 5.25pm