



**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 12 APRIL 2017 AT 6.00PM**

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

69 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 February 2017 and the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on 1 March 2017, having been printed and circulated be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

70 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayor's announcements.

71 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public being resident in the City.

72 PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES

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

- Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice Bureau
- Chichester Chamber Concerts
- Chichester Community Development Trust
- Chichester Symphony Orchestra
- Chichester Youth Adventure Trust
- Festival of Chichester
- Friends of Priory Park
- Friends of Wrenford Centre
- International Relations 'Three Cities' Working Group
- Outset Youth Action
- Rotary Club of Chichester
- Transition Chichester
- Westgate Residents Association

The representative for Chichester Community Development Trust was not present at the meeting and Councillor T French would deliver the cheque.

The Mayor hosted the Grant recipients in the Mayor's Parlour and the Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

73 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(a) Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor Galloway, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Galloway, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017 be approved and adopted.

(b) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Keyworth, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2017 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Keyworth, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2017 be approved and adopted.

(c) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Keyworth, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Keyworth, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017 be approved and adopted.

(d) Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor Galloway, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2017 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Galloway commented on Minute 58 Closure of Chichester Courts and advised that a letter had been sent from the Mayor to the Secretary of Justice. The Deputy Mayor added that Chichester MP Andrew Tyrie had also written to the Secretary of Justice on this matter.

Councillor Macey commented that Minute 57 stated an incorrect date for the Family Fun Day being organised at Brewery Field and the Town Clerk advised that the date had now been changed anyway to Sunday 4 June 2017.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Galloway, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2017 be approved and adopted.

(e) Finance Committee

It was moved by Councillor Dignum, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 be approved and adopted excluding the Recommendation in Minutes 91, 92, 94 and 95 which would be discussed separately.

Councillor Dignum briefly commented on Minute 88, Chichester District Council Memorandum of Understanding relating to Chichester City Public Conveniences, and Minute 89, Purchase of Defibrillator.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Dignum, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 be approved and adopted excluding the Recommendation in Minutes 91, 92, 94 and 95 which would be discussed separately.

Councillor Dignum drew the Council's attention to the following Recommendations :

Minute 91 Real Time Passenger Information and Bus Shelters

It was RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the City Council support West Sussex County Council's request for the City Council to obtain quotations and install four new bus shelters on behalf of West Sussex County Council and that the City Council would agree to maintain them in the future.

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Minute 92 Public Realm Projects

It was RECOMMENDED to Full Council (in accordance with Community Affairs Committee Minute 52) that from the unexpended balance of the Discretionary Grant Budget 2016/2017 the John Keats sculpture be funded in the sum of £4,784.27 and that £1,000 be allocated for a planting scheme at Northgate by Ferring Nurseries.

It was also RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the remaining unexpended balance of £4,058 be carried forward to the Public Realm Projects budget 2017/2018.

Councillor Sharp commented that consideration be given to Public Realm Projects relating to matters connected with health and well-being and improving areas of the City such as Northgate and Eastgate. The Deputy Mayor advised that she raise this matter again at the appropriate Committee.

It was RESOLVED that

- (i) from the unexpended balance of the Discretionary Grant Budget 2016/2017 the John Keats sculpture be funded in the sum of £4,784.27 and that £1,000 be allocated for a planting scheme at Northgate by Ferring Nurseries; and
- (ii) that the remaining unexpended balance of £4,058 be carried forward to the Public Realm Projects budget 2017/2018.

The Mayor re-joined the meeting.

Minute 94 Community Governance Review

It was RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the Town Clerk be asked to write to the District Council requesting a Community Governance Review and state that the City Council's preferred solution was for the City Wards to be aligned with the five new Chichester District Council Wards and that the number of City Councillors be therefore reduced from 20 to 18.

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Minute 95 Quakers Request to lay a White Poppy Wreath at the War Memorial

It was RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the request from the Chichester Quakers to lay a white poppy wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday after the annual Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade had taken place be supported.

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The Mayor re-took the Chair.

74 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Tupper, as the City Council's representative on the Sussex Rural Community Council (Transport) advised that he had been unable to attend their Annual General Meeting due to a train strike.

75 WARD REPORTS FROM CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Apel, as a West Ward member, advised members of the proposed closure of the Foyer in Velyn Avenue.

Councillor Sharp, as a South Ward member, said that the current young people living at the Foyer would be re-homed but the closure would have a significant effect on young people in the future who rely on help given by the Foyer.

Members were surprised and expressed their concern on the closure of the Foyer.

Councillor Apel proposed, was duly seconded and it was RESOLVED that the City Council write to the Chief Executive of the Foyer about the closure and its effect it will have on young people that depend on such a facility.

Councillor Plowman, as a West Ward member, commented on the possible bronze age settlement that had been found at the proposed site of the Whitehouse Farm development.

Councillor T French, as a East Ward member, advised that A2 Dominion had received the shortfall in funding for the SPRING youth project at Swanfield Centre as the works were anticipated to start week commencing 24 April 2017.

Councillor Sharp, as a South Ward member, advised that the condition of the pavements in the City Centre were still causing accidents for its residents and although incidents were reported to West Sussex County Council through their various on-line initiatives for improving pavements, it was being asked whether the City Council could make representation on the on-going problem of the paving in the City Centre. Councillor Sharp also spoke about the trees at Kingsham Avenue as it appeared they may be removed.

Councillor Scicluna left the meeting.

Councillor Tupper, as a South Ward member, spoke about the number of heavy vehicles parking near the railway level crossing and damaging paving slabs; this was happening in other parts of the City aswell. It was suggested that the City Council make representation on this matter.

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

Councillor M Evans, as a West Sussex County Councillor, advised that works relating to the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Whyke Road should begin at the end of August/beginning of September 2017.

Councillor Dignum, as a Chichester District Councillor, said that Victorian design railings would be erected around Priory Park and would be funded from Section 106 monies.

Councillor Simon Oakley, as a West Sussex County Councillor, said that he hoped all public sectors would work together over the closure of the Foyer. Other matters mentioned included the road surfacing programme for the East division of the City, the reporting of highway defects through the County Council's website, the clearance of gullies and that Councillor Oakley continued to liaise with the Property Manager over the removal of estate agents advertising boards being attached to City Council street nameplates.

77 A27 LATEST POSITION

The Deputy Mayor said that following the Transport Secretary's announcement to cancel the proposed improvement works to the A27 around Chichester, a meeting had been organised by 'Chichester Observer' in early March 2017 to discuss the way forward. The meeting had been attended by many representatives of parish councils, community groups and businesses and the outcome was that a workshop should be organised. A workshop was organised at the end of March and again was well-attended and resulted in a theme of 'our City' which should be considered when discussing A27 improvement ideas.

Parish councils and local groups had been tasked to obtain ideas from their communities so that a plan could be formulated, professional designed and presented to the Transport Secretary to ask that works to improving the A27 be reinstated.

The Deputy Mayor would speak to individual members and ask them to seek their community's views and to report back to him. It was considered that because of the size of Chichester parish, a Public Meeting would **not** be an appropriate platform for individuals to express their views.

78 NEW HOMES BONUS (PARISH ALLOCATIONS) 2017

It was RESOLVED to note that Chichester District Council's recently approved budget for 2017/18 included a further year of the New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) Scheme. Chichester's indicative allowance is £88,595 and all applications are to be submitted to Chichester District Council by the end of July 2017. Chichester City Council will follow the usual procedure of holding a Special Council Meeting to determine New Homes Bonus Applications.

79 QUESTIONS

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

80 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 7.35pm.

Minutes amended at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 10 May 2017