



**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 4 JULY 2018 AT 4.30PM**

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

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As recorded above.

22 NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATION 2015

The Council considered an Extension and Variation on the original New Homes Bonus Application 2015 submitted by the South Downs Planetarium in the sum of £25,000 for the upgrading of the exhibition and display areas on the ground floor. The three-year claim period for New Homes Bonus funding would expire in Autumn 2018.

Dr John Mason of the South Downs Planetarium gave a short presentation on the Extension and Variation being considered which was for the funding to be allocated to fund part of the structural alteration works that were required to the Planetarium building before any presentational improvements proceeded and that the alteration work would be completed by Autumn 2019.

It was RESOLVED that the Extension and Variation submitted by the South Downs Planetarium on the New Homes Bonus 2015 Allocation of £25,000 be agreed and that this Extension and Variation be forwarded to Chichester District Council for consideration.

23 NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATIONS 2018

The Mayor asked for members to declare any Interests prior to the presentations.

The Mayor declared a Personal Interest as Chairman of the Oxmarket Gallery and advised that he would leave the room during the Oxmarket Gallery presentation.

Councillor T French declared a Personal Interest as a Trustee on the Chichester Community Development Trust and advised that he would not be voting on this application.

Councillor Dignum declared a Personal Interest as his spouse was a member of the Chichester Community Development Trust.

Councillor Scicluna declared a Personal Interest as a member of the Murray Club.

Councillor Plowman declared a Prejudicial Interest as Chairman of the Murray Club and would not vote on this application.

Councillor M Evans declared a Personal Interest in the Oxmarket Gallery as the City Council's representative on this outside body.

Councillor Apel declared a Personal Interest as a Trustee of the Oxmarket Gallery and would leave the room during the Oxmarket Gallery presentation.

Representatives of the following organisations gave a 10 minute presentation on their New Homes Bonus Application and answered members' questions.

- (a) South Downs Planetarium
- (b) Chichester Community Development Trust
- (c) The Murray Club
- (d) Oxmarket Gallery
- (e) Chichester Boys Club
- (f) Revelation Family Church

24 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from this meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted namely financial and business affairs of third parties.

The Mayor left the meeting as he did not wish to be present when the discussions and voting on the New Homes Bonus Applications took place; the Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

25 DETERMINATION OF NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATIONS 2018

Chichester City Council's New Homes Bonus allocation for 2018 was £74,359; the applications submitted totalled £124,380.

Members discussed the applications and considered them all to be worthy of support and it was therefore proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that all the applications be reduced by 40%; this would give a total submission of New Homes Bonus Applications 2018 of £74,628 (£269 over the City Council's allocation).

- (a) South Downs Planetarium
Installation of new fire retardant wooden cladding and roof repairs

This project was supported by the City Council - £12,000
- (b) Chichester Community Development Trust
The fitting out of a new multi-purpose community facility at Lower Graylingwell

This project was supported by the City Council - £5,628

- (c) The Murray Club
To create a life-size bronze statue of Admirals Horatio Nelson and George Murray located on a plinth in front of the Fernleigh House, North Street, Chichester

This project was supported by the City Council - £15,000

The support was given with the caveat that there should be no financial obligation on the City Council for this project.

- (d) Oxmarket Gallery
To upgrade the Oxmarket Gallery entrance area

This project was supported by the City Council - £15,000

- (e) Chichester Boys Club
Boxing Club transport

This project was supported by the City Council - £12,000

- (f) Revelation Family Church
A Hub for community services meeting the needs of the most vulnerable

This project was supported by the City Council - £15,000

However, members requested that this New Homes Bonus Application in the sum of £15,000 be for the 'changing place' facility only at the proposed Community Service Hub

The New Homes Bonus applications supported by the City Council in the sum of £74,628 would be firmed-up and with guidance from City Council Officers, would ensure all the applications submitted are complete with the required information. Applications would be submitted to Chichester District Council by Monday 30 July 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm