



**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 6 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 6.00PM**

- PRESENT : The Mayor (Councillor P Evans)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Bell)
Councillors Apel, Budge, Dignum, M Evans, T French, Galloway, Hixson,
Kilby, Macey, Plowman, Scicluna, Sharp and Tupper
- APOLOGIES : Councillors J French, Holman and Keyworth
- ABSENT : Councillors Dempster and Joy
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk, Administration Manager, Mayor's Chaplain and Macebearer

26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As recorded above.

27 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 21 June 2017 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 5 July 2017, having been printed and circulated be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

28 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Death of the 10th Duke of Richmond and Gordon

The Mayor asked all those present to stand for a Minutes Silence to mark the death of the 10th Duke of Richmond and Gordon. The Mayor would be writing to the Dowager Duchess of Richmond and Gordon on behalf of the City Council. The Duke had been awarded the Freedom of the City in 2008 and was a Civic Award winner.

(ii) Mayoral Engagements

The Mayor advised that together with the Mayoress they had attended 58 events since the last Council Meeting. He spoke appreciatively about 'Mick's March', the 1000 mile walk that took place during July 2017 as tribute to the former Mayor, Mick Shone who passed away in November 2015. The Mayor had also hosted the public meeting on 'Freeflow - an alternative vision for the Southern Gateway'.

29 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question had been submitted by Chichester resident, Mr Edward Milward-Oliver :

In February 2016 I asked a question of the Council that led to a special meeting at which it was decided to grant the Freedom of the City to the Chichester-born British astronaut Tim Peake. I understand that in the 18 months since, the Town Clerk has been in regular contact with Tim Peake's employer, the European Space Agency, to secure a suitable date for the presentation. In light of Tim Peake's admittedly fleeting visits to Westbourne Primary School, the Festival of Speed, the Novium, and other venues in the region, can the Town Clerk provide a written report to the next meeting of the City Council on the status of those communications with the ESA, and indicate when it is hoped the presentation in Chichester will take place.

The Mayor asked the Town Clerk to reply.

The Town Clerk advised those present of the timeline that the City Council had been in contact with the European Space Agency on arranging a time and date for Tim Peake to receive the Freedom of the City. A report would be produced for the next Council Meeting in December 2017.

The Deputy Mayor added that the Tim Peake exhibition at the Novium had been a success for the City.

30 PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES

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

- 5th Chichester Scout Group
- Chichester Lunch Club
- Chichester City Tours
- Chichester Information Shop for Young People
- Cruse Bereavement Care West Sussex
- Friends of Chartres
- Home-Start Chichester & District
- Lifecentre
- Pregnancy Options Centre
- Sussex Otters Swimming Club
- Transition Chichester
- Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester

31 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(a) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2017 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2017 be approved and adopted.

(b) Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor Galloway as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2017 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Galloway that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2017 be approved and adopted.

(c) Finance Committee

It was moved by Councillor Dignum, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2017 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Dignum commented on Minute 28 Review of Earmarked Reserves and Minute 36 Notices/Signs around the City. He also spoke on Minute 40 Personnel Matters and advised that the Senior Property Maintenance Officer, Stephen Le Gallez, was leaving the City Council's employment shortly and the position would be filled by the current Property Maintenance Officer.

Councillor Galloway asked whether any progress had been made regarding the fee involved with using the Guildhall in Priory Park for the Annual Meeting of Council (Mayor Making) in 2018 (Minute 32 refers). He was advised that negotiations were on-going between officers.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Dignum, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2017 be approved and adopted

(d) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 be approved and adopted.

(e) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2017 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2017 be approved and adopted.

32 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor M Evans, as the City Council's representative on the Chichester District Car Parking Forum reported on a recently held meeting where possible new car parking rates had been discussed and the West Sussex County Council's Road Space Audit.

Councillor Scicluna, as the City Council's representative on the Friends of Ravenna advised that celebrations for the 20th anniversary of the twinning of Chichester and Ravenna would take place between 18 and 22 October 2017.

Councillor Apel, as the City Council's representative on the Chichester Welfare Trust spoke on the continuing issue of rough sleepers and homeless people in the City and said that local churches were working together to see if they could establish alternative accommodation for errant sleepers.

33 WARD REPORTS FROM CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Plowman, as a West Ward member, commented on the successful unveiling ceremony of the Keats Sculpture in Eastgate Square. The sculpture, Vincent Gray, had asked for his thanks to be passed to the City Council officers for their help with this project.

Councillor T French, as an East Ward member, reported on the summer events held at Florence Park and in the Swanfield area and on the opening of the new youth wing at the Swanfield Centre.

Councillor Apel, as a West Ward member, said that the pavements and roads being dug up in Parklands area by Virgin seemed to be an endless process.

Councillor Sharp, as a South Ward member, advised that a resident had raised their concerns about the Christian Science Church car park in Whyke Lane being heavily used on a daily basis,

Councillor Sharp said that it was commendable that both the City and District Council's were working together over the installation of statues in the City but could the council's work together on reducing the poor air quality in areas of the City.

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

Councillor Plowman, as a Chichester District Councillor, said the railings around Priory Park would be installed during October 2017 and that the hedging would also be pruned.

Councillor Oakley, as a West Sussex County Councillor, commented on drainage issues in the City and asked whether the City Council had applied for any funding from West Sussex County Council's 'Operation Watershed' for these matters.

Councillor Oakley was advised that this matter would be discussed at the next City Council's Property Sub-Committee meeting in October.

Councillor Oakley continued by commenting on the West Sussex County Council Road Space Audit and urged everyone to comment; he praised A2 Dominion for supporting the improvements to the Swanfield Centre and that a Traffic Regulation Order had been submitted for yellow lines to be introduced in Baxendale Road.

Councillor Sharp asked Councillor Oakley if there was any progress on the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Florence Road and was advised that it would be discussed later in the year to see if it would be included in the future programme of works.

35 QUESTIONS

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

36 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 7pm.