



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER
ON WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2017 AT 6.00PM**

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

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were recorded as above.

21 NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATION 2016

The Council considered a variation on the original New Homes Bonus Application 2016 submitted by Chichester Community Development Trust (CCDT) in the sum of £20,000 to develop the Water Tower at Graylingwell Park into a Community Hub.

Members were advised that Chichester District Council had forwarded £20,000 of Section 106 money to the Water Tower project which was initially allocated for the Graylingwell Chapel project. The funding had been diverted from one project to another due to the expiry date of the Section 106 monies.

Councillor T French declared a Personal Interest in the Chichester Community Development Trust as a co-opted member and did not vote on this application.

CCDT Director, Clare de Bathe, gave a short presentation on the Graylingwell Chapel project and asked that members to consider allocating the New Homes Bonus 2016 funding to this project.

It was RESOLVED that the New Homes Bonus 2016 Allocation of £20,000 be diverted from the Water Tower project at Graylingwell to the Graylingwell Chapel project and that this variation be forwarded to Chichester District Council for consideration.

22 NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATIONS 2017

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

- (a) Florence Park Community Group
- (b) Vincent Gray
- (c) New Park Centre
- (d) South Downs Planetarium

Councillor Holman left the meeting at 6.43pm.

23 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.

24 DETERMINATION OF NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATIONS 2017

Chichester City Council's New Homes Bonus allocation for 2017 was £88,595; the applications submitted totalled £85,000.

Councillor T French declared a Personal Interest in the New Park Centre as the City Council's representative on this outside body and did not vote on this application.

Councillors Plowman and Scicluna declared a Personal Interest in the Vincent Gray application and did not vote on this application.

Members discussed, proposed, seconded and voted upon each application.

- (a) Florence Park Community Group
Provision and installation of a wheelchair accessible swing at Florence Road Park, Chichester

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

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

The project was supported by the City Council - £25,000

However, members requested that formal permission be obtained from the landowners of where the statue was proposed to be located and that this information be forwarded with the New Homes Bonus submission.

- (c) New Park Centre
Enhancements to the Old Dojo and Studio/Meeting Room

This project was supported by the City Council - £25,000

- (d) South Downs Planetarium
Installation of solar energy system on the Planetarium roof

This project was supported by the City Council - £20,000

The New Homes Bonus applications supported by the City Council in the sum of £85,000 would be firmed-up and with guidance from City Council Officers, would ensure all the applications submitted are complete with the required information.

It was noted that applications needed to be submitted to Chichester District Council by Friday 28 July 2017.

25 CHICHESTER VISION

The Town Clerk explained that the 'Chichester Vision' document contained aspirations for Chichester on how the City should be promoted and taken forward for future generations. The City Council had been represented on both the District Council's Steering Group and Partnership Working Group to produce the Vision.

Councillor Dignum, speaking as Leader of Chichester District Council, advised that extensive surveys and consultations had taken place to produce the document that was being presented for endorsement by the City Council. The consultations had shown that accessibility to the City Centre was important and that Chichester should have a vibrant and growing economy. Chichester should also be a leading visitor destination.

Members commented on the Vision and its aspirations connected with reducing vehicle movements in the City, the improvements to the Northgate and Southgate areas and the importance of community/people involvement in any future planning of the City. Attracting new businesses to the area should be sought to ensure younger people are attracted to the City and make the City their home.

Councillor French said that Chichester had kept its charm for the past 50 years and any improvements should reflect the size of the City. He added that his suggestions for the future would be to establish an open air arena in Oaklands Park and the filling in of the lakes to the South of the City.

It was appreciated that the City may need 'sprucing up' as some areas did look tired but this could be achieved separately from the aspirations of the Vision.

It was **RESOLVED** that Chichester City Council endorse Chichester District Council's 'Chichester Vision' document and commend it to the public.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.