



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF
COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER
ON WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT : The Mayor (Councillor P Evans)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Bell)
Councillors Apel, Dempster, Dignum, M Evans, T French, Galloway,
Hixson, Holman, Joy, Keyworth, Kilby, Macey, Plowman, Scicluna,
Sharp and Tupper

APOLOGIES : Councillor Budge and J French

IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager

37 COUNCILLOR JO FRENCH - SIX MONTHS ABSENCE

The Local Government Act 1972, Section 85 expressly provides that where a Council member fails throughout a period of 6 consecutive months from the date of their last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority then, subject to certain exceptions, they cease to be a member of the authority unless failure was due to some reason approved by the Council before the expiry of that period.

Councillor Jo French's last meeting attendance was the Council Meeting on 12 April 2017, thus her six month period of absence expires on 12 October 2017.

Councillor T French declared a Personal Interest as father of Councillor J French.

Members considered Councillor J French's request for an extension of absence of 4 months, however it was RESOLVED that Councillor J French's extension of absence expire on 31 March 2018.

38 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting because of the special circumstances namely discussions involving personal information of third parties.

39 CIVIC AWARDS 2017

The Council considered Civic Award nominations A-F.

Councillors Apel and Hixson declared a Personal Interest in nomination A and left the room while this nomination was discussed.

Nomination A was for an organisation to receive a Civic Award as opposed to an individual. Members discussed the merits of awarding awards to community groups and it was voted upon and RESOLVED that Nomination A be offered a Civic Award for 2017, however this was an exception for the 2017 Civic Awards.

The matter of community groups/organisations receiving awards would be discussed further at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Councillors discussed and voted upon each of the remaining nominations.

It was further RESOLVED that nominations B, C, D, E and F be offered Civic Awards 2017.

Councillor T French left the meeting.

40 HERITAGE AWARDS 2017

The Council considered Heritage Award nominations G-J.

Councillors discussed and voted upon each of the nominations.

RESOLVED that nominations G, H, and I be awarded Heritage Awards 2017.

41 YOUNG CITIZENS' AWARD 2017

The Council considered Young Citizens' Award nomination K1- K4.

Councillors discussed and voted upon the nomination.

RESOLVED that nominations K1-K4 be offered a Young Citizens' Award 2017.

Councillor Apel left the meeting.

42 BLUE PLAQUES

The Council considered Blue Plaque nominations L, M, N, O, P, Q and R.

Councillors discussed and voted upon each of the nominations.

RESOLVED that nomination P be awarded a Blue Plaque.

It was further RESOLVED that a new 'Historical Building' category be introduced for 2018 and that this matter would be discussed further at the next Finance Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.06pm.