

# Council

Monday, 19 June 2017

## MINUTES

### Present:

Councillor Jennifer Wheeler (Mayor), Councillor Nina Wood-Ford (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Joe Baker, Tom Baker-Price, Roger Bennett, Natalie Brookes, Juliet Brunner, David Bush, Michael Chalk, Debbie Chance, Greg Chance, Anita Clayton, Brandon Clayton, Matthew Dormer, John Fisher, Andrew Fry, Bill Hartnett, Pattie Hill, Gay Hopkins, Wanda King, Jane Potter, Gareth Prosser, Mark Shurmer, Yvonne Smith, Paul Swansborough, David Thain and Pat Witherspoon

### Also Present:

Mr M Hall and Mr P Roberts (Arts in Redditch)

### Officers:

Kevin Dicks, Clare Flanagan, Sue Hanley and Jayne Pickering

### Committee Services Officer:

Jess Bayley

## 14. WELCOME

Prior to commencing the business of the meeting the Mayor invited all those present to join her in observing a minute silence in memory of those who had lost their lives in the recent terrorist incidents in London and Manchester as well as those who had been killed and injured in the fire at Grenfell Tower in London.

The Mayor subsequently invited Mr Philip Roberts, from the Arts in Redditch group, to discuss the contribution that participation in the arts could make to enhancing a person's mental wellbeing.

Council was advised that the Arts in Redditch group promoted opportunities and facilities that enabled people to participate in the arts. Research undertaken by various Voluntary and Community Sector organisations had found evidence that participation in the arts could have a positive impact on a person's mental health and wellbeing. In particular, participation in the arts provided the chance for a person to connect with other people from different

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backgrounds, to keep learning and to be active. In Redditch only five per cent of the population engaged in creative activities. However, the Arts in Redditch group was aiming to address this and had already organised artistic events which had benefited a range of people, including the biannual arts exhibitions in the Kingfisher Shopping Centre. Through discussing the arts Members could help to encourage residents to participate in creative activities which would make a positive contribution to people's mental wellbeing.

## 15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Antonia Pulsford and Rachael Smith.

## 16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 17. MINUTES

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of Annual Council held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

## 18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### a) Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor advised on the following events which she had attended since the last meeting of the Council:

- The Mayor had met with His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent during his visit to Redditch on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- A meeting of the Redditch Mental Health Action Group (MHAG).
- Civic services in Droitwich Spa and Worcester.
- An event at the bandstand on 10th June 2017, during which participants had enjoyed music from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.
- The Mayor had attended the flag flying ceremony for Armed Services Day in the morning on 19th June 2017.
- The Deputy Mayor was thanked for attending the Green Fair at the Arrow Valley Park on 18th June 2017.

### b) The Leader's Announcements

The Leader advised that he had attended a number of civic events alongside the Mayor. In addition the Leader highlighted the following in his announcements:

- The Leader had written to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, expressing sympathy and solidarity with the people of London, following the terrorist incidents on London Bridge and at Borough Market. The flag had been lowered to half-mast as a mark of respect.
- The flag had also been lowered following the terrorist attack at Manchester Arena and the Leader had been involved in gatherings at St Stephen's Church and at the Mosque which had been arranged to enable residents to pay their respects.
- Sadly the flag had been lowered once again following the fire at Grenfell Tower in London which had resulted in a significant loss of life.
- A letter had been received from the Polish Embassy thanking the Borough for their efforts celebrating Polish Heritage Day.
- On behalf of the Council the Leader congratulated Councillor Joe Baker on his recent marriage to Mr Peter Willis.
- Finally the Leader urged Members to attend the Armed Services Day event in Redditch on Saturday 24th June.

c) Chief Executive's Announcements

The Chief Executive confirmed that he had no announcements to make for the meeting.

**19. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE (PROCEDURE RULE 9.2) (IF ANY)**

There were no Questions on Notice.

**20. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (PROCEDURE RULE 11) (IF ANY)**

There were no Motions on Notice.

**21. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2017**

Members considered the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

During consideration of this item Members questioned whether information had been included in the Health and Safety policies in respect of lone working arrangements for Members and it was agreed that Officers should provide this information outside the meeting.

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be received and all recommendations adopted.**

**22. REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

The Council received the minutes of meetings of the Licensing Committee and Planning Committee.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 6th March 2017 be received and adopted; and**
- 2) the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12th April 2017 be received and adopted.**

**23. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS**

There were no urgent decisions to note.

**24. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL (IF ANY)**

There were no separate items of urgent business to consider at this meeting.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 7.36 pm