

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER  
ON THURSDAY 17 MAY 2007**

**PRESENT**

Councillor R E Campbell in the Chair  
18 Councillors  
18 members of the public

**1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2006**

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 10 May 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that the previous year had been very significant for the Town Council both in terms of new services and internal staff changes. The Burntwood Cemetery had opened in the early part of 2007 following protracted negotiations and he hoped that a peaceful and tranquil burial site within the Town Council area had now been created.

The Wakes Festival was considered to be a great success during the summer and increased confidence had been gained to strengthen the commitment for future years and seek to deliver an event that was looked forward to and enjoyed by the whole community in Burntwood.

Mr P Parnell the Town Clerk had retired at the end of 2006, Mrs M Danby had recently started work as the new Town Clerk and she was attending her first meeting that evening.

The Town Council had sought to maintain and strengthen links with community organisations by Membership of Management Committees, Grant Aid and general advice and together an appointment role was played for the benefit of the community as a whole.

It had been agreed that the offices of the Town Council should move from the library to the recently vacated Lichfield District Council Offices in Lambourne House and this was due to open to staff and public during 2007.

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Walker as his Vice Chairman and thanked him for his support with involvement in community and civic events in both the town and district.

The Grant Aid Programme had continued to assist a significant number of organisations and chosen charities had benefit from donations to the Chairman's fund. Finally the Chairman thanked the former Leader and

Deputy Leader of the Town Council and all Officers for making his year as Chairman so enjoyable.

**3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PRECEPT**

A detailed breakdown of the income and expenditure for 2006/2007 and the 2007/08 Precept was circulated, received and noted.

**4. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Reports were received in respect of attendance or otherwise of Members of the Town Council and various outside bodies. Arising out of consideration of the report reference was made to some organisations who did not notify Members of meetings and events and it was hoped that this could be pursued.

**RESOLVED: (1)** That the Outside Bodies concerned be asked to confirm that they wished for the Town Council to be represented on their organisation and that if that was the case then proper notification of meetings and events would be given.

**(2)** That Lichfield District Council be asked when the Burntwood Arts Steering Group was next due to meet and what proposals there were for an Arts Facility in Burntwood.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public present were invited to speak on any issue that they wished to raise.

Mr B Holt and Mr C B Waldron spoke about their concern that money from Council Tax was received from Burntwood residents but was mainly spent for the benefit of the City of Lichfield and felt that the area would benefit from a Burntwood District Council being set up. As an illustration of the concern Mr Waldron referred to newspaper reports that £250,000 was to be spent on a skateboard park in the City of Lichfield. Mr K A Williscroft commented that he felt that the population of Burntwood was not sufficient to justify a District Council Authority.

In response Members stated that it was understood that finance for the proposed skateboard facility was to be raised by the organisers of the facility and referred to the intention of Burntwood Town Council to apply for Quality Council Status which would increase the service provision by the Town Council.

The public were thanked for their contribution and it was agreed that appropriate further action should be taken.

**BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED: (1)** That the National Association of Local Councils be asked for their advice on the implications of a District Level Authority being set up to serve the Burntwood Area.

**(2)** That Lichfield District Council be asked for details of the proposed Skateboard Park in the City of Lichfield including information of the source of funding for the proposed facility and the extent of any contribution by the residents of Burntwood.

(The Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.)

Signed: .....

Date: .....