

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER
ON THURSDAY 28 JULY 2011 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillor Campbell (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs Banevicius, Bradbury, Mrs Brettell, Constable, Mrs Evans, Mrs Fisher, Heath, Humphreys, Isaacs, James, Mosson, Norman, Mrs Rigby, Mrs Stokes, Taylor, Walker MBE, Willis-Croft and Mrs Woodward

In attendance

Mrs M Danby, Town Clerk

Councillor Wilcox, Leader of Lichfield District Council

1 Member of the Press

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present, no questions or comments were therefore put to Members.

Councillor Campbell took the opportunity to advise Members that the Town Clerk would prepare an information leaflet for the public advising them how they might participate in meetings; this leaflet would also be of benefit to Members. He also advised that the Town Clerk was considering the inclusion of a statement giving this information to be inserted at the end of Agendas for Town Council and Planning Applications Committee meetings.

PRAYERS

Prayers were said by Councillor Walker MBE.

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Brown, Drinkwater and Mrs Tranter.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

46. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 30 June 2011 (Minute Nos. 28-43) be approved and noted.

47. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Campbell said that had the Chairman, Councillor Drinkwater been at the meeting he felt sure that he would have given his thanks to everyone involved, especially the Town Clerk and her staff, in making the recent Burntwood Wakes Festival such a success.

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of Meetings of the Planning Applications Committee held on 30 June 2011 (Minute Nos. 11 – 15) and 20 July 2011 (Minute Nos. 16 – 20) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

49. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 12 July 2011 (Minute Nos. 1 – 4) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

50. BURNTWOOD WAKES COMMITTEE

50.1 RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Burntwood Wakes Committee held on 14 July 2011 (Minute Nos. 6 – 9) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

50.2 The Committee Chairman, Councillor Taylor gave a brief report on the recent Burntwood Wakes Festival. He gave thanks to the Town Clerk and Brian Cooper for all their hard work, both in the lead up to the Festival and over the weekend.

The Wakes Unsigned event had been well organised and he thanked Neon Sound Studios for their hard work. The event had seen c1,000 people attend during the course of the evening. One young person had to be ejected during the evening but this incident had been well handled by the security staff and the Police.

The Family Fun Day had been attended by some 5,000 – 7,000 people and saw a wide variety of attractions and activities provided for all ages. The evening Festival Proms concert had been attended by some 3,000 people and the firework finale was brilliant. He said that the Festival had been a great occasion accompanied by great weather.

Members concurred with Councillor Taylor in that the Festival had been well organised by the Town Clerk and her staff, had been well attended and the questionnaire responses had been very positive, the firework finale had been excellent and aptly concluded the Festival and they were looking forward to the 2012 Festival.

Councillor Isaacs said that the Festival had lifted the Town Council's profile locally and further afield and had been well reported in the local media. He thanked the Town Clerk and her staff for all their hard work and the Town Clerk's family for their involvement and commitment in working as volunteers all day on the Saturday.

Councillor Wilcox said that there was a need to ensure that the annual Festival continues and flourishes in the future.

51. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None raised.

52. BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2011

Councillor Bradbury spoke on behalf of the Burntwood in Bloom Working Group. He advised Members that judging had taken place over three days (18-20 July) and that the

Working Group had been accompanied by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk had taken photographs of all the entries over the three days. He said that entries were slightly down on 2010 and some people said that this had been due to the weather. The Working Group had been disappointed that more schools and businesses had not entered this year. Councillor Bradbury said that they had met lots of lovely people and seen many lovely gardens and he was already looking forward to next year's competition.

The Town Clerk advised Members that the Burntwood in Bloom Presentation Evening would take place on Thursday 08 September 2011 at Burntwood Library. Invitations would be sent to all entrants and Members in the near future.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a selection of photographs taken during judging would be incorporated into a 2012 Calendar which would be launched at the Presentation Evening.

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

53. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN 23 JUNE AND 23 JULY 2011 INCLUSIVE

RESOLVED That the Schedule of Payments totalling £23,174.03 made during the period 23 June – 23 July 2011 be received and noted.

54. 2011/12 BUDGET: ACTUAL TO END JUNE 2011

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

55. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 2) (and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

(SUMMARY OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL SESSION)

56. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Resolved as set out in the Confidential Minutes.

57. BURNTWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Resolved as set out in the Confidential Minutes.

(The Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.)

Signed

Date