

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER, BURNTWOOD
ON THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Banevicius (in the Chair)
Councillors Ms Brettell, Brown, Campbell, Drinkwater, Mrs Evans, Mrs Fisher, Humphreys, Isaacs, James, Mosson, Norman, Mrs Rigby, Mrs Stokes, Taylor, Mrs Tranter, Willis-Croft and Mrs Woodward

In attendance

Mrs M Danby, Town Clerk
Ms J Minor, Administrative Assistant
1 member of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr V Chamberlain, Burntwood Action Group

Mr Chamberlain, representing the Burntwood Action Group, addressed the Town Council to thank the active Councillors who had used a lot of their time and energy for the benefit of Burntwood. Mr Chamberlain also thought it an appropriate time to address the Town Council since the election is fast approaching and was hopeful that suitable candidates would be put forward.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Councillor Mrs Evans.

107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Bradbury, Constable, Heath and Walker MBE.

Councillor Mrs Evans felt it appropriate to explain the reasons for the absence of Councillor Bradbury (had recently been in hospital), Councillor Heath (his wife has broken both her wrists) and Councillor Walker MBE (finds it difficult to drive in snowy conditions).

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Drinkwater declared an interest in Agenda Item 18 (Old Mining College Centre).

109. MINUTES

RESOLVED That Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 December 2014 (Minute Nos. 87 - 106) be received and approved as a correct record.

110. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Mrs Banevicius reminded Members of the importance of signing the petition relating to the closure of the Children's Centres in Burntwood.

Councillor Mrs Banevicius informed Members of Burntwood Library's 60th Birthday celebrations to be held on Saturday 07 February and reminded Members of her forthcoming Charity Evening on Saturday 28 February.

Councillor Mrs Banevicius thanked everyone who had attended the bulb planting on Saturday 24 January which had gone well.

111. POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 18 December 2014 (Minute Nos. 25 - 28) and 22 January 2015 (Minute Nos. 29 - 37) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

112. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10 December 2014 (Minute Nos. 49 - 54) and 08 January 2015 (Minute Nos. 55 - 60) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

113. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None raised.

**114. LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL:
CANDIDATE BRIEFINGS FOR DISTRICT AND PARISH ELECTIONS - 2015**

RESOLVED That this item be received and noted by all Members present.

115. 2015/16 GENERAL BUDGET

The Town Clerk explained that the figures circulated at the meeting had changed slightly. Councillor Isaacs confirmed that the figures had been fine-tuned at the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting on 22 January 2015.

RESOLVED Councillor Campbell moved adoption of the 2015/16 Budget which was approved by all present.

116. 2015/16 PRECEPT

Councillor Mrs Evans explained the breakdown of the precept. Councillor Mrs Woodward said that this was a positive move for the residents and felt that it was a good time for the Town Council, however, the Town Council should not be seen as a cash cow for Lichfield District Council and/or Staffordshire County Council in the years ahead.

RESOLVED That a Precept of £249,354 be declared on Lichfield District Council for the 2015/16 financial year.

117. FORECAST EARMARKED RESERVES

RESOLVED Councillor Campbell moved adoption of the Forecast Earmarked Reserves which was approved by all present.

118. 2015/16 BURNTWOOD CEMETERY BUDGET

RESOLVED Councillor Norman moved adoption of the 2015/16 Burntwood Cemetery Budget which was approved by all present.

119. BURNTWOOD CEMETERY: FEES AND CHARGES 2015/16

Councillor Norman confirmed that the fees and charges for 2015/16 were being held, therefore there would be no increase.

RESOLVED Councillor Norman moved adoption of the Burntwood Cemetery Fees and Charges 2015/16 which was approved by all present.

120. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN 10 DECEMBER 2014 AND 20 JANUARY 2015 INCLUSIVE

RESOLVED Councillor Campbell moved adoption of the Schedule of Payments totalling £35,186.20 made between 10 December 2014 and 20 January 2015 which were approved by all present.

121. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) 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.

122. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES: TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLVED That the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 December 2014 (Minute Nos. 104 - 106) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

123. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES: BURNTWOOD WAKES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Burntwood Wakes Committee held on 08 January 2015 (Minute Nos. 16 - 20) be received and where necessary approved and adopted subject to the following amendments:

- Councillor Mrs Banevicius be removed from the list of those present.
- Minute No. 20.1 resolved ii) 'the tender submitted by Tenderer (f) be declined' be amended to read 'the tender submitted by Tenderer (g) be declined'.
- In view of the branding of the Burntwood Wakes Festival 2015 and the Town Council's corporate logo, the new logo for the Burntwood Wakes Festival should be changed to incorporate the Town Council's logo together with Burntwood Wakes Festival 2015.

124. OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE

This item is recorded in the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting (matter excluded from publication under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, Para. 4).

RESOLVED Councillor Campbell moved adoption of the recommendations which was approved by all present.

125. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Councillor Campbell outlined, following the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2015, the changes in the arrangements for a 19 year oak tree to be planted as a tribute to Stephen Sutton MBE.

RESOLVED That the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 22 January 2015 (Minute Nos. 35 - 37) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

(The Meeting closed at 7.28 p.m.)

Signed

Date