

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SESSIONS HOUSE, EASTGATE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 2018**

Present: Councillor Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) (in the Chair)

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard JP (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garrett (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton JP (GEH), R.A. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard JP (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT) and D.E. Wing

Councillors not present: Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS)

The Acting Proper Officer, Mrs. L.M. Phillips and 20 members of the public were also present.

At the start of the public forum the Acting Proper Officer was authorised to read out a statement which she had received that afternoon from Mr. M. Humphreys, the Chief Executive of Magna Vitae (MV) regarding replacement of the All Weather Hockey Pitch at London Road. The statement read:

‘We have today advised Lesley Ward, the Chairman at Louth Hockey Club, that the urgency that was previously dictated by our financial agreement with ELDC has subsided and I’ll look to meet with Hockey Club representatives again soon to discuss how we can collectively secure a sustainable future arrangement.’

Four members of the public spoke in the public forum as follows:

- A gentleman spoke on behalf of the Hockey Club, outlining their background, current activities and what effect the MV proposals (as they had been understood prior to hearing the above statement) would have on the club. He asked the Council for their support. It was agreed that Standing Orders should be suspended later on in the Governance and Finance Committee meeting in order that the Council could discuss their options.
- A gentleman spoke on behalf of the residents of Park Row who objected to the development at 82 Eastfield Road.
- A gentleman spoke outlining his concerns on the current poor state of road and pedestrian safety on the Eastern side of town which the development at 82 Eastfield Road would only exacerbate.
- Finally, a lady spoke objecting to the development at 82 Eastfield Road and specifically her concerns that the attenuation pond therein had been physically sited in the wrong position and that the existing infrastructure would not be able to cope with the cumulative impact on traffic that was set to ensue.

483. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

484. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

No declarations of interest were made.

485. Closed Session Item

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting should move into closed session in order to receive a report from the Personnel Committee, the information relating to staff being of a confidential nature and resolve upon the appointment of a Town Clerk.

The Chairman of Personnel outlined the interview process and recommended the following: a) that Mrs. Lynda Phillips be appointed to the position of Town Clerk, b) that delegated powers be extended to the Personnel Committee to recruit to the vacant Deputy Town Clerk position, c) that the Personnel Committee ensure that the role of RFO be fulfilled in line with Standing Orders during Mrs. Phillips’ training and d) that unsuccessful candidates be informed by letter. Following a proposal to this effect by Cllr. Mrs. LHW, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. DB this was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

Following a proposal by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. DT it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting should return

to open session.

Mrs. Phillips was invited back into the meeting and congratulated by councillors.

The Meeting Closed at 7.35pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____

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