

**MINUTES OF THE LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**Present** Councillor Mrs. E. Ballard (EB) (in the chair).

**Councillors:** J. Baskett (JB), Bellwood (MB), L. Cooney (LMC), S. Crew (SC), H. Filer (HF), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton (GEH), M. Lamb (ML), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), K. Norman (KN), B. O'Brien (BO), P. Starsmore (PS) and Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW).

**Councillors not present:** J. Garrett (JG), J. Simmons (JS) and D. Wing (DEW).

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips was also present.

**G20. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: JG, JS and DEW.

**G21. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

Cllr. AL – Any item as a Member of Hubbard's Hills Trust.

**G22. Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the Governance and Finance Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 be approved as the Minutes.

**G23. Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

The Committee considered amended copies of the above and **RESOLVED** to approve them for use.

**G24. Adoption of Code of Conduct**

The Council considered and **RESOLVED** to adopt the new Local Government Code of Conduct for use.

**G25. Insurance**

The Committee noted that payment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Council's 3 year agreement with Zurich would shortly become due. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of such in the sum of £5,317.12.

**G26. Citizens Advice Lindsey**

The Committee noted that Council had approved an amount of £1,000 in the 2022/23 budget for release to the above, as per the Council's powers. It received documentation updating it on the organisation and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the release of funds.

**G27. Environment Agency**

The Committee noted that the annual maintenance contribution for the Louth Flood Alleviation Scheme was due. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment in the sum of £14,301.25.

**G28. Twinning**

The Committee received a report from Cllr. Mrs. JMS regarding a visit to Louth by its twin town La Ferté-Bernard at the beginning of July for a football tournament. She explained that the visitors would need accommodation and she implored anyone who might be interested in providing hospitality to contact her. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should contact the Rotary Club on the matter and that Cllr. SC would speak to the Louth Lions.

**G29. Events Working Group**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. PS be elected to join the Council's Events Working Group.

**G30. Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Governance and Finance Committee was scheduled to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The Meeting Closed at 9.00pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) Dated \_\_\_\_\_