

**MINUTES OF THE LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020**

Present Councillor A. Leonard (AL) (in the chair).

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), J. Baskett (JB), M. Bellwood (MB), L. Cooney (LMC), A. Cox (AC), S. Crew (SC), D. Ford (DF), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton (GEH), D. Jackman (DJ), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), K. Norman (KN), J. Simmons (JS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D. Wing (DEW).

Councillors not present: H. Filer (HF)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, the Town Clerk's Assistant, Mrs. M. Vincent, two representatives from the ELDC Rough Sleeping Prevention Team and three members of the public were also present.

Public Forum

- Two representatives from the ELDC Rough Sleeping Prevention Team advised the Council on how to report rough sleepers to their unit to enable them to receive attention, or that 101 should be called in the case of the ill health of a rough sleeper. They also reported that out of 267 rough sleeper cases reported last year throughout the district of East Lindsey, 26 had been in Louth.

355. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H. Filer.

356. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Cllr. AL on agenda item 6 as a pecuniary interest.

Cllr. Mrs. EB on item 8b as known to the person's partner.

357. Chairman's Remarks

None.

358. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the Community Resources Committee Meeting held on 28th January 2020 be approved as the Minutes.

359. Tidy Louth Working Group

Cllr. DF gave a verbal report on the group's progress and that they wished to look at creating a competition/award scheme for environmental work undertaken in Louth. Following concerns, including undertaking initiatives that were already in place via other community groups, it was **RESOLVED** that the group could progress looking into this award scheme initiative under the umbrella of Lovely Louth, and that members of the Lovely Louth Working Group could attend the Tidy Louth Working Group meeting regarding this project.

360. Brown's Panorama

Cllr. AL left the room for this item.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. AL be given permission to use the images available of Brown's Panorama to print some large replicas of the Panorama to be displayed in the Mansion House, (where the Panorama had been displayed in the mid-19th century) along with a plaque acknowledging permission by Louth Town Council and giving a brief history of the Panorama. It was noted that the images would not be of a quality to give 1:1 replica.

361. Sessions House

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council authorise expenditure on legal advice to ensure that they fulfilled their original intention of registering the Sessions House as an asset specifically purchased for the people of Louth. This would ensure that in any future devolution 'deals' the property would not be subsumed into an asset register of a larger institution. Further that all the artwork, robes and charters that form the historical assets of the Town Council be included within this statement of intention. The Town Clerk to approach the original solicitors used to purchase the property to see if this intention had been written into the original purchase of the

building.

362. Closed Session Items

It was **RESOLVED** to go into Closed Session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the business to be discussed in the following item, information being of a confidential, commercial, third party and sensitive nature in relation to:

- a) Old Mill House: It was **RESOLVED** to: i) Note the legal advice. ii) Pay the solicitors the unbilled fees. iii) Challenge the lease holder. iv) Give delegated authority to the Town Clerk to progress this matter.
- b) Community Apiary: It was **RESOLVED** in addition to the original decisions of the Council that i) The lease be initially 3 years with a further 5 years on satisfactory completion of the 3 years. ii) To allow Mr. Hamilton to develop/change the site to add facilities which encourage the specified use of the site e.g., hives, sheds, fences etc., on the proviso that Mr. Hamilton informs the Council of his plans and ensures that any other relevant permissions (such as planning permission) are in place. iii) That prior consent should be sought from the Council for all signage on the site. iv) That it should be written into the lease that the Council are not responsible for the land should damage occur to it, the lessee should be responsible for this and annually should produce relevant documentation to evidence their insurance to the Council. v) That the land should be returned to its original state upon cessation or termination. vi) That the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to progress the production of the lease and that it be duly signed by the Mayor and/or the Chairman of Community Resources.

It was **RESOLVED** to come out of Closed Session.

The Meeting Closed at 8.27pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____