

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2019**

Present The Mayor, Councillor G.E. Horton, (GEH) (in the chair).

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), D. Ford (DF), J. Garrett (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway (MO), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing (DEW).

Councillors not present: Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garrett (JG)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, the Town Clerk's Assistant, Mrs. M.C. Vincent and five members of the public were also present.

365. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. SC and JG (who would be late).

366. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Councillors declared the following interests:

CG and RJ - item 5 as members of ELDC

Mrs. PFW – items relating to ELDC

DEW – item 7 as an allotment holder at the Trinity Allotments

Mrs. JMS – item 5 and 10 as a member of ELDC

367. Heritage Open Days –

Friday 13th September to Sunday 22nd September 2019 – Theme: Lincolnshire Learning, Wisdom and Folklore. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** to take part, formulate an idea and nominate volunteers to run the event at a later date.

368. East Lincolnshire Railway Exhibition 2020

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. JG it was **RESOLVED** that the Council reluctantly were not in a position to loan the Railway Clock to the above exhibition. However, Cllr. DH kindly offered to photograph the clock for free and provide these photo's to the exhibition, if they wished.

369. Litter Bin

- a. Item a was withdrawn by Cllr. DF as a trial bin on the corner of St. Bernard's Avenue and Eastfield Road had now been put in place by ELDC.
- b. Following a proposal by Cllr. DT, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would review any evidence of bin withdrawal and the possibility of taking on the responsibility for litter in the confines of the town following the May 2019 elections.

370. National Citizenship Scheme

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. DB it was **RESOLVED** that Louth Town Council would not offer the Sessions House for use by the National Citizenship Scheme due.

371. Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect 2019/20

- a. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor F.W.P. Treanor would become Mayor Elect for 2019/20.
- b. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, and by secret ballot, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor D.E. Wing would become the Deputy Mayor Elect for 2019/20.

372. Annual Town Meeting

The Council discussed the possible speakers for the Annual Town Meeting and delegated authority to the Town Clerk to choose and make arrangements for the evening.

373. Louth Pie Day

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. DF it was **RESOLVED** that Louth Town Council would support the event by helping with publicity, giving advice and further, that as Cllr. Mrs. MO would not be standing for re-election she should be put forward as a host for one of the judges.

374. Closed Session

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the information to be discussed being of a confidential commercial third party and sensitive nature in relation to the

- a. Trinity Allotments (moved from item 7 now to 10a). Following a proposal by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the outstanding payment should be made to the Trustee solicitors and that the Council's position under the current terms of the lease should be checked with the Council's solicitor as to whether LTC would be offered the opportunity to purchase first if the freehold were to come up for sale.
- b. Southgate Lodge – The Council received a pink paper containing advice from its solicitor confirming LTC's legal obligations especially in regard to securing the best consideration reasonably obtainable in the market, advertising intentions and considering any objections. Council agreed that objections received had been circulated by email to all Councillors and discussed at Council and that account of all legal advice had been taken in the decision making process. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. LHW it was **RESOLVED** that the Council noted all of the legal advice contained within the pink paper and would action all advice received from the Council's solicitors. Any costs incurred to be taken from the EMR Cemetery Workshop/Lodge budget head.

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. LMS it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting should move back into open session.

375. Next Meeting

Cllr. GEH thanked Councillors for their attendance and the Council noted that the next scheduled meeting of Louth Town Council would now take place on 19th March 2019.

The Meeting Closed at 9.56pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____