

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2017**

Present Councillor C. Green (CG) (in the chair)

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

Councillors not present: J. Garrett (JG), D. Turner (DT) and Mrs. J. Speed (JS)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley and her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, were also present.

496. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors DT, JG and Mrs. JS.

497. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman had nothing to report.

498. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

- a. Cllr. AL – agenda item 8 – as the lessee of a LANALS owned building.

499. Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the last meeting held on 21st February 2017 be approved as the Minutes.

500. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

501. Disposal of Assets (deferred from 21/02/16)

The Committee considered a proposal from Councillor Mrs. JMS regarding alternative disposal methods to be employed. However, the use of eBay was not supported.

502. Court Room Furniture (deferred from 21/02/2016)

The Committee received a recommendation from the Asset Working Group regarding the replacement of Court Room / Charter Room Furniture. Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** that the Asset Working Groups recommendations should be adopted, as follows:

- a. The large table currently in the 'Charter' Room be moved into the Court Room and located adjacent to the bench during meetings. To provide a facility for the mace during Robed Council meetings and overflow seating for Councillors during meetings. When the room is not in use for council meetings the table can be repositioned in the centre of the room and 'original court chairs' should surround it.
- b. Purchase 40 No. stacking black frame burgundy upholstered chairs (similar to black ones in Court Room). The chairs would be set out for members of the public and councillors for meetings and stacked at the rear of the room when not required. Purchase a chair trolley to assist with manual handling (not in quote).
- c. Purchase 6 No. 600mm by 1400mm walnut coloured MFC 25mm Flip Top tables on castors (similar to beech tables temporarily in court room). Table tops will be vertical and tables 'nested' at the rear of the court room when not in use. The tables can be reconfigured into larger rectangles for hospitality events and will free up space for theatre style layouts. The tables could also be wheeled into another part of the building if required.

- d. Lowest quoted cost for the above is £1,872 plus VAT.
- e. Funds available are £1,000 allocated in new budget 2017/18 and the balance from the existing Ear Marked Reserve for Accommodation set up following the purchase of The Sessions House.
- f. Dispose of all existing tables and chairs in the court room except a small number required to 'dress' the charter room using specified method.

503. Louth Town Council Art Works (deferred from 21/02/2016)

Cllr. AL left the meeting during discussion of this item. Cllrs. Mrs. SEL and ML declared an interest as members of LANALS and abstained from voting.

The Committee received recommendations from the Asset Working Group regarding Council Art Works and following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. RJ it was **RESOLVED** in turn to make these recommendations regarding the art works 1) Queen Elizabeth I, 2) Seascape and; 3) Antwerp Cathedral to the Town Council for consideration, as follows:

- a. The paintings are offered on loan to LANALS.
- b. Conditions are applied regarding the length of notice of the return of the paintings (if appropriate).
- c. That Louth Town Council is acknowledged when the paintings are on display.

504. Exclusion of Public and Press

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to financial and legal matters.

505. Old Mill House.

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DEW it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should progress the two agreed options through the legal advisor.

506. Next Meeting

The committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 11th April 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 9.39pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____