

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2019**

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

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

Councillors not present: C. Green (CG), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW)

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

403. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

Cllr. Mrs. PFW arrived at 7.03pm.

404. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Councillors declared the following personal interests, unless otherwise stated:

Mrs. EB - item 7 – pecuniary interest - as serves on an independent appeals panel for schools for which payment is received.

Mrs. PFW - items relating to ELDC – as a member of ELDC.

RJ - items 8 and 10 - as a member of ELDC.

Mrs. JMS - items 8 and 10 - as a member of ELDC.

AL - item 7 - as an acquaintance of Mr. Hampson.

GEH - item 8 - as knows a member of Brocklebank Reclaims Ltd; item 11 – pecuniary interest - as a business associate.

FWPT - item 10, as a member of ELDC.

405. Council Minutes

Council Minutes were received and it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Council to approve them as follows:

- a. Town Council Meeting held on 5th March 2019 – with the alteration of DH to DF on the Pie Day item.
- b. Town Council Meeting held on 19th March 2019.

406. Committee Minutes

Committee Minutes were received and it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Council to adopt them as follows:

- a. Community Resources – 15th January 2019
- b. Personnel – 5th February 2019
- c. Planning – 5th March 2019

407. Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to a tabled report of Actions Emanating.

408. Schedule of Meetings 2019/20

The Council received and **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of meeting dates for 2019/20.

409. Louth 6th Form Options

Cllr. Mrs. EB left the room during this item, having declared a pecuniary interest.

- a. The Council discussed making a response to Louth Academy's Consultation – Proposal to change the age range from 11-18 to 11-16 (details circulated on 14/3/19 by email) and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write a strongly worded objection, this to be circulated to Councillors for comment, prior to submission.

- b. Following a lengthy discussion regarding concerns that Louth and its children would suffer following the withdrawal or the 6th Form at the Louth Academy, and understanding that the Louth Academy representative had refused to attend a public meeting, it was **RESOLVED** to attempt to arrange a public meeting with MP Victoria Atkin, and representatives from Lincolnshire County Council and the Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership. Costs incurred in organising the meeting e.g., room hire were approved. Following the end of this item Cllr. Mrs. EB returned to the meeting.

410. Keddington Lock

Cllr. Mrs. PFW reported that she had attended a meeting, as a nominated representative of Louth Town Council, regarding the Lock, those present had included the Environment Agency, ELDC and Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board. From this meeting she had learned that Keddington Lock was not Listed as the others are. The result of the meeting was that remedial works would be instigated imminently and Brocklebank Reclaims Ltd would remove lock components.

411. Annual Town Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would hold the Annual Town Meeting on 30th April 2019. Grant receiving Community Groups would give a display regarding their organisations and the progress of their projects which Louth Town Council had provided funds towards and Mr. W. Goodwin, Community Speed Watch Area Coordinator for East Lindsey and Boston would give a presentation. Members of the Zero Degrees Show Chorus would also put on a short performance. The Council would hold a short planning meeting incorporated on the evening to accommodate urgent planning applications from 6pm – 6.30pm in order to allow stands to set up at 6.45pm and Annual Meeting start at 7.30pm. Expenditure on hospitality provision and room hire was approved under s.111 – Local Government Act 1972.

412. Southgate Lodge Council Tax

It was **RESOLVED** to enter into an agreement with ELDC whereby payment of Council Tax on Southgate Lodge would be made following sale and the amount would be based on due date to date of sale.

413. Closed Session Item

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:

a. Southgate Lodge

Cllr. GEH left the room due to his pecuniary interest in this item. Cllr. FWPT took the chair.

i) Complaint – The Council conducted a review of the case and **RESOLVED** to uphold the original decision.

ii) Legal update – The Council received legal advice and **RESOLVED** to follow this.

Cllr. GEH returned to the room.

b. Security – It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk to investigate and invest in security equipment for the Cemetery buildings.

It was **RESOLVED** to move out of closed session.

414. Next Meeting

Cllr. GEH thanked Councillors for their attendance and the Council noted that the next scheduled meeting of Louth Town Council would take place on 14th May 2019.

The Meeting Closed at 9.06pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____