

**MINUTES OF THE LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HELD IN
THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019**

Present The Mayor, Councillor (FWPT) (in the chair).

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), M. Bellwood (MB), L. Cooney (LMC), A. Cox (AC) Mrs. S. Crew (SC), H. Filer (HF), D. Ford (DF), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), G.E. Horton (GEH), D. Jackman (DJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), K. Norman (KN), J. Simmons (JS), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing (DEW).

Councillors not present: J. Garrett (JG) and D. Hobson (DH).

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, the Town Clerk's Assistant, Mrs. M. Vincent and 1 member of the public were also present.

55. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. JG and DH.

56. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

The following Declarations of Interest was made:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. EB - Item 5b as on an Independent appeals Panel (MAT).
- b. Cllr Mrs. JMS – item 4 as a member of ELDC

57. Publications Received

The Council noted that the Clerks and Councils Direct May 2019 could be viewed in the office.

58. Working Groups

It was **RESOLVED** to re-establish/establish working groups of the Council and approve the use of their existing remit and elect the membership as follows:

- a. **Events Group** – Cllrs. FWPT, DEW, JS, MB, LMC, HF, DJ and the Town Clerk (one extra Councillor to the previous group).
- b. **Flood Liaison Group** – Cllrs. DH, Mrs. PFW, Mayor and the Town Clerk.
- c. **Award Group** – Cllrs. DEW, MB, HF, Mrs. SC and KN.
- d. **Past Mayors** – Cllrs. FWPT, Mrs. SEL, Al, Mrs. PFW, Mrs. JMS, DEW, Mrs. EB, GEH and to form the new group
- e. **Tidy Louth** with the remit to 'look at problems with tidiness in Louth and to formulate solutions for these issues.' – Cllrs. DF, Mrs. SC, MB, JS, KN and DJ. (Note at the beginning of this item Cllr. Mrs. JMS declared an interest as a member of ELDC).

59. Correspondence

The Council noted correspondence regarding:

- a. Weed Treatment by LCC due to commence in Louth w/c 13th May 2019. Weed treatments can take up to three weeks to be effective, dependent upon conditions. Councillors should email the Town Clerk with any areas of weeds which are large or well established, these will be passed on and LCC will make alternative arrangements for removal.
- b. The reply from Tollbar MAT following Louth Town Council's objection to Louth Academy's Proposals to change the age range of Louth Academy from 11-18 to 11-16.

60. Training

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to book the seven courses which Councillors had requested to attend and to also give the Town Clerk the delegated authority to book any further relevant courses for Councillors. The Town Clerk reminded Councillors that the Pool Van was available for them to travel to courses, or if there were a group of Councillors to please use one vehicle to travel in. Mileage expenses in a private vehicle could be claimed.

61. 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 business to be discussed in the following item, information being of a confidential commercial third party and sensitive nature in relation to:

- a. Use of Sessions House Car Park – Following a vote of the Council it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should not agree to the use of the Sessions House Car Park for the storage of a caravan.
- b. Cemetery Electricity – It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to investigate and progress the moving / new installation of the Cemetery Workshop electricity meter.
- c. Southgate Lodge – It was **RESOLVED** that the Council approve the list of covenants as tabled for use in the sale of Southgate Lodge and that the Town Clerk would liaise with the Council’s solicitor to confirm the best terminology to be used.

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

62. Next Meeting

The Council noted that the date of the next scheduled Town Council meeting was 18th June 2019.

The Meeting Closed at 9.28pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____