

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE SESSIONS HOUSE, EASTGATE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2017**

**Present** Councillor Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) (in the chair)

**Councillors:** E. Ballard JP (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey, Mrs. S. Crew, J. Garret (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

**Councillors not present:** Mrs. J. Speed (JS) and A. Leonard (AL)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips and two members of the public were also present.

Two Cllrs. spoke in the public forum one passing on the thanks of a resident who was pleased that a speed sign had been placed close to his house on Kenwick Road and one reporting that a resident had allegedly been told by a council employee, while cutting the grass on the corner of Crowtree Lane/Breakneck Lane, that they must stop as they were causing criminal damage.

Finally, Mrs. Evans of the Lindsey Patchworkers introduced the group's work of art which had been displayed in the Council Chamber and which was based on Brown's Panorama. She explained that the piece would be taken to the Great Northern Quilt Show, that from being given permission by LTC to use Brown's Panorama images through planning to completion it had taken 9 ladies a year. The piece consisted of a replica of the original art piece printed onto canvas, these displayed in the centre of the piece and then several snap shots taken from the canvas each reproducing that snap shot but using different techniques, such as: painting and stitching onto fabric, embroidery, sewing and collage had been produced and were displayed around the centre piece. Cllrs. were in awe and congratulated Mrs. Evans and the group on their talent and for their hard work.

A minutes silence was observed out of respect for the victims of the Manchester Arena bombing which had taken place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The Mayor also explained that she had not thought it right to cancel the meeting but to take a leaf from those residents of Manchester who had all still gone to work following the attack to prove that the residents of the UK would not be cowed but would stand united and defiant in the face of terrorism. Following a proposal by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. GEH it was **RESOLVED** that a message be sent to the Mayor of Manchester.

**18. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Speed (JS), A. Leonard JP (AL) and F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) who would be late.

**19. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman reported that the Council would soon be required to suggest 5 names for new roads off Kenwick Road. She asked Cllrs. to think about this and bring their suggestions back to the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**20. Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs. Mrs. JMS and Mrs. PFW declared an interest in agenda item 10 as members of ELDC.

**21. Council Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. EB, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. PFW it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**22. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding**

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

**23. Publications Received**

The Council noted that the magazine Clerks and Councils Direct, May 2017.

## 24. Correspondence

The Council noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. From: LCC Environment and Economy Re: Highways Service Update (attached). It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact LCC to inform them that their system of logging and dealing with faults is confusing. For example, stating that a job is complete when, in fact, only an order for the work had been placed.
- b. From: LCC Highways Re: Highways programmed works for Louth 2017/18 (attached). Cllrs. were concerned that St. Barnard's Avenue was not on the list for remedial works. The Town Clerk confirmed that she would write to Cllr. Davies and remind him of the issue.
- c. From: Communities Emergency Planning Group Re: Resilient Communities 2017 Conference at The Showroom, Lincoln on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 09:30 to 15:00hrs. Up to 2 nominees can attend to focus on National Overview, local Overview, Ways Forward and maintaining business as usual...The event is free and includes lunch and refreshments. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. EB, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor and the Town Clerk should attend as Town Council representatives, if at all possible, if one should not be able to attend, Cllr. Mrs. JMS should attend in their stead. It was further **RESOLVED** following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB that mileage could be claimed for, if desired.

## 25. Personnel Committee Membership

Following a vote of the Council it was **RESOLVED** that the following 5 Cllrs. should comprise the Personnel Committee:

- a. Cllr. GEH – proposed by himself, seconded by Cllr. RJ
- b. Cllr. Mrs. EB – proposed by herself, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JMS
- c. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – proposed by herself, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB
- d. Cllr. FWPT – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. CG
- e. Cllr. DEW – proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL

It was also noted that in line with the Town Council Grievance policy the Chairman of the Council should not be a member of this Committee nor attend Ex-Officio.

Cllr. FWPT arrived at 7.55pm.

## 104. Working Groups

The Council re-established the following working groups reporting directly to the Town Council and: 1) approved the use of their existing remit and; 2) approved Council membership, as follows:

- a. Events Group – Cllrs. Mrs. PFW, GEH, Mrs. SC, FWPT, Mrs. DB, Mrs. LHW, LMS and DJEH
- b. Flood Liaison Group – Cllrs. Mrs. PFW, LMS and DH
- c. Award Group – Cllrs. Mrs. PFW, LMS, Mrs. JMS, DT and DEW
- d. Past Mayors – All serving past mayors.

## 26. Annual Town Meeting

The Council received the notes from the 2016/2017 Annual meeting. Cllr. GEH was of the opinion that Cllr. Grist should be invited back to a future Council meeting to discuss the progress he had made. Cllr. Mrs. PFW suggested that letters of thanks be sent to Cllr. Grist and Cllr. Bridges for attending and confirming that the Council look forward to them attending its meetings in the future.

## 27. Safeguarding in the Community

The Council received feedback from Cllr. DH who had attended the event on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would modify the model safeguarding policy provided in the packs from the day to suit the Town Council and she would bring this back for ratification/adoption.

## 28. Next Meeting

The Council noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 8.22pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)                      Dated \_\_\_\_\_