

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016**

Present Councillor Mrs. E. Ballard (EB) (in the chair)

Councillors: Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garrett (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), G.E. Horton JP (GEH), 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 MBE (MO), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT), D.E. Wing (DEW) and Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW)

Councillors not present: A.D.C. Austin (ADCA)

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

Public Forum:

- Mr. R. Morton a Director of KCS Developments Ltd., explained that his company worked with landowners to secure development potential and were currently looking into building 100 houses on land to the rear of Chestnut Drive.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS asked whether the Council's additional comments / requests regarding traffic orders for Lacey Gardens had been taken into account. The Town Clerk confirmed that they had. However, it had been deemed by the County Council of utmost urgency to implement their initial proposals, as soon as possible, as a first stage, in order that the situation is made safer in time for the new school year, after which the Town Council's suggestions would be considered in detail. Cllr. Mrs. JMS also announced that the judging of Louth for the EMIB competition would take place on 14th July from 9.30am.
- Cllr. LMS welcomed everyone back to the new Council year and hoped that she would see any Councillors who hadn't had major roles before taking them on now.
- Cllr. AL reported that a new leaflet on Hubbard's Hills had been produced and was available.

18. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. DT who would be late.

19. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman ran through her personal chairmanship style and her expectations of Councillors and asked them to bear with her. She announced that ELDC had asked for expressions of interest to run the livestock market when ELDC re-provide the service.

Cllr. DT arrived at 7.32pm.

Cllr. AL enquired as to whether ELDC would re-provide the cattle market should an interested party not be forthcoming.

It was agreed that the reinstatement of Liaison Meetings should be a future agenda item.

The Chairman reported that notification of road closures had been received and information about vandalism at Charles Street Recreation Ground (in the toilets and on the roof) and at the back of Walker Gate. Cllr. Mrs. PFW declared an interest in this item as a Magna Vitae Board Member. It was suggested that the CCTV camera on Kidgate might have picked up the culprits responsible at the back of Walker Gate. It was agreed that this should be a future agenda item. It was reported that anti-vandal paint had been used now on Charles Street, a meeting of all the groups who used the site and relevant Councillors was being organised and the PCSO's were patrolling the areas regularly.

Finally, the Chairman welcomed Cllr. Mrs. MO back after her operation. Cllr. Mrs. MO said it had been an amazing experience and she had been overwhelmed by the kindness of people.

20. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

The following declarations of interest were declared:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC or Magna Vitae – as a member of both.
- b. Cllrs. FWPT, CG, JMS, GEH and RJ – 8 – as members of ELDC.

21. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. LMS the notes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016 were approved as the Minutes.

22. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk reported that a Civic Service would be held on 12th June at St. James' Church from 10.30am to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday and she implored as many Councillors as could to attend. She further announced that this would be followed by a Community picnic at 12 noon outside the Church. She reminded all that funds were still available for community and residents groups to apply for to assist with setting up their own street parties etc

Following a proposal by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders should be suspended in order that an item deferred from the Annual Town Council meeting not on the agenda i.e., membership of the Personnel Committee, could be discussed. Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. LMS it was **RESOLVED** that the Personnel Committee should consist of five Councillors. Nominations for the Committee were put forward totalling seven. Following a secret ballot it was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs. AL, DEW, Mrs. SEL, FWPT and GEH should sit on this Committee.

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders should be resumed.

23. Publications Received

The Council noted that the following had been received:

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct May 2016

24. 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:

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

25. ELDC Consultation

The Council considered ELDC's proposals to reduce hours at Louth (and other District) Customer Access Point / Tourist information Centres by a minimum of 47%. Cllr. GEH declared an interest in this item as his daughter is a housing officer for ELDC. Following a proposal by Cllr. JG, seconded by Cllr. GEH it was **RESOLVED** that Louth Town Council did not agree with any of the District Council's proposals and it should be requested that ELDC come back with better proposals that did not cut to the bone.

26. Next Meeting

The Council noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 14th June 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8.21pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____