

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE SESSIONS HOUSE, EASTGATE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

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

**Councillors:** E. Ballard JP (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), 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), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), D. Turner (DT) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

**Councillors not present:** F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, two members of the public, one member of the press and LCC Louth North Cllr. T. Bridges were also present.

Two Cllrs. spoke in the public forum one reporting that the Zero Degrees Festival would commence on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June with Party in the Pews at St. James' Church from 6pm and one enquiring about mayoral Engagements

A minutes silence was observed out of respect for the victims of the London Attack which took place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**63. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) and J. Garrett (JG) who would be late.

**64. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Rotary Club's launch event for their project Go Ryte on 5<sup>th</sup> June. The project, with £500 prize money on offer, is for teams of up to 5 members which must consist of children aged between 10 and 18 and an adult who need to think of a project to help make a difference to the local community. The Chairman confirmed that entry applications had to be received by 15<sup>th</sup> June. Finally, the Chairman thanked the Rotary for their work tidying up the St. Mary's Triangle. She proposed that a letter of thanks be sent.

**65. Declarations of Interest**

- a. Cllr. Mrs. PFW declared an interest in any item from or relating to ELDC and Magna Vitae – as a member of ELDC and Magna Vitae.
- b. Cllr. CG – agenda items 10, 11, 16, 17 – as a member of ELDC.
- c. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 8e, 9b, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 – as a member of ELDC.
- d. Cllr. AL – agenda item 13 – as a restaurant owner in the town.
- e. Cllr. RJ – agenda items 10, 11, 16, 17 – as a member of ELDC.

Cllr. JG arrived at 7.06pm.

**66. County and District Councillors Report**

**LCC**

Cllr. T. Bridges explained that the first meeting of the Economic and Environmental Scrutiny Committee had taken place, of which he is chair and he was pleased to report that the 'Growth Deal' suggested that £30m would be invested into local road networks in particular the A16 over the next four years. In the long term an East/West motorway was proposed to come from Birmingham, hopefully as far as Skegness. The Chairman asked Cllr. Bridges if he had any information on the County Council's new Grass Cutting policy. He did not, but he promised to speak to the portfolio holder, Richard Davis and find out what he could. The Town Clerk gave Cllr. Mrs. S. Dodds apologies.

**ELDC**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders reported that Dr. Staunton would be speaking at the forthcoming ELDC Health Scrutiny group meeting, that at the members reserve day, which had taken place that day, Dog Fouling and new Dog Control Orders had been discussed. She revealed that the Leisure Scrutiny Report was available on the ELDC website and people could have their say on how much ELDC would be investing in Magna Vitae in the coming year. A recent scrutiny of Public Toilets had proposed that the

toilets located on Little Eastgate in Louth should be income generating and might cost 30p a use in future. She confirmed that the Local Plan was going through the inspection stage and that anyone who knew of or owned a Brown Field Site in the town that might be suitable for building on should register this with ELDC.

**67. Council Minutes**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the following Council Meetings:

- a. 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. PFW, seconded by Cllr. GEH.
- b. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. PFW, seconded by Cllr. GEH.

**68. Committee Minutes**

The Council **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the following committee meetings and adopt the resolutions contained therein:

- a. Planning Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- b. Planning Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- c. Planning Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- d. Governance and Finance Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. Ms. SEL.
- e. Governance and Finance Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. Ms. SEL.
- f. Community Resources Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. DT.
- g. Personnel Committee – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.

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

The Town Clerk drew Councillors attention to the fact that she had placed a matrix showing Committee Membership into Councillors pigeon holes.

**70. Correspondence**

The Council noted / resolved upon correspondence received, which is available to view in the office, as follows:

- a. From: Virgin Media Re: Cable Installation Works in the vicinity of The Sessions House, which may cause limited access to the building.
- b. From: Active Spaces Development Manager Re: Launch of Active Spaces programme to provide funding to get more people physically active and using outdoor spaces.
- c. From: Seafarers UK Re: Raising Red Ensign in a flag hoisting ceremony on Merchant Navy Day Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017. Louth TC flies the Union Flag on this date. Suggestion in letter that the flag is flown from 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> as the Day falls on a Sunday this year. There will be a Roll of Honour on their website of participants and certificates for those submitting photographs – **RESOLVED** - Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC.
- d. From: Park Row Resident Re: Traffic – copy letter from Victoria Atkins MP confirming request to LCC for Traffic Survey in Louth.
- e. From: Anglian Water Re: Westgate Field / Water supply to new developments. Following a proposal by Cllr. DT, seconded by Cllr. CG it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Council should challenge Anglian Water on this course of action due to loss of tourism, loss of business, disruption, obstacles that the new pipe would have to go through if it went through the town, how can it be more expensive to take a spur across open countryside from the existing pipe which runs past Alvingham and is less than a mile from the end point in question.

**71. Temporary Traffic Restrictions**

The Council noted the following:

- a. B1520 London Road 1/7 and 2/7/2017 for Football Tournament
- b. Cornmarket / Market Place / Market Place Car Park, Butcher Lane 2/7/2017 – Community Arts Event (Zero Degrees Festival Vintage Day).
- c. Various Town Centre Roads 29/6/2017 for Bike Night
- d. Elkington Road (A16 to St Mary's Lane / Westgate) Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Bonfire and Fireworks Display.

**72. Consultations**

The Council considered the consultation 'Proposed Public Space Protection Order' – in relation to dogs which must be reviewed and amended before October 2017 and following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JS it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should respond to say while it supports ELDC's proposals it does not have any areas to put forward itself.

**73. Requests for Litter Bins**

The Council considered requests for bins in the following locations:

- a. Mill Lane / Sandringham Drive
- b. Lacey Gardens
- c. Chestnut Drive

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. PFW, seconded by Cllr. DT it was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to ELDC to request that the signage on bins should be standardised. It should either be removed from all or added to those currently without. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB it was also **RESOLVED** to support the above requests for bins (at no cost to the Town Council) and to put these forward to ELDC.

Cllrs. Mrs. LHW and Mrs. DB left the meeting at 8.23pm.

**74. Street Naming**

The Council considered the proposals/provision of Street Names for the following locations / developments:

- a. Land at 76A Eastgate (former Club accessed via Queen Street), 7 No addresses, preferred choice – Queen Street Mews, Second Choice Queen Street Court – **RESOLVED** to support – proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO.
- b. Larkfleet Development, Off Kenwick Road – 5 road names required covering 86 plots (map and acceptable suffixes available). Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. EB, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** to use the following surnames, as past owners of Kenwick Hall, a building with an historical tie with the area of the new development: Delamore, Allenby, Garfitt, Dixon, Toynton (suffixes to added as required).

**75. Pavement Café Application**

The Council noted an application to LCC for a pavement café enclosure at Norcino, 13 New Street measuring 5m x 0.6m between 8am and 10pm and would contain 2 tables, 4 chairs, no parasols, 1 menu board and no litter bins. Following a proposal to object by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JS as the motion was lost it was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

**76. Public Meeting**

The Council considered hosting a Town Meeting to discuss Healthcare proposal and the possible impact on Louth / Hospital. Invitees, location, costs, date and time of meeting to be agreed / delegated. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** to invite Dr. Staunton and a doctor from each of the other practices in town to attend at a Town Council meeting to discuss the situation prior to considering a public meeting once the final consultation document had been received.

**77. LCC Grass Cutting**

The Town Clerk reported that Louth was being mapped again to ensure that the areas in question for consideration were correct. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the item be deferred until the Town Clerk was armed with all the relevant facts, such as costs, maps spec etc.

Cllr. T. Bridges agreed to send photos of areas which had recently been cut to a less than perfect standard to the portfolio holder to complain, if people cared to furnish him with the photos. He also agreed to ascertain whether residents cutting verges were causing criminal damage.

Mr. J. Silcocks, member of the press, left the meeting.

**78. ELDC Local Plan Examination**

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs. JMS should attend the draft hearing Programme for the Local Plan submission Stage One on behalf of the Town Council.

**79. Asset of Community Value List.**

Following the emergency meeting called by Louth Navigation Trust at which advice was given by the Chairman (Cllr PFW), ELDC have received a nomination for inclusion of the Navigation Warehouse on 'The Asset of Community Value List'. It was noted that a decision would be made by ELDC by no later than 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and any comments from the Town Council should be received by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 for consideration within the process. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should support the above bid by the Louth Navigation Trust.

**80. Next Meeting**

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was Robed Town Council on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 9.24pm.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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