

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 14th JUNE 2016**

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

Councillors: Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garrett (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), 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.E. Wing (DEW) and Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW)

Councillors not present: A.D.C. Austin (ADCA), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Turner (DT)

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

69. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs DB, Mrs. LHW, DT and GEH.

70. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

The following declarations of interest were declared:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. EB – 8h – as the President of Louth Athletics Club.
- b. Cllr. FWPT – 8c and e, 10 and 14 – as a member of ELDC.
- c. Cllr. DJEH – 16 – as an occasional blogger on a Louth Interest Site.
- d. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC or Magna Vitae – as a member of both.
- e. Cllr. RJ – 8c and e, 10, 12 and 14 as a member of ELDC. 10 – as a resident of the Gatherums and 16 – as an occasional blogger on a Louth Interest Site.
- f. Cllr. CG – 8c and e, 10, 12 and 14 – as a member of ELDC.
- g. Cllr. Mrs. SC – 13 – as a member of one of the groups liaising with the police.
- h. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – 8c and e, 10, 12, 13 and 14 – as a member of ELDC.

71. Membership of Committees and Working Groups

Members received confirmation of membership of Committees and Working Groups and their remits. It was noted that a working group had been omitted from the sheet and that a mistake had been made. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would amend and reproduce.

72. Chairman's Remarks

Following a proposal by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders should be suspended in order that an item not on the agenda could be discussed.

Cllrs. Mrs. PFW and Mrs. JMS reported that Anglian Water were proposing to run a pipe straight across Westgate Fields diagonally in order to supply water to 75 new houses on land off Fulmar Drive. Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that:

- a. a strong letter of objection be sent to both Anglian Water and Mr. E. Cox expressing the Council's concerns, requesting information on what effect the proposal would have on other parts of the town and insisting that a thorough response be provided; and
- b. that a press release be issued.

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

Finally, the Chairman reported that her Civic Sunday would take place on Sunday 3rd July 2016. She urged all Councillors to support her by attending but unfortunately also reported that there would not be a parade this year.

60. Council Minutes

The Council received and approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the following Council Meetings:

- a. Annual Town Council Meeting – 17th May 2016 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. AL.
- b. Town Council Meeting – 24th May 2016 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. LMS.

61. Committee Minutes

The Council received and approved the resolutions contained therein the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings:

- a. Planning Committee – 26th April 2016 – proposed by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. AL.
- b. Planning Committee – 10th May 2016 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DEW.
- c. Community Resources Committee – 26th April 2016 – proposed by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO.
- d. Community Resources Committee – 10th May 2016 – proposed by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC.
- e. Governance and Finance Committee – 10th May 2016 – proposed by Cllr. FWPT, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.
- f. Personnel Committee – 22nd March 2016 – proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. AL.

62. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

63. Correspondence

The Council noted and resolve as necessary on the following:

- a. From: Centenary Fields Re: Deed of Dedication to protect green spaces in perpetuity in the name of Centenary Fields to commemorate Battle of the Somme July 2016 – it was agreed that the Town Clerk should look into this further.
- b. From: Lincolnshire County Council Re: Lincolnshire Central Heating Fund (Promotion Leaflets are on display in the Foyer / Notice Board) – noted.
- c. From: ELDC Customer Access Point Re: Comment from Member of Public – regarding lack of signage entering the town signposting town centre / shops – It was agreed that Councillors should walk around their wards and report back to the TC who would compile a report and bring to another meeting. The Town Clerk would also check which authority was responsible, in the interim.
- d. From: LALC Re: LALC News 158 circulated electronically – noted.
- e. From: ELDC Elections Officer Re: Statutory Notices for EU Referendum – displayed in Parish Notice Board as requested – noted.
- f. From: LCC Re: Notification of Adoption of Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – noted.
- g. From: Local Government Boundary Commission Re: Extension of final recommendations for Lincolnshire to be published 16/08/2016 – noted.
- h. From Louth Athletics Club (LAC) Re: Notice Served on Owner (Louth Town Council) regarding planning application for extension to Club House sited on land leased by LTC – noted.

64. Temporary Traffic Restrictions

The Council noted the following:

- a. SO Festival 2016 – 28/06/2016 Butcher Lane, Cornmarket, Market Place Car Park.
- b. Bike Night 2016 – 23/06/2016 12.00 – 23.00hrs – Cornmarket, Mercer Row, Market Place, Market Place Car Park, Eastgate, Burnt Hill Lane, Butcher Lane, Queen Street, Aswell Street, Northgate, Canon Street (South Bound Only).
- c. Louth Run For Life 2016 – 26/06/2016 08.00 – 13.00hrs Town Centre Roads , Gospelgate, George Street, Edward Street, Crowtree Lane Breakneck Lane, Kidgate.
- d. Football Tournament – 2/07/2016 & 3/7/2016 B1520 London Road as and when required

65. ELDC Transformation Programme

The Council considered its response to ELDC following a request for LTC to take on costs for provision of ELDC street lighting in Louth. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to ELDC informing them that because the logistical layout of the sites itemised is too complex and some of them are ELDC sites the Town Council feels that it does not wish to take on the liability for the maintenance.

66. Flood Forum

The Council received a short verbal report from attendees of the Flood Forum held 20th May 2016 hosted by Victoria Atkins MP. It was felt that the meeting had been useful (the bulk of it being questions from the floor) and that out of it Anglian Water had promised to work together with other authorities more.

67. Liaison Meetings

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that Liaison meetings with ELDC Leader and Chief Executive should be reinstated.

68. Vandalism

The Council considered a request referred from 24/05/2016 to discuss vandalism, security and detection at Charles Street Recreation Ground and Walkergate. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs. SC should attend any meetings on the subject and report back to LTC and relevant ward councillors.

69. Area Forum

The Council noted that ELDC had arranged 3 Area Forums where the nominated Council representatives would receive a presentation from officers and answer questions regarding the Local Plan.

70. Membership Requests

The Council considered requests from the following organisations:

- a. Invitation to become a TED Network Member – declined.
- b. The Campaign to Protect Rural England in Lincolnshire (CPRE) – invite to join the CPRE and support work in the county at a cost of £36 per annum – following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO this was supported.

Cllr. RJ and DJEH left the meeting at 10.03pm.

71. Louth Town Guide

The Council considered working with SB Publishing to produce a Louth Town Guide (last edition was 2011-12). Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. JG it was **RESOLVED** that the above should not be progressed, but that the Awards Group should look into issuing leaflets.

72. Next Meeting

The Council noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting, a Robed Town Council, was 12th July 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 10.10pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____