

**MINUTES OF THE LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL TOWN MEETING
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019**

Present The Mayor, Cllr. F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) (in the chair).

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), J. Baskett (JB), M. Bellwood (MB), L. Cooney (LMC), A. Cox (AC), S. Crew (SC), H. Filer (HF), D. Ford (DF), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), G. Horton (GEH), D. Jackman (DJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), J. Simmons (JS) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: J. Garrett (JG), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), K. Norman (KN) and Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips was also present.

121. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors JG, KN, Mrs. SEL and Mrs. PFW.

122. Chairman's Remarks

Cllr. FWPT reported that the Louth Lions would like to tidy up the land on Charles Street where the fence had fallen down and wondered if the Town Council had any objection. Cllr. AL said it was not within the Council's gift to approve or object. Further Cllr. FWPT reported that he had attended the Hull University Graduation event the previous week where Lord Fowler (now speaker of the Lords) was receiving an Honorary Doctorate.

123. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

None.

124. Louth Town Council Grants

Councillors noted the following working dates:

- a. Applications to be available to download from the website or collect from the office from 13th August 2019.
- b. Closing date for receipt of completed applications - noon on Wednesday 16th October 2019.
- c. Governance and Finance Committee considers recommendations of FOG and determines the award – Tuesday 26th November 2019.

125. LALC Website

It was **RESOLVED** that the status quo should continue and that Councillors would not have full access to the LALC website.

126. Christmas Lights

Following receipt of a tabled report plus quotes from the Christmas Lights Working Group, discussions covered matters relating to: the warranty and longevity of artificial trees and lights; whether they were environmentally friendly and fire safe; the cost effectiveness of acquiring an artificial tree including erection costs; storage of the tree and whether other town groups could share costs (i.e., Louth Independent Traders, Lions, Rotary). Councillors also discussed the cost of testing the current catenary wires and costs of the solar Christmas trees used in previous year including lamp post safety testing costs. The Council **RESOLVED** to support the purchase of an artificial Christmas Tree as detailed, on condition that a group of Councillors first visit the suppliers to check the tree and bring back any concerns. Further, that the Christmas Tree Lights Working Group should contact local businesses and community groups to ask if they would contribute towards the costs of the Christmas Tree and decorations now or in the future. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should pay for the cost of safety/load testing of the catenary wires this year to enable the safe erection of the usual cross street Christmas Lights.

127. Ascend Climbing Gym

The Council **RESOLVED** to send a letter of support to the Ascend Climbing Gym to assist them with acquiring funding.

128. Next Meeting

The Council noted that the date of the next scheduled Town Council meeting was 24th September 2019.

The Meeting Closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____