

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 13th AUGUST 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), D. Ford (DF), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), G. Horton (GEH), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), K. Norman (KN), J. Simmons (JS), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing (DEW).

Councillors not present: H. Filer (HF) and D. Jackman (DJ).

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, the Town Clerk's Assistant, Mrs. M. Vincent, Mr. M. Burnett and 8 members of the public were also present.

Public Forum

- A member of the public reported his concerns regarding the state of the pavements in the town not being swept and weeds not being killed off in all areas, even though the LCC contractor is seen in the town on a quad bike. The member of the public continued that he had reported this a number of times to both ELDC and LCC but received a generic answer in return. Cllr. JG agreed that there had been a person spraying the weeds but they were only spraying some of them.
- A member of the public representing Go RYTE and a young person taking part in the scheme wished to make a presentation to the Council regarding an environmental project that the young people had been working on to alleviate dog fouling in parts of the town where it is an issue (results of a survey). The young person circulated the device designed which contained dog poo bags that could be attached to posts in public areas for dog owners to make use of. Cllr. Mrs. JMS congratulated the young person on their initiative and suggested that they speak with the Dog Warden at ELDC.
- A member of the public requested (along with others who had written to the council) that Louth Town Council should consider declaring an environmental emergency, which was a cross-party initiative. It was reported that Lincoln City and Lincolnshire County Council had each declared this. Cllr. AC requested that this be put on a future agenda.
- Cllr. GEH reported that there was an increasing issue with people parking on green spaces in residential areas which meant that the grass contractors cannot cut the grass. He continued that he had been advised that unless there was a No Parking sign, that is was not a police matter. Cllr. GEH requested that this be put on a future agenda to form an action plan.

129. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors HF and DJ.

130. Chairman's Remarks

None.

131. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Cllr. JS – Item 7 – related to the person making the presentation – would not comment or take part in any vote.

Cllr. DJEH – Item 7 – as a member of ELDC

Cllr. DH – Item 7 – as a Director of another Academy in Louth

Cllr. EB – item 7 – as a member of the appeals panel for MAT (Multi Academy Trust)

Cllr. PFW – item 7 (declared during item).

132. Council Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record, the notes of the Council Meetings held on the 2nd July 2019, 8th July 2019 and 16th July 2019 with the correction (already made on the copy to be signed) DEW being in attendance on 16th July 2019.

133. Committee Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm receipt of the minutes and adopt the resolutions contained therein of the Community Resources Committee meeting held on 21st May 2019 and the Planning Committee meeting held on 18th June 2019.

134. Town Clerks Report

The Town Clerk drew Councillors attention to her tabled report. Cllr. Mrs. JMS reported that she had spoken to the Allotment Association (ref point 99) and the Assistant Chief Executive at ELDC regarding this matter. The Town Clerk reminded Councillors that the Council had **RESOLVED** to take the legal advice given by its solicitor and so any change to this action would require three Councillors to write to the Town Clerk to revisit the subject at the relevant Council meeting.

135. Presentation by Mr. Burnett of Burnett Global Education Ltd., on the formation of Louth and District College

Following a presentation by Mr. Burnett and a lengthy discussion by Councillors regarding the need for a college in Louth providing apprenticeship courses, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs. JMS would support Mr. Burnett in finding the relevant information from East Lindsey District Council. (During this presentation Cllr. GEH left the room between 7:45 and 7:48pm).

136. Christmas Tree

Following receipt of Cllr. Mrs. JMS' report (produced after visiting the supplier with Cllr. AL to view the tree and discuss any concerns), a tabled report from the Christmas Lights Working Group and a verbal report from Cllr. MB, a lengthy discussion ensued thereon. Following a request by Cllr. GEH for a recorded vote, the Council **RESOLVED** to continue with the purchase of the artificial tree with a vote of 10 for, 8 against and 1 abstention.

For Artificial Tree	Against Artificial Tree	Abstain
MB, AC, LMC, SC, DF, JG, DJEH, KN, JS, JB	EB, DH, GEH, AL, JMS, FWPT, PFW, DEW	SEL

137. Closed Session Item

It was **RESOLVED** to move into Closed Session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the business to be discussed in the following item, information being of a confidential commercial third party and sensitive nature in relation to:

- a. Badges** - Further to receipt of a quote for Council lanyards and ID badges from ELDC and comparative quotes for magnetic badges it was **RESOLVED** that no badges should be purchased.
- b. Southgate Lodge**
The Council received an update on the sale of the lodge and legal advice with regard to an FoI request. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the advice of it's solicitor and delegate authority to the Town Clerk and Town Clerk's Assistant to liaise with the Council's solicitors and move the FoI matter forward, as necessary.

It was **RESOLVED** to move out of Closed Session.

138. Next Meeting

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

The Meeting Closed at 9.15pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____