

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE SESSIONS HOUSE, EASTGATE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2017**

Present Councillor C. Green (CG) (in the chair)

Councillors: Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garret (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), 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), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. J. Speed (JS)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley and her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, were also present.

254. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. EB, Mrs. DB, LMS, Mrs. LHW, Mrs. JS and Mrs. PFW who would be late.

255. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman had no remarks to make.

256. Declarations of Interest

- a. Cllrs. AL, DEW and Mrs. JMS – agenda item 7 – as members of the Hubbard's Hills Trust.

257. Minutes

- a. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August 2017.
- b. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DJEH it was **RESOLVED** to authorise a correction to the minute numbering of the minutes of 1st August 2017 from 185 to 194 inclusive.

258. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on but did report that the young gentleman Cemetery work placement had started.

259. Christmas Celebrations

The Committee discussed Christmas arrangements and following a proposal by Cllr. JG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** to research the cost of purchasing a coloured feature for the Market Place. The Committee received and perused a tabled report and following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a. Cross Street Strings – to repeat 2016 Christmas decorations of 13 cross street strings and give delegated authority for the Town Clerk and Committee Chairman to reassign the erection / removal and maintenance of Christmas Lights. (Initial enquiries with local electrical firms have been instigated by the Town Clerk. Delegated authority to be within agreed budget limits for one year only to be reviewed for future provision in January 2018.)
- b. Christmas Tree – to repeat Christmas 2016 with a real tree of similar size and quality
- c. Christmas Tree Lights – to repeat Christmas 2016
- d. Solar Trees – to take out agreement with provider for provision of trees and repeat locations from 2016. New agreement with LCC will need to be entered into.
- e. Crib – to site on Fish Shambles (Post Meeting Note – Louth Lions have requested that the position is aligned to allow for their sleigh to be accommodated on arranged dates (it will not block the viewing area and will need to be agreed with LCC)
- f. Blessing of Crib Figures – to incorporate blessing of Mary Joseph and Jesus at Carols for All on December 21st 2017 and position in crib 22nd December 2017.
- g. Christmas Lights Switch On Ceremony – to be combined with Louth Independent Traders Christmas Market on 3rd December 2017 or for lights to be on from Friday 24th November.

Local school choirs to be approached for participation. Electrician required on site to undertake manual operations and ensure supplies.

- h.** Catenary Wire Testing – as a) to be within budgets available under delegated authority.
- i.** Old style Christmas Lights still in storage can be disposed of through local / specialist sale rooms and necessary amendments to asset register be made.

260. Old Mill House

The Town Clerk reported that she had received limited feedback from the Solicitor and had responded that the Council should wait until 14th September when the time limit set in the Council's last resolution on the subject would expire.

Cllr. Mrs. PFW entered the meeting during the above discussion.

261. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 3rd October 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 8.52pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Dated _____

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