

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2019**

Present The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. D.E. Wing (DEW) (in the chair).

Councillors: J. Baskett (JB), M. Bellwood (MB), L. Cooney (LMC), A. Cox (AC), S. Crew (SC), H. Filer (HF), D. Ford (DF), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), G. Horton (GEH), D. Jackman (DJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), K. Norman (KN), J. Simmons (JS) and Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW).

Councillors not present: Mrs. S. Crew (SC) and F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT).

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips and the Town Clerk's Assistant, Mrs. M. Vincent were also present.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. DH should act as Vice Chair for the meeting.

232. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. SC and FWPT.

233. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Cllr. Mrs. EB – Item 9 – as the President of Louth Athletic Club.

Cllr. AL – Item 8 – as the Panorama is connected to Louth Museum which is connected to his business.

Cllr. Mrs. SEL – Item 8 – as a friend of the author.

Cllrs. GEH, DJEH, AL and Mrs. JMS – Item 6 – as ELDC Councillors.

234. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reported that The Rotary had purchased the licence to cultivate the triangle of land at the junction of St. Mary's Lane and the B1200 and had plans to revamp the area which LCC had now passed so it was hoped that work would start imminently.

235. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the notes of the Council Meetings held on 17th September 2019 and 24th September 2019 and approve these as the minutes.

236. Committee Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm receipt of the minutes and adopt the resolutions contained therein of the following Committee Meetings: a. Planning – 10th September 2019, b. Personnel – 10th September 2019 and c. Community Resources – 2nd July 2019.

237. ELDC Corporate Strategy

Following a verbal report from the Town Clerk's Assistant giving an overview of the ELDC Corporate Strategy workshop that she had attended representing Louth Town Council. The Council discussed the survey and its possible answers but concluded that they were disappointed, feeling that it was a somewhat pointless exercise skewed to achieve the result that ELDC desired. They felt that the format and content were generic and structured to achieve an outcome of 10 on each one. Councillors opined that a consultation should be more than a set of prescriptive questions. They did not feel that the consultation would pinpoint a strategy and they felt that it made a mockery of the scrutiny groups that ELDC operate. The Council also felt that the information disseminated at the workshops would have been better presented as a background document accompanying the survey, available to all to assist in completing the survey. Councillors agreed that they would complete the survey individually and **RESOLVED** not to complete a corporate response to the survey but to send a letter expressing the Council's displeasure regarding the format and content of the survey.

238. St James' Christmas Tree Festival

Following an explanation about the festival from Cllr. AL, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would enter into the festival and that Cllrs. DB and Mrs. EB would design and dress the tree this year at a cost of the tree, decorations and entry of £10.

239. Brown's Panorama

It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission to Mr. S. Sizer to use images taken of Brown's Panorama in a new book on Louth's Shipbuilders on the condition that Louth Town Council were credited in the book 'By kind permission of Louth Town Council'.

240. Louth Athletic Club (LAC)

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr. Mrs. EB as the Louth Town Council representative on the LAC Management Committee.

241. Tidy Louth Working Group Remit

Following a brief overview of how the Tidy Louth Working Group was progressing, it was **RESOLVED** that the remit of the group would now be amended to read "To investigate and enquire and report to Town Council or CR Committee on issues such as recycling, climate change, plastics, litter, waste and a green Louth." and that the group would report back to Town Council at each Robed meeting.

242. St. Bernard's Avenue – Proposed Zebra Crossing

Following discussion regarding the proposed placement of a zebra crossing it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would respond to Lincolnshire County Council suggesting that the location be moved to outside site 3 on St. Bernard's Avenue, and that the current safety barrier railings be extended as far as the zebra crossing to 'funnel' pedestrians either side to use the crossing.

243. Next Meeting

The Council noted that the date of the next scheduled Town Council meeting was 26th November 2019.

The Meeting Closed at 9.23pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____