

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2018**

Present The Mayor, Councillor G.E. Horton, (GEH) (in the chair).

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), D. Ford (DF), J. Garrett (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT) and D.E. Wing (DEW).

Councillors not present: L.M. Stephenson (LMS) and Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW).

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

Public Forum

- A member of the public reported their concerns regarding a planning application amendment regarding the Rear of 70 Church Street, Louth as it still impacted on their property. The member of the public showed those present photographs to indicate the issue of being overlooked and considered that this had still not been addressed by ELDC. Following a discussion regarding the involvement of Cllr. S. Parkin and Cllr. Mrs. PFW, it was suggested that the member of the public discuss this further with Cllr. Mrs. PFW and confirmed that Cllr. Mrs. SC would attend the planning meeting at ELDC where this application would be discussed.
- Lincolnshire County Councillor ward member Cllr. T. Bridges sent his apologies for non-attendance.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS reported that a list had been drawn up of Skegness properties for transfer from ELDC to Skegness Town Council, accruing to £1.79 million of real estate.
- Cllr. Mrs. EB gave an overview to the Council of her attendance at the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) Conference. A copy of the report had been tabled for Councillors. She reported that the opinion raised throughout the conference was that local people should be running local services.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS reported that the London Road all weather hockey pitch and 3g football pitch would be going ahead along with more money into cricket, although the location of the 3g pitch had not been decided. She also reported that the second Scout Hut had now been sold and that the Charles Street Scout Hut would be going ahead.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS reported that a new Scrutiny Panel had been set up related to conservation and listed buildings (Chaired by Cllr. Mrs. F. Martin). She also reported that there had been a Wellbeing Service overview which was going well. Further, at a Forward Planning meeting it had been noted that the Brackenborough Travellers' Site was still actually on the Forward Plan.
- Cllr. RJ reported that at the Market Scrutiny Panel a recommendation would be going to Full Council on December 5th regarding signage enforcement.
- Cllr. FWPT reported that he had attended the ELDC Civic Service the previous Sunday. Further he had been in France for the Remembrance Services (as a part of the Twinning) together with the Mayor of Lauffen in Germany which La Ferte Bernard is also twinned with.

244. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs. P.F. Watson who was at a presentation ceremony and J. Garrett who would be late for the meeting.

245. Chairman's Remarks

Cllr. GEH reported that he was enjoying his year so far as Mayor, meeting people and seeing (along with the Deputy Mayor) the many volunteers who put in so many hours of work. Cllr. GEH publicised his Mayor's Charity Bingo event on the following Sunday afternoon – all proceeds to go to the Mayor's Charity Fund and that the Mayor would appreciate Councillors' support.

246. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Councillors CG, RJ and Mrs. JMS declared an interest in agenda item 10 as Members of ELDC.

247. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 23rd October 2018.

248. Committee Minutes

Committee Minutes were received and it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Council to adopt them as follows:

- a. Governance and Finance Meeting held on 22nd May 2018 - proposed by Cllr. Mrs. EB, seconded by Cllr. RJ.
- b. Personnel Meeting held on 19th June 2018 - proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.
- c. Community Resources Meeting held on 3rd July 2018 - proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. LHW.
- d. Planning Meeting held on 17th July 2018 – proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC.
- e. Governance and Finance Meeting held on 31st July 2018 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. EB, seconded by Cllr. RJ.
- f. Personnel Meeting held on 14th August 2018 – proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.
- g. Community Resources Meeting held on 25th September 2018 – proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. LHW.
- h. Planning Meeting held on 9th October 2018 – proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO.

Cllr. JG arrived at 7:16pm.

249. Town Clerk's Report/Update

- a. The Council noted the tabled report presented by the Town Clerk.
- b. Councillors were directed to the NALC Conference report that Cllr. Mrs. EB had written following attendance at the conference. Following discussion regarding many of the subjects raised on the report including digital mapping and grant application enabling Cllr. Mrs. EB suggested that these were items to be debated at another time.

250. Presentation

Following a presentation by Mr. M. Forman and Mr. J. Gale there was a lengthy discussion regarding the brief of the new forum and how the Town Council could support it. The re-introduction of the publication, Love Louth, was one initiative that the forum would undertake. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DT, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would endorse the idea of the forum that Mr. M. Forman and Mr. J. Gale wished to set up, but that further details should be supplied along with suggestions of how they wished the Council to proceed in supporting it.

251. Co-option of Councillor to Vacancy on Trinity Ward

The Council undertook proceedings as per their adopted policy and following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB, it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt David Ford to the vacancy of Councillor for Trinity Ward.

252. Community Speed Watch

Following a lengthy discussion with several different points of view, there was a vote for the Council to ascertain if there was any interest in Louth to set up a volunteer group for Community Speed Watch. The vote was not successful.

253. CCTV

Following a discussion and a recorded vote regarding the placement of a new digital CCTV camera to replace the one that had been sited on the former Allinson Print premises before its demolition, it was proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO and **RESOLVED** that the placement of the camera should be on the front of Waterloo Homes (Elizabeth Court) and this decision be forwarded to ELDC.

254. Renewal of Parish Agreement with LCC re Grass Cutting

There was a discussion regarding the amount of cuts to be carried out in 2019/20 and the Town Clerk confirmed she had budgeted for 10 cuts with a cylinder mower to be followed up with strimming (there had been 5 with a flail mower in 2018/19 and no strimming). It was also suggested that consideration be given to areas that the Louth Town Council could also take on which were outside the current agreement. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would renew the agreement with LCC regarding grass cutting, with other areas to be considered.

255. St James' Christmas Tree Festival 2018

Cllr. Mrs. JMS gave a brief outline of the new event at St James' Church. Cllr. Mrs. MO reported there were already 54 trees booked in, some people were buying artificial trees due to the mess made with pine needles. It was suggested that a recyclable/biodegradable material be used, or a rooted tree. Following the proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs. JMS purchase a tree which she would decorate to represent LTC and which she would then remove at the close of the festival.

256. Budget 2019/20

The Council received the budgets which would be considered in detail by the Finance Overview Group the following week. Cllr. DEW proposed that arrangements for the Mayoral Allowance be reinstated in 2019/20. This was seconded by Cllr. FWPT but was lost at the vote.

257. Next Meeting

Cllr. GEH thanked Councillors for their attendance and the Council noted that the next scheduled meeting of Louth Town Council would take place on 15th January 2019.

The Meeting Closed at 9:17pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____