

**MINUTES OF THE LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2019**

Present Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), (in the chair).

Councillors: J. Baskett (JB), M. Bellwood (MB), L. Cooney (LMC), S. Crew (SC), Filer (HF), D. Ford (DF), Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), K. Norman (KN), J. Simmons (JS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing (DEW).

Councillors not present: A. Cox (AC), G. Horton (GEH) and D. Jackman (DJ).

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

278. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors AC, GEH and DJ.

279. Chairman's Remarks

None.

280. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Cllr. AL – Item 5 as association with the Louth Museum (Mansion House).

Cllr. Mrs. JMS – Item 5 as a member of Louth Zero Degrees Festival.

Cllr. SC – Item 5 as a member of Louth Ants and Nats.

281. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the Governance and Finance Committee meeting held on 22nd October 2019 be approved as the Minutes.

282. Grants

It was proposed that discussion regarding the grants should be undertaken in **Closed Session** as organisations' financial details would be under scrutiny and therefore it was **RESOLVED** to go 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 the application for grants:

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to agree the following grant application awards:

1 Louth Run for Life £200

2 Zero Degrees Festival £300

3 The Salvation Army £200

4 Louth Navigation Trust £300

5 Louth Naturalists' Antiquarian and Literary Society (LNALS) £100

6 Generations Church £400

7 Shine Peer Link Worker £100

8 The Louth Civic Trust £200

9 Lincolnshire Refugee Doctor Project £200

10 Spout Yard Park and Gallery £100

11 Louth Area Autism Family Support £200

12 Louth Playgoers Society Ltd £100

131228 (Louth) Squadron Air Training Corp £300

14 Lincolnshire Community Assistance Team £300

15 Louth Swimming Club (Dolphins) £300

16 LIVES £500

17 Louth and District Help for Homeless £200

Further that in 2020/21 there should be a full criteria and structure put in place as to how grants should be awarded.

283. Budget

- a. The Council noted that Parish Councils would not be subject to the referendum principles of principal authorities this year.
- b. Following a lengthy discussion regarding the budgets, an explanation regarding how Hubbard's Hill Trust was set up by the Council and a request for more frequent updates on the Trust's activities and finances, it was **RESOLVED** to agree on the tabled budget with a precept of £315,680 with the addition of £500 to be taken from reserves to fund the Council's VE Day Event.

NB: that during the discussion Cllr. KN left (9:40pm).

284. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled Governance and Finance Committee meeting would be on 28th January 2020.

The Meeting Closed at 10.06pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____