

**MINUTES OF THE LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2018**

Present Councillor D.J.E. Hall (DJEH) (in the chair).

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), C. Green (CG), D. Ford (DF), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), 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 (MO), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) and Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW).

Councillors not present: J. Garrett (JG), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), D. Turner (DT) and D.E. Wing (DEW).

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

Public Forum

- A representative of the Louth Lions reported to the Council that as a celebration of the organisation's 100th anniversary, the Louth Lions were presenting certificates of appreciation to local organisations and wished therefore to present one to the Mayor of Louth and the Town Council for the voluntary works that they carry out as a Council. Furthermore, as members of the Hubbard's Hills Trust, Cllr. Mrs. JMS and Cllr. AL were presented with a plaque due to the long-term working relationship that the Lions had with the Trust. Cllr. GEH, and Cllrs. Mrs. JMS and AL received the presentations with thanks.
- Cllr. GEH took the opportunity to welcome Cllr. DF to his first full Council Meeting.
- Cllr. Mrs. SEL congratulated Louth's Men's Shed and 13 Plus on the work undertaken painting the snowmen and Father Christmas.
- Cllr. GEH reported it had been a wonderful Christmas Market the previous Sunday. Cllr. Mrs. PFW questioned if the market had been busier this year due to the cancellation of the Victorian Market in September. A discussion ensued regarding the experiences of Councillors at the market this year.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS enquired after the health of the Mayor's Serjeant, Mr. Glenn Darnell. The Clerk reported that he was on the mend and would be at the Carol Service.
- Cllr. GEH thanked Sandra Dykes, a former Mayor's Serjeant, who had kindly stepped in and accompanied him in his Mayoral duties at the Christmas Market.

269. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. S Crew (SC), J. Garrett (JG) and D. Wing (DEW).

270. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman had no remarks to make.

271. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

The following declarations of interest were made:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. SEL – planning application 10 - as Warden of KEVIGS Foundation.
- b. Cllr. FWPT – planning application 1 - as an acquaintance of the applicant.
- c. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 5 and 6 as a member of ELDC and item 7 – as a member of the Civic Trust.
- d. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – planning application 1 - as an acquaintance of the applicant and any items from or relating to ELDC - as a member of ELDC.
- e. Cllr. RJ - agenda item 6 - as a member of ELDC.
- f. Cllr. Mrs. EB – Pecuniary Interest - planning application 4 - as a shareholder of the club; Personal Interest - planning application 8 - as an acquaintance of the applicant and item 10 as a member of the Civic Trust.
- g. Cllr. AL – planning application 1 - as an acquaintance of the householder affected, planning application 7 - as a food retailer in the town and planning application 8 - as an acquaintance of the applicant.

272. Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th November 2018 be approved as Minutes.

273. Applications received by the Local Planning Authority

The Committee considered all planning applications received, including those listed in the schedule (PA/Schedule 12-04-18) and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a. N/105/01922/18 – To support this application with concerns regarding the shape of the window which would lend itself to becoming a door in the future, therefore ask that Permitted Development Rights be removed to alleviate any future complications.
- b. N/105/01962/18 and N/1050225/18 – Object on the grounds of inappropriate use of materials in the Conservation Area and signs are not hand painted.
- c. N/105/01991/18 – To object to this application on the grounds of:
 - i) Overlooking and loss of privacy - site is elevated and will directly overlook neighbouring residents.
 - ii) Loss of trees.
 - iii) Adequacy of drainage - site is known to have excess surface water runoff in this vicinity.
 - iv) Access and highway safety - this proposal will increase traffic on a blind access/exit.
 - v) Public visual amenity - this site is on the edge of an AONB and the proposals will spoil the approach to a beautiful open area.
 - vi) Design and appearance - Louth Town Council considers that the proposed design is of poor quality and construction and is out of keeping with the surrounding executive properties and not appropriate for the edge of the AONB.
 - vii) This proposal goes against Sport England Policy in that it will use land currently used for sporting activities and that space is not proposed to be re-provided elsewhere.
- d. N105/02149/18 - Support with the condition that red bricks should be used in order to match those properties surrounding.
- e. To support all other planning applications.

274. Proposed Works to Trees

- a. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB it was **RESOLVED** to support the proposed tree work at 17 Blue Stone Rise.
- b. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. DF it was **RESOLVED** to object to the proposal to fell a Scots Pine tree at 60 Church Street, the Council preferring that the tree be pollarded or topped instead.

275. Correspondence

The Committee noted that information regarding the Louth Civic Trust membership and fees was available in the office to view.

276. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled Planning Committee meeting was 8th January 2019.

The Meeting Closed at 7.40pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Dated _____