

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**Present** Councillor Mrs. E. Ballard JP (in the chair)

**Councillors:** Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), C. Green (CG), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), D.E. Wing (DEW)

**Councillors not present:** M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), D. Turner (DT), The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, two members of the public and one invited guest were also present.

Members of public spoke in the Public Forum, as follows:

- A lady spoke in support of the Louth Croquet Club's grant application.
- A gentleman spoke in support of the Louth XSports grant application.
- Cllr. GEH raised parking issues on the corner of Mayfield Crescent and asked for a letter to be sent listing their issues and asking for clarification of the measures put in place to mitigate these problems when the planning application was passed for the shop extension and the flats above the shop. Cllr. GEH also reported that he had received complaints about the condition of Railway Walk and he asked for a letter to be sent to ELDC. It was agreed that these should be made a future agenda item for consideration.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS passed on concerns raised by residents of Albany Road who were having trouble crossing Newmarket to the shop. She asked for this to be discussed at the same time as the issues above. She also reported that there had been a lot of vandalism in Gospelgate since the street lights had been placed on timers and parking on grass verges and thus ruining them was also becoming rife in the town.

**338. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors ML, Mrs. SEL, LMS, DT, and JS explained that she would have to leave at 8pm.

**339. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman had no remarks to make.

**340. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – agenda item 4 – as a director of Magna Vitae and any item from or relating to ELDC – as a member of ELDC.
- b. Cllr. Mrs. MO – and grant applications her niece Mrs. Brook had been involved with – as a relation.
- c. Cllr. Mrs. SC – grant applications 7, 11 and 12 – as a member of those organisations.
- d. Cllr. DH – agenda item 9a – as a governor of Kidgate School.
- e. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 15 and 17 – as has an interest in those organisations.
- f. Cllrs. Mrs. DB and Mrs. LHW – grant application 6 – as committee members.
- g. Cllr. RJ – grant application 13 – as a member of that group.

#### 341. Presentation

Mr. Peter Odam of Event Delivery Solutions gave a presentation to Councillors regarding a Cycle Event to be based in and around Louth and the Wolds to take place in April 2017 as part of the British Cycling Spring Cup Series. He explained that the event would require some rolling and some full road closures in the town, would have a TV programme aired about it and Facebook video rolled out and would attract a significant number of visitors and hence be of economic benefit to the town. Cllrs. were supportive of the plans and eager to hear of the events progression.

#### 342. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 be approved as the Minutes.

#### 343. Committee Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the resolutions contained within the following minutes:

- a. Planning Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- b. Planning Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016– proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- c. Planning Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – proposed by Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- d. Governance and Finance Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. AL.
- e. Governance and Finance Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – proposed by FWPT, seconded by Cllr. DEW.
- f. Community Resources – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – proposed by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. AL.
- g. Personnel Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DEW.

#### 344. Correspondence

The Council noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. From: Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service Re: mistakes / omissions / additions to their Lincolnshire Wolds Local Facilities Guide for 2017 Louth Entry. The Town Clerk read the exert about Louth out from the 'Making the Most of the Lincolnshire Wolds' leaflet and asked for opinions. It was suggested that mention be made of the Livestock Market.

#### 345. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- a. confirmed that the sale of the land on the corner of Kidgate and Ugate had been completed with the stipulation that it must only be used for garden and any boundary demarcation might be subject to planning requirements.
- b. Reminded that anyone wishing to attend the Broadband summit would need to reply.
- c. Stated that she had been in touch with Cllr. A. Grist regarding the Lincs Wolds Website. Cllr. Grist had agreed that he would attend a Council meeting to enlighten Cllrs on the project but he had suggested that one of the officers who had set the website up might be a better option. It was agreed that Cllr. Grist should still be invited to come.
- d. Informed that ELDC had provided a summary of the responses they had received back from the BT phone box consultation. They had provided supporting statements for some of the smaller parishes.
- e. Confirmed that she had provisionally asked for the Voices of the War banner exhibition in November 2018.

#### 346. Consultations

The Council considered preparing responses to the following LCC consultations deferred from 29/11/2016 and it was agreed that no corporate response should be submitted:

- a. Lincolnshire School Admissions [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation)
- b. Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste)

Cllr. Mrs. JS left the meeting.

**347. National Commemorations**

The Council discussed participation in the following (acknowledgement required by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 for inclusion in relevant publications):

- a. Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Commonwealth Day) invitation issued by NALC.
- b. Battles Over - A Nations Tribute 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (100 years Remembrance) – National Beacon Lighting at 7pm, invitation issued by Pageantmaster, Bruno Peek. Location of beacon to be stated on confirmation, Public Beacons only will be listed.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should participate in both events and the Town Clerk should approach the Almshouses and ask for permission to use their grounds for the beacon lighting.

**348. Walkers Are Welcome (WAW)**

Cllr. Mrs. SC gave an update from the WAW AGM that she attended in October 2016. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should support the formation of a local group in principle.

**349. Floral Working Group**

Following a proposal by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JMS it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs JS should join the Floral Working Group.

**350. S137 Grants**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. PFW, seconded by Cllr. AL it was voted upon whether to go into closed session to discuss grant applications and this motion was not supported by a majority vote. An open debate followed on the grant applications received (listed below) and recommendations put forward by FOG. The following **RESOLUTIONS** were made with regard to amounts to award:

No.	NAME OF APPLICANT	Proposer and Seconder	LTC Award 2016 £
1	Louth and District Concert Society	Cllr. AL and Cllr. SC	200
2	Louth and District Help for Homeless	Cllr. RJ and Cllr. FWPT	250
3	Louth Navigation Trust	Cllr. GEH and Cllr. Mrs. DB	250
4	Home-Start Lincolnshire	Cllr. DJEH and Cllr. Mrs. MO	250
5	Lincolnshire Wolds Riding for the Disabled Ass. (LWRDA)	Cllr. AL and Cllr. CG	500
6	Louth X Sports	Cllr. Mrs. PFW and Cllr. DJEH	1,200
7	Louth Croquet Club *	Cllr. DJEH and Cllr. AL	200
8	Louth Area Autism Family Support	Cllr. RJ and Cllr. Mrs. LHW	300
9	Watts Lane Residents Association	Cllr. AL and Cllr. CG	0
10	Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bike Service	Cllr. Mrs. SC and Cllr. GEH	500
11	The Louth Thirteen Plus Project *†	Cllr. DJEH and Cllr. RJ	500
12	Louth and District Lions Club *	Cllr. JG and Cllr. Mrs. LHW	250
13	East Lindsey Area of Sanctuary #	Cllr. JG and Cllr. Mrs. MO	150
14	Louth Swimming Club	Cllr. RJ and Cllr. Mrs. LHW	500
15	Nichols Youth Project †*	Cllr. Mrs. LHW and GEH	300
16	Generations Church (Neon) *	Cllr. AL and Cllr. RJ	0
17	Zero Degrees Festival*	Cllr. AL and Cllr. CG	500

Cllrs. noted that the grand total of awards came to £5,850, £1,850 more than in the S137 budget. Therefore, it was agreed that the £1,200 award for Louth XSports should be taken from General Reserve with the £250 for Louth Lions and £500 for the Zero Degrees Festival being taken from the Tourism budget leaving an underspend of £100 in the S137 budget.

Cllrs. who declared an interest and left the room: \*Cllr SC, †Cllr. Mrs. MO, #Cllr. RJ, \*Cllr. Mrs. JMS.

**351. Next Meeting**

Cllrs. noted that the date of the next scheduled Robed Town Council meeting was 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 when the Parish Precept would be presented for approval (to be finalised at G&F 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017).

The Meeting Closed at 9.48pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Draft For Approval