

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes Committee** held on  
Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 at 7:30pm  
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

**PRESENT: Councillor D Suiter (Chairman)**

Cllr G Jackson (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr D Andrews	Cllr D Birks
Cllr B Watson (Leader)	Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr K Fernandes
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr J Mathieson	Cllr T Mayfield
Cllr G Titmus		

**Also Present:** Cllr K Dolby, Cllr M Graves, Cllr J Titmus, Cllr D Vere-Critchler and Cllr M Allan. Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), and Mrs L Savage, R.F.O., C/Cllr A Hagues, C/Cllr D Dickinson and 1 member of the press.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

**GP.1 APOLOGIES.** There were none.

**GP.2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.** There were none.

**GP.3 MINUTES.** The Clerk's Notes from the meeting held on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, had been circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr G Titmus and seconded by Cllr D Birks that these be accepted as Minutes of the meeting.

Vote – 11 for. The Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.

**GP.4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

- The Chairman spoke about a sound system and facilities for people with disabilities. A new seating layout for this meeting he said was very good.
- Cllr K Fernandes was given approval to attend the LALC AGM and the fee to be paid from the Training budget.

**GP.5 CLERK'S REPORT.**

- Sleaford in Bloom – their grant funding to be released.

**GP.6 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT.**

The Chairman spoke about some aspects of the committee finances. The Clerk explained the proposed virements.

It was proposed by Cllr T Mayfield and seconded by Cllr J Charlesworth that the Financial Management Report be noted and that the recommended committee virements be approved.

Vote – 10 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

## GP.7 UPDATES/PROGRESS REPORTS

- **Office Premises.** The Clerk said that no further possible premises had been suggested into the office. Cllr G Jackson suggested using the big store building on Eastgate car park – it may be possible to re-clad them. Cllr D Suiter said a complete new building could be placed on the site. Cllr K Fernandes said a structural survey should be carried out. The Chairman said building on TC land or converting may be quicker than looking elsewhere.

The Clerk advised that there had been no costs, quotes or details presented to this meeting so a decision should not be made based on general verbal reports.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr K Fernandes that he, the Chairman and Vice Chairman should research this matter further and bring a report to a Finance and Strategy meeting.

Vote - 12 for. The resolution was passed.

It was proposed by Cllr B Watson that the question of the planning application should go to the Full Council meeting for the possibility of the application being split into a phase one and a phase two. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.

Vote - 8 for and 3 abstentions.

Cllr M Graves warned of the urgency of demolishing the buildings.

- **Sleaford Awards.** Working group not yet met. Cllr T Mayfield said Mr Lavery has said this would take place after the school holidays.
- **Chairman/Vice Chairman Training.** There was no update.
- **Twinning.** A planned presentation had not taken place before the evening. The Chairman gave details of a forthcoming twinning trip.

**GP.8 WEB-SITE –** Enquiries as required from Full Council July 18<sup>th</sup>. Report attached. The Clerk asked for clarification as to what enquiries were to have been made. Cllr M Graves said – further information from LCC regarding their web site. Contact councils using the LCC website – ease/adaptability/information transfer etc.

**GP.9 CHRISTMAS MARKET –** Working group was cancelled due to staff shortages. New date set for Monday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 11am.

**GP.10 HEARING FACILITIES –** Enquiries as to suitable sound systems – Cllr G Jackson. Cllr G Jackson circulated a report in the meeting concerning options and approximate costs of suitable systems. The Clerk advised against making a decision on the night until further costs/quotes etc had been examined. Cllr M Graves said that costs involved in setting up and taking down must also be included.

**GP.11 TOWN COUNCIL LEAFLET/NEWSLETTER.** Cllr K Dolby reported that TC reports could go into the Link free of charge provided there was sufficient space. For reports to be guaranteed there would be a charge – he agreed to make further enquiries.

8.50pm Cllr D Birks left the meeting.

**GP.12 GRANTS AWARDS:** Report attached.

- **Sleaford sports association** – It was proposed by Cllr B Watson and seconded by Cllr G Titmus that the Clerk replies to the letter from the Sports Association explaining the process for applying for grant money from the Town Council.

Vote 11 for. The Resolution was passed.

- **Consider future general grant aid** – Withdrawn to a future meeting I view of time constraints.

**GP.13 VIDEO FOR WEB SITE** – Cllr T Mayfield – form a small Working Group to look at costs and practicalities of producing a TC video. The following Councillors volunteered to be on the working group: Cllr T Mayfield (lead Councillor) with Cllrs K Fernandes, D Vere-Critchler and D Suiter.

**GP.14 DEPUTY MAYOR'S INSIGNIA** – Result of enquiries and costings into enhancing the Deputy Mayor's badge – decision as to whether and if so, when to progress Cllr K Dolby said he had received a quote for a larger back plate for the deputy Mayor's badge – he will pay the cost of this.

8.56pm Cllr D Birks returned to the meeting.

Cllr K Dolby proposed that the above be accepted. Seconded by Cllr D Suiter.

Vote 10 for. 1 Abstention. The Resolution was passed.

**GP.15 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – any items for future agendas – no discussion in this meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:58pm.