

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Strategy Committee** held on
Wednesday February 27th 2013 at 7:30pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr M Graves (Chairman)

Cllr D Suiter
Cllr T Mayfield
Cllr J Titmus
Cllr M Allan
Cllr K Dolby

Cllr D Birks
Cllr G Titmus
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford
Cllr H Lorimer

Cllr I Dolby
Cllr G Jackson
Cllr J Mathieson
Cllr J Charlesworth

Also present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mrs M Waddingham (Assistant Clerk),
Two members of the press and five members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

F&S.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons had been given to the Clerk from Councillors B Watson, D Andrews, K Fernandes. These were accepted.

F&S.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. To receive Disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with S.34 of the Localism Act 2011. Cllr M Graves – prejudicial interest – financial interest in one of the items on item 7.

F&S.3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Hoping to keep half hour meeting, and explained the closed session to the members of the public.

F&S.4 CLERK'S REPORT.

- **Revised meeting dates** – circulated.

F&S.5 ACTION LOG. The Chairman the principle of the log and the progress to date. Cllr M Allan said it was exactly the sort of thing needed to track and ensure conclusions.

The Clerk explained the colour code system. There were some questions. The log should be kept up to date in the office. The Clerk said the office would work with the Chairmen to fine tune their logs and to work out the best system of using them for their committees.

It was proposed by Cllr H Lorrimer and seconded by Cllr M Allan that the format of the action log be approved and that the Chairmen and the Office work out the best way of using them and presenting them to their members.

Vote 13 for; 2 abstentions. The resolution was carried.

F&S.6 RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION. It was proposed by Cllr D Birks, that In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. Seconded by Cllr H Lorrimer.

It was resolved to allow Cllr M Graves to address the meeting – he did so then left the meeting.

F&S.7 OFFICE PREMISES

It was resolved that a property along Station Road could be eliminated for various reasons.

Cllr M Graves returned.

It was resolved that that further enquiries are made about a town centre property – but carry on looking for other properties

Business rates and conversion costs will be investigated.

The TC should continue to create a specification report.

The Clerk should consult with the Agents on behalf of the Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:05pm.