

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Full Council** held on
Wednesday February 8th 2012 at 7:45pm
in The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Councillor J Charlesworth (Mayor)

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| Cllr T Mayfield (Deputy Mayor) | Cllr M Allan | Cllr D Andrews |
| Cllr B Watson (Leader) | Cllr D Croker | Cllr I Dolby |
| Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford | Cllr K Dolby | Cllr K Fernandes |
| Cllr G Jackson | Cllr J Mathieson | Cllr D Suiter |
| Cllr G Titmus | Cllr J Titmus | Cllr D Birks |
| Cllr D Vere-Critchler | | |

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mr M Waddingham (PA to the Clerk), a representative from the Sleaford Standard and 8 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, 2 members of the public addressed the Council.

FC.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk by Councillor M Graves. This was accepted.

FC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were none.

FC.3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- Report of recent Mayoral activities. A report was circulated.
- Update on Mayor's charities. There was nothing to update.

FC.4 CLERK'S REPORT.

- Leader's meeting held on 07/02/12 – A report was circulated and noted.
- Report from Partnership NK Meeting 17.01.12 – This report was noted.
- Showman's Guild Luncheon 27.01.12 – Clerk explained that Cllr B Watson and herself attend this Luncheon.
- Money's Yard Toilets – update.

FC.5 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- **Finance Report** – This report was noted.

FC.6 MINUTES. To look at the Clerk's Notes from the meetings on November 30th 2011, January 11th and January 18th 2012, and accept them as Minutes of those meetings.

November 30th 2011

It was proposed by Cllr I Dolby, that the Notes from the meeting held on November 30th 2011, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting. Seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler. Vote – 16 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.

January 11th 2012

It was proposed by Cllr I Dolby, that the Notes from the meeting held on January 11th 2012, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting. Seconded by Cllr K Fernandes.

Vote – 15 for and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.

January 18th 2012

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler, that the Notes from the meeting held on January 18th 2012, be accepted, with one minor amendment, as Minutes of that meeting. Seconded by Cllr D Croker.

Vote – 15 for and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.

FC.7

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES: To take note of the Clerk's notes from the last round of committee meetings which will then go to their next meetings for approval as Minutes. Services, January 4th, 2012, General Purposes, January 11th, 2012, Personnel, January 18th 2012, Finance and Strategy, January 25th, 2012.

It was proposed by Cllr I Dolby that these be noted en-bloc. Seconded by Cllr T Mayfield.

Vote – 14 for and 3 abstentions. The Resolution was passed.

There was a discussion about how the Press report decisions made by the Council at committee meetings. It was agreed that all Councillors should receive press releases.

FC.8

FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

- **SERVICES:** Cllr G Titmus proposed that the Services Committee would support an application for play to be extended until 9pm but this to go to Full Council for approval. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.
Vote – 7 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed. (Note – to date no such application has been received.)

It was proposed by Cllr J Mathieson that if the Town Council receives an application from the Tennis Club, requesting play to be extended until 9pm, then this should be accepted. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.

Vote – 14 for and 3 abstentions. The Resolution was passed.

FC.9

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES. Any Councillor who has represented the Council on their nominated outside body is asked to report to the Full Council meeting after this representation.

The following Councillors gave reports from meetings:

- Cllr J Charlesworth – Sleaford Town Council Twinning Policy & Activities – report circulated.

- Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford – Sleaford In Bloom – report circulated.
- Cllr J Charlesworth – Connect2 – report circulated.
- Cllr D Birks – Sleaford Business Club – received no communications.
- Cllr I Dolby – Sleaford Foyer Advisory Board – not yet been notified.
- Cllr D Vere-Critchler – NKDC Standards Board – Verbal report.

FC.10 OTHER AD-HOC COUNCIL REPRESENTATION – Councillors invited to meetings etc on an ad-hoc basis – are asked to report to the Full Council meeting following their meeting.

- Cllr J Charlesworth – Annual Council Tax Meeting.
- Cllr G Titmus – Sleaford Museum Trust – Meeting with the Architect on Friday 10th.

FC.11 DATES FOR MEETINGS 2012/13 – Meeting dates circulated – These were noted.

FC.12 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. – March 28th - Report circulated. Look at the format, start the budgeting process.

The Clerk explained that the Budgets for the following year should start in the Annual Meeting.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr B Watson to confine reports to just Mayor, Leader and Financial. Also: to have public consultation on issues for 2013/2014 budget and to have an informal part of the meeting to invite local groups and organisations. Seconded by Cllr G Titmus.

Vote – 15 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

The Clerk said the Annual Town Meeting would be an agenda item on the next round of committee meetings. This would give Councillors a chance to think of topics or projects.

FC.13 RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

It was proposed by Cllr J Charlesworth 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 public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. Seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler.

Vote – 15 for; 1 against and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

FC.14 REPORT(S), IF ANY, FROM MEETINGS RELATING TO THE ROAD/RAIL/TESCO ISSUES WHICH ARE ONGOING.

- **Meeting with MP** – Report and letters circulated.
- **Meeting with NKDC/LCC representatives** – reports etc circulated.
- **Resolution** - concerning the meeting with NKDC on March 6th.

It was resolved to accept the offer of a meeting and to listen and look at a presentations and ask questions.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm.

